

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 of the BVM

Sunday 4th December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

09:30 — John F. Kennedy RIP

11:00 — Sebastian Abbott

Monday 5th November

Advent feria

10am — K.O. Jose RIP

Tuesday 6th NDecember

S. Nicholas

8am (TLM) — Daisy Gotting RIP (F)

Funeral Requiem

11:30am — Dario Pinelli RIP

Wednesday 7th November

S. Ambrose

6pm — Holy Souls (E)

Thursday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception

8am (TLM) — Pro Populo

12:15pm — Mary McHardy RIP

Friday 9th December

Advent feria

10am — Johnson K. Matthew RIP

Saturday 10th December

Bd Henry Heath, John Robinson, & Comps.

10am — Mary Anthony RIP

Vigil of Gaudete Sunday

6pm — Holy Souls

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.)

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

This Week

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

*Wednesday evening at 6:30pm
following the 6pm Mass*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
with hymns, prayers, short readings for
meditation, and Benediction*

*(St John the Baptist Bearing Witness to Christ
by Annibale Carracci, c.1600)*



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, 8th December

Masses at: 8am (TLM) & 12:15pm

Confessions before both Masses

Rosary after 12:15pm Mass

*(The Immaculate Conception
by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, c.1660-65)*



THURSDAY LUNCH

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

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS (CYA)

*for 18—35 year olds, meets this Friday — 9th December — in church
for prayer, followed by a talk on the Immaculate Conception in the hall.
Please bring foodstuffs for a bring-&-share supper.*

CAKE SALE IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS

Next Sunday, Gaudete Sunday — 11th December — in the parish hall

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT & BLESSING OF CRIBS

Sunday, 18th December at 4pm

*followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish hall
Bring your cribs (or principal figures if the whole thing is too large)*

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

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

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 front door at home!)

Next weekend, 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 souls of Shirley Green and Dario Pinelli who died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Irene Zagni, Arthur Allsworth, Terence Dooley, Patrick Dermody, Thaddeus Rauch, Roman Pyrih, Gino Catania, Jean Killelay, Annie Rolston, Grace Lindemann, Raymond Westling, Mildred Seggar, Arthur Judge, Patrick McLoughlin, John O'Donnell, Philip Baker, Jean Cummins, Terrence Morgan, Sheila Buckley, Julian Kowalski, Archie Smith, Mary Grant, Alan Claydon, Marlene Hynes, Alexander McCall, Nellie Kelly, Bridget Deenihan, Eva Jesova, Ellen Cole, Mary Connelly, Georgina Wyatt, Diana Crisp, Sylvia Snowling, Michael Maksymowicz, and Rosena Quigley. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes:

Last week, **I Believe In**. This week, in the second of our forty-part series on the Creed we look at the idea of there being only one God.

ONE GOD

'God is infinitely perfect and blessed in Himself,' so begins the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Instantly, this tells us much more about God than we might suppose. There are certain attributes of God without which He would not be God, for example God's perfection means there must be only one God because if there were two Gods then each of them would have something that the other did not, and so neither would be perfect, and neither would, in fact, be God.

When we say God is infinite and eternal we usually imagine Him to extend through time and space forever and ever, as if He stretched all the way behind us, and infinitely ahead of us. In fact, God has no past and no future: with God there is only an *eternal present*. Similarly, God is said to be everywhere because He has no limits: He is not limited by a physical body, nor indeed in any other way. God is pure spirit.

God is perfect, and blessed in Himself, which means that nothing can be added to Him to increase His perfection or blessedness, and nothing can cause His perfection or blessedness to become lessened. In fact, God cannot change, because were He to change it would mean He would have to pass from one state to another, and this, in turn, would mean that one or other of the states involved – the one He is passing from or the one He is passing to – would be imperfect. Indeed, such a possibility would mean that both states would be imperfect. So we say that God is *actual*, not *potential*: there is no potential for change, no possibility of improvement, growth, loss, or diminution. He just is: 'I AM who AM' (Ex 3:14).

A God who cannot change may sound threateningly impersonal, but such immutability carries great blessings for His creatures. First, it means He is not whimsical or capricious. Once the rules or the parameters are established, He keeps to them. As a result, we know that He will not keep changing His mind, and that we can, therefore, rely on His promises. Second, and because He is already perfect, He has no need of anything outside of Himself: He already has everything He needs. This means He has no *need* of us. But this, in turn, tells us that He must have *chosen* to create us: He *wanted* to create us. The Church teaches us that God created us to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next. If, when He created each of us, He willed that we should be happy with Him forever in heaven, then He still wants each of us – He still wants you! – to be happy with Him forever in heaven, whatever you may or may not have done, or have had done to you, in this life.

When we believe *in* God, we begin to participate in this eternally present perfection.



Moses and the Burning Bush by Pedro Orrente (1580-1645)