

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST PANCRAS, IPSWICH

Deum diligere et quæ sunt Dei

'To love God and the things of God'

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October is dedicated to
Our Lady of the Rosary

Sunday 3rd October 2021

27th Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Pro populo

11:00 — Holy Souls

Monday 4th October

S. Francis of Assisi

10am — Sr Mary Alban RIP

Tuesday 5th October

Feria

8am (EF) — Maria Stallwood's int.

Wednesday 6th October

S. Bruno

6pm — Rudolf Belšak RIP

Thursday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

12:15pm — Holy Souls

Friday 8th October

Feria

10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 9th October

S. John Henry Newman

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of the 28th Sunday of the Year

6pm — Glenda Elliot Sugars RIP

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Fri: 20 minutes before each Mass

Sat: 9:30 — 10:00 & 5pm — 5:45pm

ADORATION: Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

ROSARY: Mon — Fri: after Mass

DEVOTIONS TO O.L. OF IPSWICH & S. PANCRAS:

Sat after 10am Mass

EF Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month at 8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 10th Oct.)

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Extraordinary Form (EF) Masses are said in Latin according to the traditional Missal used before Vatican II, and are sometimes called Tridentine Masses.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE CONSECRATION OF OUR CHURCH IN 1961

Sunday 10th October

11am — Solemn Mass

'On the Anniversary of the
Dedication of a Church'

followed by a

BRING & SHARE LUNCH

All Welcome



October Devotions & Benediction

Every Sunday during October at 4:30pm.

'IN THE COOL OF THE DAY'

Our adult catechetical talks continue on Wednesday at 7pm.



New Parish Group

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

in the parish hall on Thursdays 10am — 12 noon
starting **NEXT WEEK** 14th October

Come along for coffee, cake, catechism, and chaos!

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3rd

* Second collection for Cafod

* October devotions & Benediction at 4:30pm

Wednesday 6th at 7pm 'In the Cool of the Day.' All welcome even if you missed last week's talk.

Thursday 7th feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday 8th at 5pm Confirmation class.

Saturday 9th at 4pm First Communion class.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 10th

* 8am (EF) Mass

* October devotions & Benediction at 4:30pm

Wednesday 13th at 7pm 'In the Cool of the Day.' All welcome even if you missed last week's talk.

Thursday 14th from 10am—12 noon Mothers & Toddlers Group (first meeting) in the parish hall.

Friday 15th at 5pm Confirmation class.

Saturday 16th at 4pm First Communion class.

Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash contribution to the parish. Thank you.

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Assisted Dying Bill Please refer to the page on the website of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill-2021/> Above all, please pray for the defeat of this Bill.

Classes continue this week for Confirmation & First Holy Communion candidates:

- * Confirmation: 5pm — 6pm on Friday
- * First Communion: 4pm — 4:45pm on Saturday

Red Missio Boxes Your donations are needed more now than ever. Please count the money in your own red box, then take a card from the back of church and follow the instructions about how to send your donation directly to Missio. Thank you.

Two Special Masses celebrated by Bishop Alan at Our Lady Immaculate & S. Etheldreda, Newmarket.

- * SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER AT 12 NOON for those who have experienced miscarriage
- * SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 11^{AM} for those affected by infertility. Followed by a talk by Dr Phil Boyle, founder of NeoFertility.

See poster in the porch for details.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life. Saturday 23rd October. Led by Bishop Mark Davies. See poster in the porch for details.

Clare Priory Retreat 5th—7th November. ‘By His Wounds We Are Healed.’ See poster in the porch for details.

Coffee after Mass at 9:30 and 11am on Sundays continues. Cafetiere coffee, and soon—we hope—a coffee machine, will be introduced to offer a wider choice of coffees. (More helpers needed after the 9:30 Mass.)

Parish Magazine & Catholic East Anglia Copies of the latest editions of each of these are now available at the back of church free of charge.

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Sick List

Prayers are asked for, Lee Porter, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, Mary Driscoll, Leighton Scott, Helen Hardman, and Ellen Ebelewicz.

