

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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November is dedicated to
the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 27th November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

09:30 — William Woodward

11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 28th November

Advent feria

10am — Eileen Woodward

Tuesday 29th November

Advent feria

8am (TLM) — Private int.

Wednesday 30th November

S. Andrew

6pm — Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 1st December

Advent feria

12:15pm — Janina & Wladyslaw
Filipek RIP

Friday 2nd December

Advent feria

10am — Michael Clack RIP

Saturday 3rd December

S. Francis Xavier

10am — K.T. Thomas RIP

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

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: 11th Dec.)

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

Advent



ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm
following the 6pm Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

with hymns, prayers, short readings for meditation, and Benediction

THURSDAY LUNCH

8th December at 1pm. Free, but donations, please, to Mary's Meals

CAKE SALE IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS

Gaudete Sunday – 11th December – in the parish hall

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

& BLESSING OF CRIBS

Sunday, 18th December at 4pm

followed by tea & mince pies in the parish hall

Bring your cribs (or principal figures if the whole thing is too large)

Please take a booklet from the back of church giving full details
of all events, Masses, and Confession times for
Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

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

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St Pancras Catholic Church is part of the East Anglia Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: registered charity no. 278742

Red Boxes There are a few red boxes at the back of the church. If you would like one, please help yourself and return it next year filled to the brim with money for the charity *Missio* (APF).

Masses may be booked for the living and the dead by using the Mass Offering envelopes at the back of church. Please note that the recommended Mass Offering is £10 per Mass.

Heating Please make sure at all times that the doors to the church are closed in the cold weather (just as you would close your doors at home!)

Monday, 28th November at 6:30pm Parish Finance Committee meeting followed at 7:30pm by the Parish Council meeting.

Friday, 2nd December First Friday Confessions from 7pm till 8pm.

Friday, 9th December Catholic Young Adults (CYA) meet at 7pm. (18-35 year olds.)

Weekend of 10th/11th December Second collection for the diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund which supports elderly, sick, and retired priests. Please give as generously as you can as a way of thanking priests who have given a life time of service to God and His Church. Thank you.

Monday, 12th December at 7pm Book Club meeting in the parish hall to discuss *The Word is Very Near You* by Fr Wilfrid Stinissen. Please join us.

Saturday, 7th January at 2pm Family Epiphany Devotions followed by a bring-&-share party in the parish hall. All welcome, especially young families. (These devotions replace the Confirmation Class on Friday 6th and First Communion Class on Saturday 7th January.)

Charities We will be raising money for Mary's Meals during Advent at the Thursday lunch and during the cake sale on Gaudete Sunday. Our Crib collection this year will be, once more, for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

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

Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dario Pinelli who died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stephen Cusack, Maria Pasini, Hilda Newcombe, Eileen Lennan, Angela Jacobucci, Mary Bailey, Margaret Ellis, Gertrude Teather, Helen Schaar, Walter Balanda, Rigby Brown, Eileen James, Mary Smith, James Baker, Edith Connolly, Mary Graham, Adrian Patterson, Annie James, Rose Corrigan, Maria Fee, Maria Bridgeman, Ian Garratt, Franco Jacobucci, Michael Corkery, William Shapland, Kate Wells, Matthew Mazur, James Ward, Ivan Rose, Margaret Last, Anna Smith, Joan Osborn, and Ellen Miller. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes:

Today we begin a new forty-part series on the Creed. Week by week we shall break down the Nicene Creed, which we say every Sunday and Holy Day at Mass, and explore some of the Church's teaching behind the words which we usually say, perhaps, without giving them much thought. We begin with the opening words, 'I believe in.'

I BELIEVE IN

Catholics believe. We do not have scientific proof for the things in which we believe, but that is not the same as saying that our belief is irrational. Whilst many in Western society consider that belief in a divine being makes little sense, and that such belief is contrary to our post-Enlightenment understanding of the world in which we live, in fact the majority of people in the majority of cultures throughout human history seem to have held a belief in a god or gods. So much so that belief in a god of some sort is not statistically unusual. On the contrary, it is the norm.

It would seem that there is something innate in human nature that lends itself to belief in a supernatural power. This in itself, of course, is not proof that there is a God, but it does suggest that there may be nothing unnatural or unreasonable about belief in a divine reality. Is this innate capacity for belief merely a longing that there ought to be something greater than ourselves whose existence can be both commended and blamed for the way things are? Is this capacity simply the expression of a longing that there should be more to life than what we have experienced? Is this inclination to believe just a longing for consolation, comfort, or a superpower who is on our side? All of these are possible.

Yet for the Catholic, to believe *in* God, as we say each Sunday in the Creed, means more than stating that we consider that a god exists. In a very real sense we may say that everyone has a god insofar as whatever someone places his hope or trust in whilst he is searching for happiness, *that* has become his god. If I trust that wealth will bring me happiness, then riches have become my god. If I hope that fame, or business success, or political power, or physical pleasure, will provide happiness, then one or other of these things has become my god.

For Catholics, to profess a belief *in* God is to hope and trust that in God we will find our happiness. Belief *in* God implies that there is a subject and an object: one who believes, and One who is believed in. To believe *in* God means to invest trust, time, and effort in this One, who in turn will reward such investment with eternal happiness or blessedness. To believe *in* God involves entering into, and becoming part of, a relationship with a Someone, and not merely supposing that there is an impersonal force or energy somewhere in the cosmos around us. To believe *in* God is to participate in a relational dynamic with another Person.

Moreover, although we say '*I* believe,' we usually recite the Creed on Sundays with others so that we are also expressing a fellowship, a communion, of belief. In other words, for Catholics, belief in God involves us in both a vertical relationship and a horizontal one.

