

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 24th November 2024

Christ the King

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Carl Lee Porter RIP

Monday 25th November

St Catherine of Alexandria

10am — Mary Crilly RIP

Tuesday 26th November

St Silvester

8am (TLM) — Holy Souls

Wednesday 27th November

Requiem

6pm — November Dead List

Thursday 28th November

Feria

12:15pm — Benefactors of the Parish

Friday 29th November

Feria

10am — Private int.

Saturday 30th November

St Andrew

10am — In thanksgiving (N. James)

Vigil of the first Sunday of Advent

6pm — Holy Souls

Sunday 1st December

First Sunday of Advent

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — M.C. Abraham, Br Fidelis OCD,
& C.D. Joseph RIP

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 & St Pancras:
Sat after 10am Mass

TLM Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month at
8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 8th December)

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 24TH — SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday, 24th November

Adoration and silent prayer
all afternoon from

12 noon until

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
at 5pm.

*'Come in, let us bow and bend low; let
us kneel before the God who made us.'*
Ps 94:6



WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER The last of our Wednesday Even-
ing talks this term (they will resume in January) at 7pm. Exploring
the Catholic Faith using St Luke's Gospel as a springboard. Even if
you haven't been before, come along.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER The second of our six Adult Confir-
mation classes at 6:30pm.

FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER Confirmation class: 5pm—6pm.

SATURDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER First Holy Communion class:
4pm—4:45pm.

ASSISTED DYING

MPs WILL VOTE ON FRIDAY!

Contact your MP now by writing to him or her at:

The House of Commons,
Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA

or by via the *Right to Life UK* website at:

righttolife.org.uk/ASThreat

There is a list of MPs from across the diocese
on the notice board at the back of church.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 1st — Saturday 7th December

Wednesday, 4th December Advent Rosary & Benediction 6:30pm—
7:30pm (straight after the 6pm Mass).

Thursday, 5th December Bd Carlo Acutis Group 7pm—9pm for 14-
17 year olds. New members welcome.

Friday, 6th December: Confirmation class: 5pm.

Friday, 6th December: First Friday Confessions 6pm—7pm.

Saturday, 7th December: First Communion class: 4pm



Advent at St Pancras

To help you observe the richness of Advent as a season in its own right we have:

Don't let Advent get swallowed up by Yuletide!

In the shops, and in some people's homes, Yuletide has already begun. The word *yule* comes from the Old English word *geōl* which refers to the pagan winter festival that lasted from the solstice until the new year. Given how non-Christian the Christmas festivities are in many people's experience, I have followed the lead of a fellow priest and begun to refer to what happens 'out there' as Yuletide, and what happens in Catholic churches and homes as Christmas.

Yuletide seems to begin as soon as Hallowe'en is finished and lasts until about 26th December.

By contrast, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on the evening of Christmas Eve, whereas Christmas itself actually begins with Midnight Mass and lasts until Twelfth Night, 6th January, that is, the feast of the Epiphany and the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.

Enjoy your Christmas preparations—buying presents, putting up your tree, sending cards, and so forth—but try to keep Christmas a little bit at arm's length, and to observe Advent as a beautiful, and rich, and holy season in its own right.

One way to keep Advent is to construct your Christmas crib slowly, over the whole of Advent, adding to the structure and the figures day by day, and placing the Christ Child Himself into the crib on Christmas morning. Meanwhile, the Three Kings can start their journey at the beginning of Advent and you can move the figures around the living room or around the house, bit by bit, until they arrive on 6th January.

In some homes where there are very small children, each act of kindness or thoughtfulness throughout Advent can be rewarded with the chance to place an extra piece of straw in the crib, with children competing to make the manger as comfortable for the baby Jesus as possible.



Open the doors of an Advent calendar, but avoid Yuletide calendars that focus on chocolate and toys!

Light an Advent candle that burns a little bit on each of the numbered days of December, 1 to 24.

Or make your own Advent wreath with three purple coloured candles, and one rose coloured, and light the appropriate candle during your evening meal (perhaps even turning off the electric lights during the meal). But don't put a white candle in the middle for Christmas because that would be to confuse the *season of Advent* with the *feast of Christmas!*



There are many beautiful Catholic Advent customs. Try putting 'Catholic Advent Customs' into Google and see what comes up!

Bring your Advent wreathes, candles, and calendars to be blessed after the 10am Mass on Saturday, 30th November. (*No Yuletide calendars with chocolates etc!*)

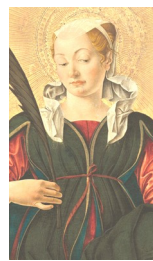
Advent Rosary each Wednesday in Advent at 6:30pm straight after the 6pm Mass. Meditations on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, with hymns, and concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Blessing of Oranges on the feast of St Nicholas at the end of Mass on Friday, 6th December.



First Friday Confessions, 6th December 6pm—7pm.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (usually on 8th December) is transferred this year to Monday 9th. Come to Mass (with hymns) in honour of she who is, 'the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel, and the highest honour of our race' (Judith 13:23).



