

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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December is dedicated to
the Immaculate Conception

Sunday 12th December 2021

Advent III: Gaudete Sunday

8am (TLM) — Helen & Richard Longman
09:30 — Holy Souls
11:00 — Jean Killelay RIP

Monday 13th December

S. Lucy

10am — Holy Souls

Tuesday 14th December

Advent feria

8am (TLM) — Alberto & Michellina
de Pasquale

Wednesday 15th December (*Ember Day*)

Requiem

6pm — Jean Killelay RIP

Thursday 16th December

Advent feria

12:15pm — for the election of a bishop

Friday 17th December (*Ember Day*)

Advent feria: 'O Sapientia'

10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 18th December (*Ember Day*)

Advent feria: 'O Adonai'

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of Advent IV

6pm — Joan Elliot 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

TLM Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month
at 8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 9th Jan.)
*Traditional Latin Masses (TLM) are said
according to the Missal used before the Sec-
ond Vatican Council.*

ADVENT

Sunday 19th December

4:30pm

*Carols by Candlelight &
the Blessing of Cribs*

Bring your family crib to be blessed

The service will be followed
by tea & mince pies in the parish hall

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Monday 20th December

7pm

Penance Service
with individual Confession
and with visiting priests

CHRISTMAS

Confessions

Extra Confessions before Christmas

Wednesday 22nd

9am—10am & 5pm—6pm

Christmas Eve

9am—10am & 5pm—6pm

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Masses

Christmas Eve:

10am (no evening Mass)

Christmas Day:

Midnight (with carols from 11:30pm)

8am (TLM) 9:30am 11am

Sunday 26th

The Feast of the Holy Family

8am (TLM) 9:30am 11am

'THE MASTER IS HERE, AND HE IS CALLING YOU'

Jn 11:28

Fr Joseph is asking every household in the parish to make an Advent resolution to contact, and invite back to Sunday Mass, any Catholic who was a regular at St Pancras before the pandemic but who has not yet returned to a regular Sunday observance. A simple friendly phone call or tap on the door, an offer of a lift perhaps, or even an e-mail or social-media contact. Whatever method you use, get in touch and make people feel safe and welcome in our parish church once more, and pass on to them one of the leaflets from the back of the church giving times of Sunday Masses as well as Advent and Christmas service times.

'It is a faithful thing you are doing for the brothers and sisters'

3 John 5

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th Gaudete Sunday

Wednesday 15th Ember Day

Friday 17th Ember Day
- 10:45am Over 60s coffee
- No Confirmation class

Saturday 18th Ember Day
- No First Communion class

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NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19th 4:30pm: Carol Service &
Blessing of Cribs followed by tea &
mince pies in the parish hall.

Monday 20th: 7pm Penance Service
with individual Confession (visiting
priests)

Wednesday 22nd 11:30am: Funeral of
Sheila Alcock RIP

Friday 24th: No Over 60s group today

***For Christmas Confessions and
Mass times, see above.***

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

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BRING YOUR CRIB

to be blessed at our *Carols by Candlelight*
next Sunday at 4:30pm.

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Christmas Greenery Please leave any greenery for decorating the church in the presbytery garden (or by the gates if they are locked) no later than Friday, 17th December. Thank you.

Catholic East Anglia, The latest edition of the diocesan newspaper is available at the back of church.

Sunday Obligation The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a statement entitled, 'Honouring Sunday' which may be read on our parish website.

Praying the Great 'O' Antiphons by Katy Carl published by the CTS. Copies available at the back of church: £6:95

EMBER DAYS The Roman Missal still makes provision for the observance of the quarterly Ember Days as days of fasting and abstinence, and some people like to incorporate them into their private devotions. They fall this week on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Please see details on the front of this newsletter, and posters in the porch, for details of all the extra services in the run-up to Christmas.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS **NO** 6PM MASS ON
FRIDAY 24TH OR SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER.

