

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

*First Sunday of Advent*

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Lily Clark RIP

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

*Advent feria*

10am — Edivaldo Silva RIP

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

*Advent feria*

8am (TLM) — Eileen Dickinson RIP

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

*St Nicholas*

6pm — Daisy Gotting RIP (F)

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

*St Ambrose*

12:15pm — for the Souls in Purgatory

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

*The Immaculate Conception of the BVM*

8am (TLM) — for the Rosary Crusade

10am — for the Rosary Crusade

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

*St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

10am — for the Souls in Purgatory

*Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent*

6pm — In thanksgiving: Jovita Roorrigues

### CONFESSIONS:

**Mon — Sat:** 30 minutes before each Mass

**& Sat:** 5pm — 5:45pm

**1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 8am. (Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mass: 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.)

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

### ADVENT...

is only three weeks long this year because Christmas Day is on a Monday (Advent always begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas), so make the most of it and do not waste it! Do **SOMETHING** for Advent. Make a resolution **TODAY!** Decide upon a sacrifice for the season, as we talked about last Sunday, or take up a particular set of prayers or devotions for the next twenty-one days. It doesn't much matter what you do, but do something other than just shopping and eating!

We all love the anticipation of, the looking forward to, Christmas, with the music and the excitement, the shopping and the preparations, but so much of what we anticipate ends in an anti-climax. The presents are opened, and Christmas is over. So, instead, do something that has an eternal merit.

If you do not already say the Angelus every day, start today. Perhaps you can join our Rosary Crusade, or come to our Wednesday evening Advent devotions. Read a chapter of Scripture each day or ponder the symbolism of the Great 'O' Antiphons. Or read the words of a different Christmas carol each day: some of them contain some remarkable theology about the Incarnation!

Whatever you do, do not waste Advent!

### WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT DEVOTIONS following the 6pm Mass

The Book of Ezechiel describes four living creatures who each had four faces: the face of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle (Ezek 1:10). The Fathers of the Church saw in these four faces a representation of the four Evangelists, Matthew (a winged man), Mark (the lion), Luke (the ox), and John (the eagle). Our statues above the tabernacle in our church show these representations. Each animal's face says something about the opening of each Evangelist's Gospel and the coming of the Messiah. Each Wednesday, inspired by Ezechiel's description, we shall look at the opening of one of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).



This week, the Gospel of Mark, the Lion. Readings, hymns, and meditations will help us to ponder the meaning of Advent as we await the Birth of the Saviour. The devotions will conclude each Wednesday with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us.

### THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

Masses: 8am (TLM)

& 10am (with hymns)

Confessions before both Masses.

The launch of our Rosary Crusade  
following the 10am Mass



*The Immaculate Conception by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo 1767-68*

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**Parish Magazine** The next deadline for copy is Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. In the last edition we had a wonderful range of articles from several new contributors. Please consider writing an article even if you have never done so before. Don't forget our Q & A section where Fr Joseph will try to answer your questions on any aspect of our Catholic Faith. We would love to hear what you have to say. Send material to: [matilda79r@gmail.com](mailto:matilda79r@gmail.com)

**A house fit for God** We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate a team of cleaners in our church. Over the next few weeks we would like to recruit a handful of volunteers who will each take on a particular responsibility, one person to clean the carpet in the Lady altar, another to clean the red carpet on the sanctuary, another to dust and sweep out the two porches, for example, but we need someone willing to co-ordinate all the tasks. If you can help, please speak to Fr Joseph. Thank you.

**Bd Carlo Acutis Group** (14-17year olds). This week at 7pm, Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Catholic Young Adults** (18-35): This week at 7pm on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Book Club:** 7pm in the parish hall on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December to talk about *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Come along whether or not you've been to the book club before.

**Carols by Candlelight & the Blessing of Cribs** will take place on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. All welcome. There will be tea and mince pies in the parish hall afterwards.

**Advance notice** Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year and Christmas Day falls on the Monday. Please note that Catholics have **two** obligations to fulfil, namely going to Mass on Sunday **and** going to Mass on Christmas Day.

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

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**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 souls of Angela Tribe, Rachel Hunt, and Concepta Clyne all of whom have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Last, Anna Smith, Joan Osborn, Ellen Miller, Irene Zagni, Arthur Allsworth, Terence Dooley, Patrick Dermody, Thaddeus Rauch, Roman Pyrih, Gino Catania, Jean Killelay, Annie Rolston, Grace Lindemann, Raymond Westering, Mildred Seggar, Arthur Judge, Patrick McLoughlin, John O'Donnell, Philip Baker, Jean Cummins, Terence Morgan, Sheila Buckley, Julian Kowalski, Archie Smith, Victoria Weston, Mary Gant, Alan Claydon, Marlene Hynes, Alexander McCall, Nellie Joan Kelly, Bridget Deenihan, Eva Jesova, Ellen Cole, Mary Donnelly, Georgine Wyatt, and Diana Crisp. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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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](mailto:mim@trianglemusic.info) or [mim.macmahon@gmail.com](mailto:mim.macmahon@gmail.com)

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**Fr Joseph writes:** St Thérèse of Lisieux never left her cloistered life once she had taken her vows and yet because of her ardent love for souls, and a burning desire to see them saved, she was declared by Pope Pius XI to be the Patron Saint of the Missions. Most of us will never preach in the foreign mission fields but we can still do something for the conversion of souls: we can pray. Never underestimate the power of prayer! Prayer should always be our first resort, not the last!

Referring to Our Lord's words in John's Gospel (Jn 4:35), St Thérèse once wrote, 'Lift your eyes and see. See how in heaven there are empty places: He asks you to fill them.'

This week, on the feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, we shall begin our parish Rosary Crusade to pray for the conversion of souls in our own town of Ipswich and beyond. We shall pray for those in our families and amongst our friends, those in our work places and in our places of leisure; we shall pray for the lapsed and for those who have never known Our Lord Jesus Christ. We shall pray for those who walk past our church without giving it a second glance. We shall pray for those who do not know what Christmas is, what Easter is, or even what a Bible is.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception marks the moment when God first filled Our Lady's soul with grace. We shall continue our rosary crusade right up until Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, the feast of Our Lady of Grace, when we shall present to the Blessed Virgin Mary a spiritual bouquet of all the rosaries we have said for this intention on the very day that Bishop Peter blesses our new statue of Our Lady of Ipswich.

For these purposes, a rosary consists of five decades. Each rosary you pray for this intention—whether alone, or in a group, at home, on the bus, whilst walking the dog, or as part of the parish rosary during the week—will be totted up and counted as part of this bouquet. So that we can count them, please return one of the slips from the back of the church each week, or cut out the slip at the foot of this column, and return it to Fr Joseph or place it in the Prayer Request box in front of the Lady altar. Week by week, month by month, we shall keep a running total until the bouquet is complete.

'In my Father's house there are many mansions' (Jn 14:2). How sad that some of them are empty. This Rosary Crusade is our chance to begin to do something about filling them up with souls.

Although it is not officially part of the rosary, nonetheless Our Lady at Fatima asked us to pray at the end of each decade: 'O my Jesus! Forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.'

Beginning on Friday, join us in praying for the sanctification and salvation of souls in Ipswich and beyond.

## 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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