

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 17th December 2023

Gaudete Sunday — O Sapientia

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — for baby Nguyen Truong RIP

Monday 18th December

Advent feria — O Adonai

10am — Holy Souls

Tuesday 19th December

Advent feria — O Radix Jesse

8am (TLM) — Holy Souls

Wednesday 20th December EMBER DAY

Funeral requiem

1pm — Concepta Clyne RIP

Advent feria — O Clavis David

6pm — Holy Souls

Thursday 21st December

Advent feria — O Oriens

12:15pm — Holy Souls

Friday 22nd December EMBER DAY

Advent feria — O Rex Gentium

10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 23rd December EMBER DAY

Advent feria — O Emmanuel

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of the fourth Sunday of Advent

6pm — Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass

& Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

1st Friday: 6pm — 7pm

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: 14th Jan.)

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT DEVOTIONS

following the 6pm Mass

We conclude our Advent devotions this week with a look at the opening of St Luke's Gospel—the ox—and consider the sacrificial nature of Our Lord's life and work. Hymns, readings, and meditations, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us even if you have not been to any of the others.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT & BLESSING OF CRIBS

THIS AFTERNOON — 4PM

Followed by refreshments in the hall. All welcome.

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, 18th 9am – 10am & 6pm – 7pm

Tuesday, 19th 7:30am – 8am

Wednesday, 20th 5pm – 6pm

Thursday, 21st 11:15am – 12:15pm

Friday, 22nd 9am – 10am & 6pm – 7pm

Saturday, 23rd 9am – 10am & 5pm – 5:45pm

Sunday, 24th No confessions

TWO DAYS IN A ROW!

Please note that as Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday and Christmas Day on a Monday, Catholics are obliged to fulfil two obligations and attend Mass on Sunday (or Saturday evening) as well as on Monday. (Midnight Mass fulfils the obligation for Christmas Day but not for the Sunday.)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Midnight (with carols from 11:30pm)

8am (TLM) 9:30am 11am

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament — 5pm



A beautiful way to close your Christmas Day devotions. A hushed and prayerful stillness with some of your favourite carols, and a solemn blessing from Our Lord Himself.

Get a breath of fresh air after your lunch, come and adore the new-born Christ, and then return home to settle down for the evening.

All welcome.

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

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Second Collection Today for the Diocesan Dependent Priests' fund (for retired and sick priests). Please give generously. Thank you.

Greenery for Christmas If you have any greenery in your garden that you can donate to help decorate our church for Christmas please leave it at the back of church before Thursday. Thank you.

Decorating the church for Christmas Thursday from 4pm onwards. Please come along and help, on the ground and up ladders. The more the merrier!

Church Cleaning Every Friday straight after the 10am Mass and rosary. Please come along to help us get the church ready for Christmas. Thank you.

Christmas Offering The Christmas Day collection is the traditional offering to the clergy of the parish.

Boxing Day There will be two Masses on Tuesday, 26th December for the feast of St Stephen: 8am (TLM) and 10am. There will be Confessions before both, and the parish rosary will be said after the 10am Mass.

Bd Carlo Acutis Group (14-17 year olds) Next meeting: speak to Fr Joseph.

Catholic Young Adults (18-35) Next meeting: speak to Fr Joseph

Mothers' Group A brand new group for mums & toddlers begins on Monday 15th January straight after the 10am Mass and rosary. The two chief aims are (1) to enable Catholic mums to meet other Catholic mums and (2) to deepen the faith of Catholic mums so that they can pass the Faith on to their children. Please join us every Monday in term time.

Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend: 8-10 March. For more details go to: rachelvineyard.org.uk

Book Club: Meets next on Monday, 11th March to discuss *The Mass in Slow Motion* by Mgr Ronald Knox.

Remember: We refrain from talking in church not because others are praying but because it is God's house.

Sick List Prayers are asked for Jim Convey, Larry Crowley, Ciro Dellabella, Mary Driscoll, Linda Mitchell, Rosemary Pease, Brian Price, Leighton Scott, and Bernie Wood.

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the soul of Concepta Clyne who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Laura Manley, Robert Sanders, Michael Reilly, Marylyn Timms, Ellen Ebelewicz, Eleanor Scott, Maria Aylward, Henry Devaux, Eva Marshall, Caroline Dallastone, Robert Price, Amos Collins, Anne Whitney, Horace Nicholls, Zena McCann, Daniel Dennehy, John Cummings, Jean Tyler, Margaret Norden, Anna Pinelli, Martin Earley, Dmitri Zuk, Stanley Weir, John Conlon, Thomas Flynn, Audrey Woolner, Albert Wilding, Joan Elliott, Ernest Kindred, Mary Goodman, Henry Adams, Irene Hallahan, and Olive Pratt. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

The parish **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE** is Mim McMahon who may be contacted by anyone of any age, at any time, with any safeguarding concerns: 01394 274395 or 07813199275 or mim@trianglemusic.info or mim.macmahon@gmail.com

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Fr Joseph writes: Take a look, sometime, at the homepage of our parish website. Instead of finding a mission statement, or statement of purpose, it simply states what is the role of any and every Catholic parish around the world, namely 'to give glory to Almighty God, and to pray and work for the sanctification and salvation of souls.' There may be many tasks that fall under these two headings – not least, of course, good works in the service of our neighbours – but in the end these are the only two reasons for the existence of the Catholic Church Herself.

Now, and here's the point, imagine if everyone – or, at least, imagine if every Catholic – were to adopt as his or her top priorities in life, first, giving glory to Almighty God, second, praying and working for the salvation of his or her own soul, and third, praying and working for the salvation of the souls of others. Imagine if every Catholic in the world began every task, every day, intent on giving glory to God! Picture how it would be if every thought, and word, and deed were undertaken with a view to saving souls and getting them into heaven! Just think how different the world would be!

Is this just a pipe dream? Well, let's break that down a little bit and maybe we could see what that might look like in practice. First priority: *to give glory to Almighty God*. Before every task – or, at least, several times a day – pause and ask yourself, 'Will this action give glory to God?' If not, should I even do it? Bear in mind that even morally neutral actions such as preparing a meal or brushing your teeth can give glory to God if our daily actions are consecrated to Him as part of our morning offering.

Second priority: *the salvation of my own soul*. Will the thing I am just about to do bring me one step closer to heaven? Again, recreational and relaxing activities can bring us closer to heaven if they are untainted by sin and are not, in themselves, occasions of sin.

And third priority: *the salvation of souls entrusted to my care*. As a priest I can ask this question of myself every moment of every day. As a parent, the souls entrusted to your care include those of your spouse, living or dead, the souls of your children, and the souls of your grandchildren. If you do not have children, the souls committed to your care include those with whom you come into contact socially or at work, or perhaps those for whom you have an obligation to pray, such as your parents, siblings, benefactors, and so forth.

Next step: I am going to suggest that each of you now takes last week's piece of paper home again, and re-order your life priorities, not to cancel out what you have already written, but to incorporate these three priorities somewhere into your list:

1. giving glory to God;
2. the salvation of your own soul; and
3. the salvation of the souls committed to your care.

As you do this, try to picture what you could change in your life *today* to begin to meet these new priorities, and start putting those changes into practice before Christmas a week tomorrow.

ROSARY CRUSADE

Praying the rosary to Our Lady of Ipswich for the Conversion of Souls in Ipswich and Beyond

(Please return slips to Fr Joseph or place them in the Prayer Request box in front of the Lady altar. Thank you.)

Week Beginning...

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(Please enter date here)

Number of rosaries said for this intention
this week (and your initials):

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