

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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September is dedicated to
Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday 26th September 2021

26th Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Maria, Kathleen, &
Lionel Clutterham RIP

11:00 — Walter McNeela

Monday 27th September

S. Vincent de Paul

10am — Mary Crilly

Tuesday 28th September

S. Wenceslaus

8am (EF) — James &
Margaret Cleary RIP

Wednesday 29th September

Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

6pm — Jean Orme RIP

Thursday 30th September

S. Jerome

12:15pm — Colm Kelly RIP

Friday 1st October

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

8am (EF) — Special int. (9/9)

S. Therese of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)

10am — Elizabeth Wynne

Saturday 2nd October

Holy Guardian Angels

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of the 27th Sunday of the Year

6pm — Holy Souls

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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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

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‘IN THE COOL OF THE DAY’

Our adult catechetical talks continue on Wednesday at 7pm.

Please join us even if you missed the last week’s.

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New Parish Group

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

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

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

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THIS WEEK

Wednesday 29th feast of the Holy Arch-
angels, Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Wednesday 29th at 7pm ‘In the Cool of
the Day.’ Second in our series of cate-
chetical talks for adults.

Friday 1st at 5pm First class for Confir-
mation candidates in the parish hall.

Saturday 2nd feast of our Holy Guardi-
an Angels

Saturday 2nd at 4pm First class for First
Communion children.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 3rd October devotions & Bene-
diction 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.

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

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CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2021—2022

Classes for children who regularly attend Mass at St Pancras will start on

Friday 1st / Saturday 2nd October.

Confirmation

5pm — 6pm on Fridays

Candidates must be 13+ by the time of the ceremony

First Holy Communion

4pm — 4:45pm on Saturdays

Children must be 7+ by the time of the ceremony

Please complete a form from the back of church and return it to Fr Joseph.

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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
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SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 11AM
for those affected by infertility.

Followed by a talk by Dr Phil Boyle,
founder of NeoFertility

See poster in the porch for details.

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Sick List

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

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: George McGahey, Gladys Adams, James McGovern, Phyllis Tilehurst, Filippo Tucciaronne, Ambrose Molloy, Amelia Gallo, John Brinsley, Ann Laukkanen, Kathleen Clutterham, Catherine Apostoledis, Catherine Riordan, Austin Gaffney, Gwendoline Bastarica, Mary Hatfield, Eileen Woodward, Albert Rice, Lilian Tescum, Phyllis Forshaw, Albert Carey, Paul Egon, James Doyle, Adrian Patterson, Cecil Parker, Laurence Keogh, Cecily Butters, Mary Furguson, William Cronin, Francisco Assuncao, Edward Somers, Iwan Maksymowycz, Sally Scarlett, Arthur Jefferson, Fred Head, Ann Waylen, Sheila Carey, and Hanora Young. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt XV

After we have sung the *Gloria*, we come to the *Collect* or *Opening Prayer* of the Mass. On Good Friday, once the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ has been read or sung, there follows the General Intercessions of the Church. In each case (there are ten of them) the celebrant bids the people pray, and introduces, with a concise formula, the general meaning and intention of the prayer that is to follow. After a silent pause (during which everyone kneels), this introductory formula and the silent prayers of priest and people are summed up in a prayer which collects everyone's intentions together and presents them to Almighty God, hence the word *Collect*.

Over the years, this order of praying became abbreviated whenever it was used at the opening of Mass so that, now, the priest bids people to pray (*Oremus* or 'Let us pray'), pauses briefly without any introductory formula, and then proceeds straight to the *Collect* which sums up the general meaning and intentions of the Mass which follows.

As we know, the Mass is chiefly something Christ offers up to His Father. As a result, most *Collects* or *Opening Prayers*, just like most prayers throughout the Mass, are addressed to God the Father. This, in turn, means that when the priest, acting *in persona Christi* ('in the person of Christ'), says the *Collect*, it is Christ Himself who is making this prayer to the Father on our behalf. But, and this is an important 'but,' because we have been invited to pray, and because of the silent pause during which our prayers are collected together, our prayers are added to those of Christ and He presents *our* intentions to the Father along with His own. What is more, He filters out, as it were, any selfish or vested interests we may have included in our prayers so that what gets presented to the Father is a purified form of our prayers with all the self-centred bits taken out. In other words, the version of our prayers which the Son offers to the Father is a version which is already conformed to the will of God.

This, of course, is the meaning of phrases in the Gospel such as, 'Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in my name, that will I do' (Jn 14:13) and 'Ask, and it shall be given you' (Mt 7:7). These phrases do not mean that *whatever* we ask for will be given to us, but whatever we ask for *in Christ's name*, that is, through Christ who filters and purifies our prayers until they are conformed to the will of the Father, will be given to us. There is a big difference between these two!

The theology of the *Collect*, then, sums up the theology of the Mass in some respects. For example, all of the prayers that are offered up '*through* Our Lord Jesus Christ [the] Son' remind us that Our Lord acts as the go-between, the mediator, between the Creator on the one hand and His race of fallen creatures on the other. Christ is the bridge, the high priest, the pontifex, who spans the gap between God and Man, a gap that should never have existed in the first place but which opened up as a result of sin. God the Son is the means by which God the Father reaches down to His fallen creatures and draws them back up to Him once more. God-the-Son-Incarnate comes down to earth, suffers, dies, descends into Hell, rises from the dead, and ascends back into Heaven, scooping us up along the way, as it were, and taking us up to Heaven with Him. In this great sweeping action Christ redeems sinners, heals their alienation from their God, and restores them to an even higher state than Adam enjoyed at the beginning insofar as we who have been baptized have become adopted as sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters of God the Son, and co-heirs with the Son to all the blessings and graces of the Heavenly places (Eph 1:3).

So, as you can see, there is more to the *Opening Prayer* of the Mass than just a 'pause for thought.' In the *Collect*, we enter, liturgically, into the work of salvation itself!