Mrs Jean Orme’s requiem Mass

Will be at 12 noon on Monday 11th October. Fr Frost will celebrate the Mass and Bishop Alan will sit in choir. The requiem will be followed by a private burial.

Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Jean Orme who died recently as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Evelyn Stoubley, Stephen Thrower Veronica Mutimer, Beryl Marshall, Dorothy Tynan, Ethel Hughes, Charles Smith, William Barnes, Edward Akers, Henry Flory, Antony Fell, Thomas Regan, Patricia Caldwell, Josef Popyk, Eva O’Connor, Irene Wells, Elizabeth Clow, John Pizzey, Evelyn D’Cruz, Arthur Upson, Claudine Wilding, Josephine Wallace, Ethel Fox, Joyce Diggle, and Kathleen Kerr. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass—Pt XVI Following the *Collect*, or *Opening Prayer*, we come to the readings of the Mass. Once again we recall that the Mass is principally Christ’s offering to the Father (that is, the Mass is something He does, not something we do). The readings, like every other part of the Mass, are offered to the Father by His Son. In other words, the readings are read or sung chiefly to give glory and praise to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, and—funnily enough—not primarily for the education or edification of the people present. Traditionally, the readings were all proclaimed in Latin, even at a time when many people could not understand Latin. Moreover, the readings were sung at solemn Masses, and still may be today. The reason for these practices is quite simple: the proclamation of the Word of God during the liturgy, that is, as part of the cultic acts of worship, was intended mainly as a means of singing God’s praises by showing forth the glory of His works (Ps 18:1). This brings us back to the point made some weeks ago that the Mass—indeed the whole of our Faith—is not about us. Our religion is *for* us but it’s *about* God. God, being perfect, does not need our acts of worship, nor does He benefit from them in anyway. Our praises cannot add to His perfection. Our acts of worship are for our benefit. Nonetheless, they are still not *about* us; they are *about* God. We worship Him, in the first instance (that is, even before we thank Him for what He has done for us), simply because He is God.

Old Testament readings tell us of the glory of God’s work throughout salvation history. Through the vicarious voice of the reader, we, God’s creatures, sing of God’s wonders, and praise Him for His works. The readings themselves sing of His wonderful work of salvation, of His saving His people from slavery, of His calling His chosen People, of His settling them in the Promised Land, of His tenderness for them, of His anger when they strayed, of His patience with them, of His compassion for and forgiveness of them, and they foretell of the wonders prophesied for the future when all will be fulfilled with the coming of the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Christ. Page after page of the Old Testament readings unfold God’s goodness, truth, and beauty. Page after page sings of the ways in which God, from one generation to the next, was working His purpose out as year succeeded to year.

New Testament readings make known the glory of God’s work in the order of grace. They sing of the wonders accomplished through the redeeming birth, life, sufferings, death, resurrection, and ascension of God’s Son. When the New Testament readings are read at Mass, we, the people, through the voice of the reader, are singing God’s praises for the wonders He has performed, telling the might of His deeds (Lk 1:49-55) in overcoming death, and bringing new life to a people that had long walked in darkness (Is 9:2). New Testament readings sing of what is and of what will be. They sing of joy and hope, of light and life, and of God’s saving grace.

We can most easily see the primary purpose of the readings at Mass whenever verses from the psalms are read or sung. These, more than any other scriptural verses, were written to be sung; were clearly written to give praise and glory to God. And whereas non-Catholic Christians sometimes criticise the Mass for not being scriptural, we would be hard pressed to get through any line of the Mass without quoting from the Bible. From the *Introit* or *Entrance Antiphon* right up to the dismissal at the end of Mass, verses from the Scriptures are used again and again and again.

The Scriptures in the Mass, then, are chiefly sung by God’s Church to give praise and glory to Her Creator, Her Founder, and Her Saviour. Remember, the Mass is primarily *latreutic* (that is, to do with worshipping God) not *pedagogic* (to do with teaching). We may well learn something whilst we are at Mass, but that is not chiefly what the Mass is for.