

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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April is dedicated
to the Blessed Sacrament



Sunday 19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

09:30 — John & Mary Smith

11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 20th April

Easter feria

10am — Harold Salvadon

Tuesday 21st April

St Anselm

8am (TLM) — Urdzik family

Wednesday 22nd April

Easter feria

6pm — Jim Convey

Thursday 23rd April

St George

12:15pm — Holy Souls

Friday 24th April

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

10am — John Cyril Bray RIP

Saturday 25th April

St Mark

10am — Margaret Wake RIP

Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter

6pm — Holy Souls

Sunday 26th April

4th Sunday of Easter

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Ursula Willis

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass

& Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

1st 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: 2nd Sunday of the month at
8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 10th May.)

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ST PANCRAS

Our new statue of our patron, St Pancras, commissioned from Stuflessers (the same people who made our statue of Our Lady of Ipswich) is now ready and waiting to be shipped from Italy. Paid for by a legacy left to us by a faithful parishioner, it will give fitting honour to the martyr who watches over us so attentively.

St Pancras, pray for us.

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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Monday, 4th May

feast of the English Martyrs



10.30 Arrival of Pilgrims at the Slipper Chapel

10.30 – 11.30 Confessions

11.30 Welcome and Reception of Banners

12.00 Pilgrim Mass

14.15 Procession

15.45 Prayers and Benediction in Abbey Grounds

16.30 Departure from village coach car park



DIOCESAN RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN

Saturday, 23rd May

10:30am—4:40pm in Dereham, Norfolk.

rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/

OUR LADY OF IPSWICH WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, 30th May

Our second such walk, starting at different points around the town and converging on St Pancras for the Regina Cæli at 12 noon and Mass at 12:15pm. More details to follow.

MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS

Saturday, 13th June

11:30am at the Cathedral in Norwich

rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/



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.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE 1976—2026

IPSWICH DEANERY EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
6th—13th September 2026

A week-long series of events including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic procession through the town, keynote speakers, and Mass with the Bishop of East Anglia at 11am on Sunday 13th September at the Corn Exchange.

Put the dates in your diary now!

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund. Please give as generously as you can so that we can prepare priests for the future.

Can you play the organ or a keyboard? If you can help with the hymns at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday mornings, either occasionally or regularly, please speak to Fr Joseph. Thank you.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet next on Monday, 8th June to discuss *The World's First Love* by Fulton Sheen.

Friday, 1st May

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

An invitation to the men of the parish, of all ages (18+), married and single, to join us for an evening of recollection.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Rosary

Confession

Benediction

followed by a talk in the parish hall

by Fr Joseph

Beginning at 6pm in church

Sick List Prayers are asked for Peter Arms, Jim Convey, Vincent Convey, Sue Coppens-Browne, Larry Crowley, Alan Cutbush, Ciro Dellabella, Evelyn Flach, Halina Gajewska, Katherine Humphries, 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 those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Edward McHugh, George Fox, Giuseppe Catalanotto, William McAtamney, Nicolas Melero, Catherine Smith, Frank Spink, Coralie Pincott, Eric Nothard, Teresa McLoughlin, Patrick Dwyer, Eileen Ely, Frances Barnes, James Leahy, Frederick Gray, Kathleen Buckledee, David Bowers, Neville Davies, Fr Wallace Clare, Semen Boyko, Jean Sumner, Patrick Lewis, Joseph Collins, Vera O'Sullivan, Kathleen Mitchell, Teresa Donohoe, and Rosina Bove. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: As part of our preparation for the Ipswich Deanery Eucharistic Congress in September, we continue our look at the Sequence from the Mass of Corpus Christi, the Lauda Sion. Today, strophe two:

STRIVE THY BEST TO PRAISE HIM WELL

Strive thy best to praise Him well;
Yet doth He all praise excel;
None can ever reach His due.

In truth we, none of us, can praise God as fully as we ought. Even if we could thank Him properly for everything He has given us, we would still fall short in our attempts to give to Him all the homage that is due to Him as God. He is infinite, and our hymns will always be finite because we are finite. We do not have within us the resources to touch the vastness and the transcendence of God. Whatever praises we sing, His being will forever outstretch our most ardent desire. However deep our longing for Him, we will never be able to plumb the immensity of the reality of God. 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts: nor your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are exalted above the earth, so are my ways exalted above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts' (Is 55:8-9).

Yet it is precisely because of the transcendence of God – because of His utter unreachability – that the Son of God came down to earth, was born of a woman (Gal 4:4), and became like us in all things but sin (Phil 2:7). It is because we cannot reach God that He reached down to us. In the Fall, when Adam committed the original sin in the Garden of Eden and fell from grace, a great expanse opened up between God and Man, between Creator and creature. So great was this divide than no mere creature could cross from one side to the other, from earth to heaven. Instead, the Son of God became Incarnate and took to Himself human flesh so that 'what He was, He remained, and what He was not, He assumed,' as Pope St Leo the Great put it. By being both God and Man, the Son of God Incarnate could stretch from heaven to earth and from earth to heaven, and bridge the gap that had opened up as a result of sin. Having 'emptied himself, [and taken] the form of a servant, [and having been] made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man, He humbled himself, [and became] obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross,' St Paul tells us (Phil 2:7-8). In other words, not being satisfied with reaching down to us from His immense transcendence, the Son of God went further and entered to the very depths of our sinful wretchedness to the point of dying a miserable death on a cross.

From these depths Christ sang the praises of Almighty God on our behalf, giving in His human nature what a fallen human race could not give to the Creator. Yet being God also, Christ's song of praise carried an infinite and eternal worth so that the praises sung from the depths of human nature could, in this way, 'reach His due.'

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