

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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October is dedicated to
Our Lady of the Rosary

Sunday 2nd October 2022

27th Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Sr Beatrice of the Cross ODC RIP

Monday 3rd October

Feria

10am — James & Catherine Connolly RIP (F)

Tuesday 4th October

S. Francis of Assisi

8am (TLM) — Heather Poll RIP

Wednesday 5th October

Feria

6pm — Rudolf Belšak RIP

Thursday 6th October

S. Bruno

12:15pm — Gintautas Rimkus RIP

Friday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

10am — Marianne Randall RIP (F)

Saturday 8th October

Our Lady on Saturday

10am — Mr & Mrs O'Connor RIP (F)

Vigil of the 28th Sunday of the Year

6pm — Pro Populo

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass

& Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

1st Friday: 7pm — 8pm

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 Oct.)
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Traditional Latin Masses (TLM) are said according to the Missal used before the Second Vatican Council.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TALKS

Unfolding the treasures of the Catholic Faith hidden in St Matthew's Gospel.

Continue this week at 7pm after the evening Mass & rosary. Last week we got half way through the first verse of chapter 1 of Matthew's Gospel!

Bring a Bible (it doesn't matter which: Douai-Rheims, RSV, Jerusalem, etc), and a notepad and pencil if you wish to take notes, and join in the discussion.



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Hymn, *fervorino*, the rosary, & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Sunday afternoon throughout October

4:30pm

FISH & CHIPS AND PRIZE QUIZ

with your parish priest as Quiz Master

Friday, 21st October

All welcome

Take your seats by 6:30pm
for a prompt start!



Bring your own alcohol. Soft drinks provided.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

for 18—35 year olds

'To pray, to learn, to evangelize, and to socialize.'

will meet for the first time on Friday, 14th October at 7pm
Join us for prayer, talks on the Catholic Faith, a bite to eat, and a chance to meet other Catholics of a similar age.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Start at the end of this week in the parish hall

Please enter through the back gate/door, and not through the church.

Confirmation classes: 5pm—6pm on Friday

First Communion classes: 4pm—4:45pm on Saturday

FIRST FRIDAY CONFESSIONS

This week on Friday, 7th October: 7pm—8pm

THURSDAY LUNCHES

on the second Thursday of each month begin on Thursday, 13th October at 1pm. Free, but donations, please, to the nominated charity.

All welcome.

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

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FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

CAFOD 8th/9th October cafod.org.uk

Missio (APF) 22nd/23rd October missio.org.uk

(Might you be willing to help with the red box collection? Please speak to Fr Joseph.)

Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes Our parish has been booked a slot at St John's Cathedral at 4pm on Thursday 13th October to venerate the relics of the saint. People are asked to make their own way there and meet together at the main entrance of the Cathedral by 3:45pm. We will meet as a group for some refreshments afterwards in Norwich. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you would like to join us (and indicate whether you need or can provide a lift.)

There should be time to join the Thursday lunch on 13th and then make our way to the Cathedral for the relics.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation classes for children who already attend Mass at St Pancras regularly will begin in October. Please collect a registration form from Fr Joseph after Mass.

Our next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, 12th December at 7pm when we will discuss *The Word is Very Near You* by Fr Wilfrid Stinissen. Please join us.

Did you know...? The first woman to be offered a professorship at a European university was a Catholic, Laura Bassi (1711-1778). A physicist, Lassi was also the first woman to hold a doctorate in science, only the second woman in the world to hold the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and the first salaried teacher in a university, at one point being the highest paid employee. She held two other professorships besides, was a populariser of the controversial Newtonian mechanics, and was also the first female member of any scientific establishment when she was elected to the Academy of Sciences of the Institute of Bologna in 1732 at the age of just 21 under the patronage of the Archbishop of Bologna, Prospero Lambertini (later Pope Benedict XIV). She is buried at the church of Corpus Domini in Bologna.

