

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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June is dedicated
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Sunday 28th June 2026

Transferred feast of Ss Peter & Paul
09:30 — Theresa Cleary's int.
11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 29th June

Ss Peter & Paul
8am (TLM) — Dec'd Clergy of the Parish
Votive Mass of Ss Peter & Paul
10am — for abducted children in Nigeria

Tuesday 30th June

Commemoration of St Paul
8am (TLM) — Special int.

Wednesday 1st July

The Precious Blood of OLJC
8am (TLM) — Special int.
6pm — Drs T & M Ward

Thursday 2nd July

Funeral requiem
12:15pm — Jaqueline Julyan RIP

Friday 3rd July

St Thomas
10am — Weisia Lucek RIP

Saturday 4th July

St Elizabeth of Portugal
10am — Fr Paul Nilackal
Vigil of the 14th Sunday of the Year
6pm — Holy Souls

Sunday 5th July 2026

14th Sunday of the Year
09:30 — Pro Populo
11:00 — Varela Gilda's int.

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: 12th July)

Prayer in Preparation for the Ipswich Deanery EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Lord Jesus Christ, who has left to us in the Blessed Sacrament a memorial of your Passion, grant to us, we pray, the grace to prepare worthily for 'the festival divine' by which our belief in your presence in the Holy Eucharist may be deepened, and our devotion to you rekindled. Through your Sacramental presence among us, and by our acts of homage, may there be raised up in our parishes a renewed spirit of faith and fervour, that our hearts may burn with the fire of your love, and our deeds show forth the beauty of your holiness. Amen.

----- EVEN IN WARM WEATHER...

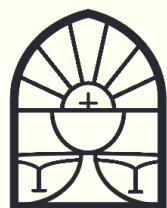
Our churches are houses of God and of prayer. Please dress appropriately for church and not as if you were at the beach or a BBQ party. Shoulders, arms, and legs should be covered please men and women). And please refrain from drinking in church (even water). Thank you.

If you are travelling this summer, then I wish you happy holidays, and hope that you get some rest and relaxation. But please remember not to take a holiday from God! Internet searches will quickly show you where your nearest Catholic church and Sunday Mass is to be found.

*'But these were found in the East and South
Where Winter is the clime forgot...'*

from 'For a Picture of St. Dorothea' by Gerard Manley Hopkins

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IPSWICH DEANERY EUCCHARISTIC 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 on Sunday 13th September at the Corn Exchange.

The aim of the Eucharistic Congress is to deepen our belief in, and our devotion to, the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and through this deeper devotion to foster a renewed spirit of faith and fervour across the parishes of our deanery in this golden jubilee year of our diocese.

For more details, and to book tickets, please go to:
eucharisticcongressipswich.org



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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend for Peter's Pence

And another, on 12th July, for Sea Sunday

MARCH FOR LIFE Saturday, 5th September in London. For a seat on the coach from Ipswich contact Sarah: 07522 289449. If you are making your own way there, contact Antonia Brathwaite to be put in touch with other people from East Anglia at: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL is looking for new school governors. If you think you could offer your time and expertise, or would simply like to know more, please contact: STACHairofgovs@stalbans-staff.org

Other local Catholic schools are also looking for new governors. Please speak to Fr Joseph

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.

GARDENER Can you spare a few hours to keep our flower borders and green patches tidy? If so, please contact Fr Joseph. Thank you.

PARISH MAGAZINE The deadline is still a little way off yet (13th September) but we would like to encourage new contributors with any interesting articles you may have about your travels, pilgrimages, and holidays, as well as poems, jokes, recipes, gardening tips, memories of our parish, and so forth. Contributions should be sent to: st.pancras.magazine@outlook.com

Sick List

Prayers are asked for Peter Arms, Jim Convey, Vincent Convey, Larry Crowley, Alan Cutbush, Ciro Dellabella, Evelyn Flach, Halina Gajewska, Katherine Humphries, Olivia Katina, 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 Jaqueline Lothian, Sue Coppens Browne, and Richard Sagrera, all of whom have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alice Steel, Margaret Corbett, Brian Monaghan, Danzil Blake, Margaret Gleeson, Maria Petrovic, Lucille Hambling, Leo O'Connor, John Leek, Gwendoline Blake, Margaret Robinson, Jemaleh Sargent, Frank Morris, Monk Matthew, Concetta Corrino, Lubomira Dederska, John O'Reilly, Christopher Thrower, Wanda Pizzey, Eleanor Peck, Agnes Smith, William Bartolo, Michael O'Hara, Ivy Lockwood, Michael Connolly, Joyce Rands, and John Lynch. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: Today we look at the twelfth verse of the *Lauda Sion*, St Thomas Aquinas' Sequence for the Mass of Corpus Christi, as part of our preparation for our local Eucharistic Congress in September.

DOETH IT PASS THY COMPREHENDING?

Doeth it pass thy comprehending?
Faith, the law of sight transcending,
Leaps to things not understood.

The idea that bread and wine can change into something altogether different is, of course, rather hard to take on board. Modern scientific enquiry would not be able to prove the assertion of our Faith; examination under a microscope would not reveal the nature of the change. Nor is the teaching of the Catholic Church made any easier to accept (in the minds of some) when She insists that in Holy Communion we receive not just the Body of Christ but His flesh. The cynics would level accusations of cannibalism at us, but that is because they misunderstand the manner of Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Nor should we be surprised that so many people find the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament so difficult to believe. After all, when Our Lord first taught the truth of the Eucharist, in John chapter 6, many of His disciples, hearing it, said, 'This is a hard saying, and who can hear it?' and afterwards 'many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him' (Jn 6:61,67).

When we see the Blessed Sacrament upon the altar It looks exactly as It looked before the consecration at Mass: our bodily eyes do not reveal the truth of this great mystery. Instead, we must rely upon the eyes of our souls, the eyes of faith. We must learn to trust what the Church Herself teaches us – using the authority to teach the truth that was entrusted to Her by Christ Himself whilst He still walked upon this earth – and to accept Her dogmatic formulations. She, and She alone, has been charged by God with the task of conveying to successive generations the fulness of Divine Revelation. When we profess our Catholic Faith in the words of the Creed we profess belief in the Church as a supernatural body endowed with the fulness of truth made known to us in Christ who is Truth itself.

Faith, as St Paul tells us in the Letter to the Hebrews, 'is the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that appear not' (Heb 11:1). It is by the gift of faith, infused into our souls at Baptism, that we can believe all that God has made known to us through His Church, even before we have arrived at a firm intellectual understanding. It is the job of the *Ecclesia docens*, the 'teaching Church,' to unfold over time the divine truths with which She has been entrusted. Specifically, it is the task of theology to provide the understanding that will underpin the faith we have already received. As St Anselm said, theology may be defined as 'faith seeking understanding.' Faith comes first; understanding follows on for those who, through prayer and study, desire to enter more fully into the depths of what God has revealed. However, this understanding does not come automatically: we must actively seek an encounter with the living God if our minds as well as our hearts are to be enlightened.