St Lucy's Blessing (of Eyes and Prayer for the Gift of Sight) at the end of Mass on the feast of St Lucy, Friday 13th December.

A Rorate Mass at 7am on Saturday 14th December. The Rorate Mass is the traditional Advent Mass in honour of Our Blessed Lady, said before dawn, and lit only by candles!

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*Rorate caeli desuper,
et nubes pluant iustum.*

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Is 45:8

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Cake Sale on Gaudete Sunday, 15th December. Bake a cake and sell it in our parish hall, or just come along and buy one of the cakes on offer!

Portuguese language Confessions with Fr Erico Falcao, Thursday, 19th December, 5pm—7pm.

Short Meditations on the Great 'O' Antiphons from 17th—23rd December at weekday Masses.



Ember Days (traditional days of fasting and abstinence) fall on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of the week following the feast of St Lucy, that is, 18th, 20th, and 21st December.

Carols by Candlelight and the Blessing of Cribs at 4pm on Sunday, 22nd December. Bring your Christmas cribs (or just one or two figures if the whole thing is too large to bring) and have it blessed as part of our last Sunday before Christmas.

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From next Sunday we shall have a new lectionary. This means that although the readings will be from exactly the same passage of the Bible, the translation will be different. For example, the Gospel passage for next Sunday's Mass *would* have read:

'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.'

But in fact, the new translation will read:

'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.'

The difference is not great in this example (although it makes a bigger difference with some passages), but it might be confusing if you still have an old missal.

New missals, with the new translation, may be bought from the CTS: ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal/.

But there are other publishers too. If you want to buy one, make sure it has the new **ESV** Scripture readings and has been **published this year**.

Book Club The next meeting will be on Monday, 9th December at 7pm. We will discuss Bruce Marshall's novel, *All Glorious Within*. All welcome.

November Dead List envelopes are now available at the back of church. Please write down on a piece of paper the names of all your loved ones for whom you wish to pray. Pop a Mass offering into the envelope as well. November Dead List Masses will be said each week throughout November, and Masses for the Holy Souls will be said throughout the coming twelve months too.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick List Prayers are asked for Jim Convey, Larry Crowley, Paul Cummings, Alan Cutbush, Ciro Dellabella, Evelyn Flach, Halina Gajewska, Linda Mitchell, Stephen Patten, Rosemary Pease, Brian Price, Judith Rogers, and Leighton Scott.

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen James who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Dunleavy, Marie Giudicianni, Oamela Gaffney, Fr Ray Kerby, Mary Emmerson, Sheila Alcock, William Golding, Andrew Foote, Winifred Cuttmore, Florence Mee, Audrey Kelly, Herbert Dallastone, Edwin Coney, Kathleen Corkery, James Smith, Annie Lynch, Clarice Morris, John Leeder, Johanna Cobbold, Concepta Clyne, Stephen Cusack, Maria Pasini, Hilda Newcombe, Eileen Lennan, Angela Iacobucci, Sylvia Snowling, Mary Bailey, Margaret Ellis, Gertrude Teather, Helen Schaar, Walter Balanda, Rigby Brown, Eileen James, Mary Smith, James Barker, Edith Connolly, Mary Graham, Adrian Patterson, , Annie James, Rose Corrigan, and Shirley Green. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: Today we start to look at the Sacrament of Holy Order and the ordination of priests.

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HOLY ORDER – IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Holy Order concerns ordination to the priesthood. In fact, the Sacrament incorporates a hierarchy comprising several different degrees or order, yet Holy Order is, nonetheless, just one sacrament. Traditionally, these degrees are the *Priesthood*, the *Diaconate*, and the *Sub-diaconate*, known as the three major orders, and those of *Acolyte*, *Exorcist*, *Lector*, and *Porter*, called the minor orders. All seven degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Order are still conferred in those traditional communities where the Traditional Latin Mass is exclusively celebrated. These degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Order are also retained in some of the Eastern Catholic Churches, that is, those twenty-three Churches that are in full communion with Rome (such as the Syro-Malabar rite). In the Traditional ordinal (the official book of prayers and ceremonies for ordinations) Bishops were deemed to be *consecrated*.

In the Novus Ordo rite, established following the Second Vatican Council, the degrees are Priesthood and Diaconate, with candidates having conferred upon them the ministries of Acolyte and Lector (rather than their being *ordained* as Acolytes and Lectors). In the Novus Ordo ordinal, Bishops are deemed to be *ordained* to the episcopate (rather than *consecrated*). In the Novus Ordo rite, then, there are three degrees of order: *Episcopate*, *Priesthood*, and *Diaconate*.

The mission of the Church as an institution is to *teach*, to *govern*, and to *sanctify*. That is, to teach the Truth, to uphold the law (both natural and divine), and to sanctify the souls of God's people so that they may attain to heaven. This work is entrusted by Almighty God to the hierarchy of the Church which Christ founded whilst He was still personally present here on earth. Different ranks within the hierarchy (pope, bishops, priests, and so forth) have different roles to play with regard to this three-fold mission, but all ordained ministers of the Church are ordained into this hierarchy and are entrusted with this three-fold mission, even though some facets of this mission require specially granted 'faculties' (permissions) before they can carry out certain functions. For example, even a validly ordained priest must be granted faculties by his diocesan bishop before he can begin to hear Confessions or officiate at weddings.