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St Anthony of the Desert said, 'The more a man uses moderation in his life, the more he is at peace, for he is not full of cares for many things.'

Sick List Prayers are asked for Rosemary Pease, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, Mary Driscoll, Leighton Scott, Bernie Wood, Graham Wilding, and Larry Crowley.

Of your charity Please pray for those who have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Arthur Jefferson, Fred Head, Grace Waylen, Sheila Carey, Hanora Young, Philippe Coiquaud, Evelyn Stoubley, Stephen Thrower, Veronica Mutimer, Beryl Marshall, Dorothy Tynan, Ethel Hughes, Dennis Smith, William Barnes, Edward Akers, Henry Flory, Antony Fell, Rudolf Belšak, Charles Owen, Thomas Regan, Patricia Caldwell, Josef Popyk, Eva O'Connor, Irene Wells, Elizabeth Clow, John Pizzey, Evelyn D'Cruz, Arthur Upson, Claudine Wilding, Josephine Wallace, and Ethel Fox. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Angels

Were it not a Sunday this year, 2nd October would be the feast of the Guardian Angels. In last week's sermon we heard a little about the angels. We know that they have no bodies (although they can sometimes appear in such a way that people can actually see them, for example in the Book of Tobit in the Old Testament), and that they are pure intellect and will. This means that from the moment they are created they know all that it is possible for an angel to know, whereas we mere human beings need to learn throughout the whole of our lives, and even then we still won't know all that it is possible for a human being to know. As a result of being pure intellect and will, the decisions that angels make are definitive. That is, they cannot change their minds nor, if they sin, can they repent. Each angel has made a once-in-a-lifetime decision *for* or *against* God. We, on the other hand, can repent and turn to God again and again.

We know that there are seven archangels because Raphael tells us when he makes his real identity known to Tobias, but only three are named in the Bible: Michael, whose name means, 'Who is like to God?' (Dan 10:13ff; Jude 1:9; Apoc 12:7), Gabriel, 'The Strength of God' (Dan chs. 8,9; Lk 1:26), and Raphael, 'The healing of God' (Tob 12:15).

In addition to the angels and archangels there are a further seven ranks of spirits in heaven, making nine ranks—or choirs—of angels altogether. Pope St Gregory the Great (d. AD 604) teaches us that, in order from lowest to highest, they are: Angels, Archangels, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Dominations, Thrones, Cherubim, and Seraphim.

St Paul lists Principalities, Powers, Virtues, and Dominations (or Dominations) in Eph 1:21, and he adds Thrones to the list in Col 1:16.

The Cherubim stand guard at the gate of Paradise after Adam and Eve have been expelled (Gen 3:24), over the Ark of the Covenant (Ex 25:18-20), and over the Mercy Seat (Heb 9:5). They are described in Ezekiel as having at least two wings and four faces (Ez 10:14). Meanwhile, the Seraphim are the highest choir of angels. Their name comes from a Hebrew word which means 'burning,' and they shine brightly. The Seraphim sing the praises of God with the words, 'Holy! Holy! Holy!' (Is 6:3) and it is a seraph who carries a burning coal to Isaiah to purge his lips before he begins to prophecy (Is 6:6-7).

The word 'angel' comes from the Greek *angelos* which means *messenger*. In other words, 'angel' tells us their job not their name. All angels and archangels are messengers although not all of the spirits in heaven necessarily carry messages.

All human beings are assigned a Guardian Angel from the moment of his or her conception. So, expectant mums, pray to your child's Guardian Angel even whilst your child is still in the womb! How do we know we have Guardian Angels? Our Lord Himself tells us so: 'See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their Angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven' (Mt 18:10). The task of our Guardian Angels is to light and guard, to rule and guide us, along our path to heaven during this life, and to lift us up and carry our souls into the presence of God when we die. But Catholic homes, schools, parishes, countries, and even graves in the cemetery, have Guardian Angels too (another reason not to be cremated), and we should pray to them that they may watch over us always.

*Angel of God my Guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*