

# 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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May is dedicated  
to the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Holy Souls

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May

St Dunstan

10am — Ugochukwu Lawrence Iwuh

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

St Bernadine of Siena

8am (TLM) — Holy Souls

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

St Christopher Magallanes & Comps.

6pm — Souls in Purgatory 1/2

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

St Rita of Cascia

12:15pm — Souls in Purgatory 1/2

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Easter feria

10am — Guild of St Pancras

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Our Lady on Saturday

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

6pm — Pro Populo

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

09:30 — Margaret & Reginald

Reeve RIP (F)

11:00 — Nancy & Carter McCrary RIP

### CONFESSIONS:

**Mon — Sat:** 30 minutes before each Mass

**& Sat:** 5pm — 5:45pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** 6pm — 7pm

**ADORATION:** Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

**ROSARY:** Mon — Fri: after Mass

### DEVOTIONS TO O.L. OF IPSWICH &

**S. PANCRAS:** Sat after 10am Mass

**TLM Masses:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 8am. (Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> June.)

## HOLY YEAR 2025

### SPES NON CONFUNDIT

*'And hope confounds not, because the charity of God is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given to us.'* (Rom 5:5)

Christ Crucified Radiates Hope to a Fallen World  
*The Crucifixion by Tintoretto (1565)*



## TU ES PETRUS

*'Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church'*

Today in Rome our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, will offer Mass to mark the formal beginning of his Petrine Ministry as the Successor of St Peter and 267<sup>th</sup> Vicar of Christ, and his ministry as Bishop of Rome.

*O God, thou pastor and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on thy servant Leo whom thou hast been pleased to appoint chief shepherd of thy Church. Enable him to further by his teaching and good example the salvation of those over whom he is placed, so that, with the flock entrusted to his care, he may attain life everlasting. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

## NEXT WEEK

### Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May

## THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*A day on which all Catholics are obliged to go to Mass.*

Masses at: 8am (TLM) 12:15pm 7pm (sung)

Confessions before each Mass. Rosary after 12:15pm Mass

### Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May

## OUR LADY OF IPSWICH WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Beginning at four different starting points throughout the town and converging on St Pancras for the Regina Caeli at 12 noon and Mass at 12:15pm. See poster at the back of church for details.



Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash contribution to the parish. Barclays Bank account name and no. St Pancras Catholic Church 00775843. Sort code: 20-44-51. Our parish is part of the East Anglia Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: registered charity no. 278742.

**Suggestion for Spiritual Reading**

*Homilies in Praise of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
by St Bernard of Clairvaux.

**From the Saints**

‘O my Mother, it is to your heart that I come to lay  
down the anguish of my heart; it is there  
that I draw strength and courage.’

*St Bernadette Soubirous (of Lourdes)*

**Top tips for making an ordinary home  
into a Catholic home!**

Say the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the  
Litany of Loreto) as part of your prayers, especially  
on Saturdays and feasts of Our Lady that fall in May.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE** Thurs-  
day 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6:30pm.

**PARISH CONFIRMATION MASS** with Bishop Peter  
Collins: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS’ GROUP** will meet at 10am on  
Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**BOOK CLUB** Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm to discuss *A  
Song for Nagasaki* by Paul Glynn.

**THURSDAY LUNCHES** will begin again on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June  
(traditional date).

**TRANSFERRED FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** Sunday,  
22<sup>nd</sup> June with our Corpus Christ procession at 3pm.

**PARISH FIRST COMMUNION MASS** Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June  
at 9:30am. (The 11am Mass will start at 11:30am on  
this day.)

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**Sick List** Prayers are asked for Jim Convey, Larry  
Crowley, Paul Cummings, Alan Cutbush, Ciro Del-  
labella, Evelyn Flach, Halina Gajewska, Linda  
Mitchell, Stephen Patten, Rosemary Pease, Brian  
Price, Judith Rogers, and Leighton Scott.

**Of your charity**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Olga Harant  
and John Woodward who died recently, and for all  
whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edward Tyr-  
rell, Elizabeth Soggins, Elsie Patrick, Rosemary  
Shorter, Mary de Bono, Biase Scrocca, Charlotte  
Bellingham, Kathleen Shapland, Matilda Duffield,  
Kathleen Sleightholme, Joseph Vogel, May Augus-  
tin, Ellen (Lena) Thrower, William Mitchell, Mar-  
guerite Wright, Olivia O’Farell, Violette Mason,  
Robert Bradley, Flora Mann, George Morgan,  
Charles Read, Julian Petryszyn, George Eyton-Jones,  
John Kelly, Fr Kuczer Kateryna, William Shipp,  
Winefred Taylor, Zena Marcantonio, Doreen Belch-  
er, Peter McKenzie, Bernard Griss, Mary Gorham,  
and Harry Taylor. Eternal rest grant unto them, O  
Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**Fr Joseph writes:**



Today we are still basking in the excite-  
ment of the conclave and the election of  
our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as  
the inauguration of his pontificate takes  
place at St Peter’s in Rome. From the mo-  
ment at the end of the conclave when he  
accepted the office entrusted to him, the  
new pope assumed *full, supreme, and universal* authority  
over the whole Church for the roles of *teaching, sanctify-  
ing, and governing* God’s people. The responsibility is im-  
mense, and our love for him obliges us to pray for him that  
he may be strengthened by God to carry out the duties en-  
trusted to him.

The most famous passage in Sacred Scripture about the  
pope’s role and responsibility comes in St Matthew’s Gos-  
pel when Our Lord says to Simon, ‘And I say to thee:  
That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my  
church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.  
And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.  
And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be  
bound also in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose up-  
on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven’ (Mt 16:18-19).

Here, Our Lord makes it quite clear that it is Peter spe-  
cifically, and not all the Apostles together, on whom Christ  
will build His Church. Nor does Our Lord build His  
Church on some vague notion of St Peter’s faith or person-  
al commitment to Christ. It is St Peter himself who is giv-  
en the new name of Cephias or Rock.

Yet there are many other passages in Sacred Scripture  
which support the doctrine of St Peter’s primacy over the  
whole Church and even over the other Apostles and their  
successors, the Bishops.

Again and again, St Peter is named first in any list of  
the Apostles in the Gospels. Moreover, his name is always  
given even in lists which do not name the others. He is  
included by Our Lord in all of the major episodes, such as  
the Transfiguration. He goes everywhere with his Master.

It is Peter who walks on water (Mt 14:22-32); who is  
instructed by Our Lord to remove a shekel from the mouth  
of a fish to pay the Temple Tax for Our Lord and himself  
(Mt 17:23-26); who is the first to enter the empty tomb on  
the day of resurrection (Jn 20:4-8); who, alone, can drag  
ashore a net so full of fish that seven disciples had not pre-  
viously been able to land, and who does so, moreover,  
without tearing the net (Jn 21:1-11); who is commanded,  
three times, to ‘feed my sheep’ (Jn 21: 15-17); and who is  
commanded by Our Lord, once he, St Peter, has been con-  
verted following his three-fold denial of Christ, to  
‘strengthen thy brethren’ (Lk 22:32).

In the Acts of the Apostles also there are several exam-  
ples of Peter’s primacy over and above the other Apostles  
and, indeed, the whole Christian community. For a modern  
and thorough Scriptural examination of Peter’s primacy  
take a look at a book called *Pope Peter* by Joe Heschmeyer,  
published by Catholic Answers Press in 2020. Mostly  
aimed at convincing Protestants of the truth of the Catholic  
position, it is nonetheless a worthwhile read for anyone  
who wants to understand the papacy better.

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