*Please allow me to remind everyone that
Catholics should go to Mass
on Christmas Day and on Sunday 26th!*

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Sick List

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

Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jean Killelay, Ivan Rose, Audrey Kelly, and Sheila Alcock, all of whom have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Albert Mountain, Tosca Pearce, Maureen Ronquillo, Albert Bull, Frank Sparrow, John Pryce, Cecilia Beanes, James Hayes, Joan Garrod, Byron Allen, Alfred Abram, James Barry, Robert Cross, Joseph Garnham, Romano Iovi, Margaret Oliver, Michael O'Dwyer, Mary Reynolds, Fr Laurence Nicholson, Beth Walmsley, Percy Fox, Ann Johnson, Bernard Hurley, Denis Kindred, Paul Stokes, Kathleen Bills, Laura Manley, Robert Sanders, Michael Reilly, Marylyn Timms, and Eleanor Scott. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt XXV If, as has been suggested, the Consecration of the Bread and Wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ is the diamond at the centre of a precious ring, then the prayers that come within the Canon but before and after the Consecration are like the setting into which the diamond has been placed. What is said at this point in the Mass matters enormously. Fittingly, having first begged Almighty God to '*accept and bless*' the gifts being offered, the priest now prays that these same gifts—this sacrifice—will, in the first place, be for the good of the whole Church worldwide, for the growth and goodness of the Mystical Body of Christ: '*Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern Her throughout the world.*'

There are plenty of things that can, and do, threaten the peace, the unity, and the good governance of God's Holy Church, and there always have been. From the earliest days of the Church there have been disagreements and disputes among Her members, sometimes so fierce that individuals have had to be expelled for the good of the rest of the Church (Gal 1:8-9; 1 Tim 1:20; 2 Jn 9-11). Those who teach strange and new doctrines, or as St Paul says, 'a Gospel contrary to that which we preached to you,' must be corrected, otherwise God's faithful people will be led astray by the very people who should be leading them closer to Our Lord.

But how can we know, amidst the clashing cymbals of the modern world and the modern Church, which doctrines are true and which are false? If we are in any doubt, we have only to look at what the Church has taught consistently over many centuries. As St Paul says elsewhere, 'for I have delivered to you as of first importance what I also received' (1 Cor 15:3). No one in the hierarchy of the Church, not priest, nor bishop, nor even a pope, has the authority to hand on to the next generation something different from what the Church has handed down to him. Certainly, there can be organic and gradual developments—growth in our understanding of what God has revealed—but there can be no new revelation. Divine Revelation ceased with the death of the last of the Apostles. From then onwards, there can only be greater understanding which shoots forth from one and the same vine, Our Lord Jesus Christ whose Mystical Body the Church is. Any consciously new teaching, or any teaching that contradicts or goes off at a tangent from what has been taught before, is erroneous teaching. Not only can we safely discard such new ideas, but we are *obliged* to discard them as not having grown from the seed planted by the Son of God Incarnate.

So important is this need for continuity and consistency with what has previously been handed on, generation after generation, that Popes down the ages have usually used the first person plural, 'We' when preaching. The 'we' here is not an allusion to a mediæval monarchy (although, historically, it may have been that as well) but a pledge from each successive pope to teach only that which is consistent with what his papal predecessors have taught before him, all the way back to St Peter. Even the pope lives within constraints and cannot simply say whatever he wills or change things on a whim.

And so important in this need for continuity and consistency that every Mass includes this prayer at the beginning of the Canon of the Mass. '*Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern Her throughout the world.*' The priest goes on to pray specifically for '*your servant N. our Pope, and N. our Bishop*' thereby at the same time acknowledging the fact they he himself is in unity with the chief shepherds of Christ's Church at both a universal and a local level. (A priest cannot act or preach independently of those appointed by God to govern His flock.) The priest continues, '*and all those who, holding to the Truth, hand on the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.*' This need to hand on only what is True is enshrined within the most precious prayer of the Church.