But our main concern in this series is the priesthood, and we shall look at how the priest exercises his share in the three-fold mission of the Church – to teach, govern, and sanctify – as well as what a priest is, and how the Sacrament of Holy Order confers upon him a sacramental participation in the work of Christ's eternal high priesthood. This last point is important: there is only One Priest, and that is Christ Our Lord (just as there is only one atoning sacrifice, that of Christ on Calvary). An ordained priest may only be said to be a priest because he is configured sacramentally to Christ the Eternal High Priest, and his Masses may only be said to be sacrifices insofar as they are the sacramental continuation in time of the Eternal Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross two thousand years ago.

REGULAR
PARISH GROUPS & EVENTS

Online calendar: please go to our online calendar to see details of all our parish groups and events: stpancraschurch.org.uk/calendar/

Tea & coffee every Sunday in the parish hall following the 9:30 and 11am Masses. All welcome

Parish coffee morning in the parish hall every Friday following the 10am Mass & rosary. All welcome.

Church cleaning group every Friday morning following the 10am Mass & rosary. New volunteers welcome.

Wednesday Evening Talks at 7pm (following the 6pm Mass & rosary) throughout the autumn and spring. See newsletter for details.

Thursday Lunches are held every second Thursday of the month at 1pm. (Every week in Lent.) These are social events and everyone is welcome. The lunch is free, although we invite donations to Mary's Meals.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Group (for 14-17 year olds) every first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the church followed by discussion and games in the parish hall until 9pm. Newcomers welcome.

Catholic Mothers' Group for mums & toddlers every second Monday of the month in the parish hall at 11am (following the 10am Mass & rosary). Newcomers welcome.

Book Club every quarter (on the second Monday of March, June, September, and December) in the parish hall at 7pm. All welcome.

Catholic Young Adults, CYA, (for 18-35 year olds). This group is enjoying an extended break for the moment. Watch this space for updates.

The Pancratius is our monthly newsletter for younger readers (5-15 years old) packed with fascinating facts about the Catholic Faith and the Church, quizzes, jokes, suggested reading, and activities. Please feel free to take a copy or two.

The Parish Choir sings at the 11am Mass on Sundays and at the 7pm Mass on Holy Days. Rehearsals are on Fridays at 8pm. If you would like to join our choir please speak to Fr Joseph.

Brass cleaning Our team has been reduced recently and we are looking for more volunteers (once a month or thereabouts). If you might be able to help, please speak to Fr Joseph.

FIND Ipswich (Families in Need) Dry foodstuffs and personal care items may be left in the barrel at the back of the church for local people in need.

The Traditional Latin Mass (TLM—1962 Missal) is said every 2nd Sunday of the month at 8am, and usually on Tuesday mornings at 8am.

STANDING NOTICES

A warm welcome to new parishioners and visitors. If you have recently moved to the area please complete one of the Contact Details postcards at the back of the church and return it to Fr Joseph. Thank you.

Masses may be said for the living and the dead. Please enter the details on one of the Mass Offering envelopes available at the back of the church, place your offering inside the envelope, and return it to Fr Joseph. A typical offering is £10 for each Mass requested. We cannot guarantee your preferred date for the Mass but we will get as close to it as possible. Thank you.

Going into hospital by appointment or in an emergency? Please let Fr Joseph know. Ipswich hospital has a lay Catholic chaplain, Mrs Rachel Tearle, a member of St Mark's parish and an experienced nurse. If you would like support from the chaplaincy team, please refer by calling 01473 704100 or e-mailing chaplaincy@esneft.nhs.uk For urgent chaplaincy needs 24/7, please call the switchboard at 01473 712233 and ask for the on-call chaplain. When making a referral, please provide the patient's name, ward (if known), and your contact details in case further information is needed.

Call a Priest in an emergency! If someone is dying, do not wait but call a priest to administer the Last Rites. If Fr Joseph is not immediately available, call one of the other priests in a nearby parish.


Gift Aid. If you are a British taxpayer but have not yet completed a Gift Aid form please do so. You can add considerably to the income of the parish at no further cost to yourself. Gift Aid forms are available at the back of the church. Completed forms should be returned to Fr Joseph. Thank you.

Legacies can provide much needed financial support to parishes. Please consider leaving a legacy in your will for St Pancras Catholic Church, Ipswich. Thank you.

Sunday sermons may be found on our parish website.

Tuesday is Fr Joseph's day off. The phone, the doorbell, and e-mails are unlikely to be answered on Tuesdays.

Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash contribution to the parish. Our bank details: **BANK:** Barclays Bank. **ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 00775843. **SORT CODE:** 20-44-51 **ACCOUNT NAME:** St Pancras Catholic Church.

 Our parish is part of the East Anglia Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: registered charity no. 278742

The QR code will take you to our Dona machine donation page.

The parish **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE** may be contacted by anyone of any age, at any time, with any safeguarding concerns:

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