

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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January is dedicated to
the Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday 12th January 2025

- * *Traditional feast of the Holy Family*
8am (TLM) — Holy Souls
- * *Baptism of Our Lord*
09:30 — Paul Cummings's ints.
11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 13th January

Feria
10am — Oliver & Anne Merlehan
and family

Tuesday 14th January

St Hilary
8am (TLM) — Pat & Aine Merlehan
and family

Wednesday 15th January

Feria
6pm — Lee Carl Porter RIP

Thursday 16th January

St Furse
12:15pm — Deceased Clergy of
the Parish

Friday 17th January

St Anthony
10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 18th January

Our Lady on Saturday
10am — Holy Souls
Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of the Year
6pm — Holy Souls

Sunday 19th January

2nd Sunday of the Year
09:30 — Anthony Glaccum RIP
11:00 — Pro Populo

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: 9th February.)

HOLY YEAR 2025

SPES NON CONFUNDIT

*'And hope confounds not, because the charity of
God is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Spirit
who is given to us.'* (Rom 5:5)

Christ Crucified Radiates Hope to a Fallen World
The Crucifixion by Tintoretto (1565)



THANK YOU FROM FR JOSEPH

Fr Joseph would like to say a big thank-you to everyone for a very generous Christmas offering, and for all the gifts and cards, good wishes and prayers. Bless you, and may God continue to bless you and those who are dear to you throughout this Holy Year of 2025.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TALKS
begin again on 22nd January at 7pm.

'I AM THE DOOR. BY ME, IF ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED.'
Jn 10:9

Some of you will have noticed that we have a brand new sign above the main entrance to our church for the Holy Year. This is not one of the official Holy Doors of course. (There are only four of those, and they are all in Rome.) Nonetheless, our sign marks the Holy Year 2025 as a time of pilgrimage, of journeying from sin to grace, from death to life, from earth to heaven. Our sign also reminds us that Our Lord, and He alone, is the door to salvation and the gateway to heaven. The sign will be blessed at the end of the 10am Mass on Saturday, 18th January.

THE CATHOLIC MOTHERS' GROUP

Meets again this week—on Monday, 13th January—for its monthly gathering (2nd Monday of each month) at 11am, straight after the 10am Mass and rosary. All mothers and toddlers welcome for the 5 Cs: coffee, cake, chatter, catechesis, and chaos.



CRIB COLLECTION

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

We continue to collect for our crib collection throughout the Christmas season, right up to Candlemas on 2nd February. Aid to the Church in Need serves some of the most needy Christians in some of the worst trouble spots of the world and especially where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Please give as generously as you can. More details available soon. We shall have a special second collection at all Masses on the weekend of 25th/26th January. Thank you.



Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash contribution to the parish. Barclays Bank account name and no. St Pancras Catholic Church 00775843. Sort code: 20-44-51. Our parish is part of the East Anglia Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: registered charity no. 278742.

TAVERN EVENING

SATURDAY, 25TH JANUARY AT 7PM

in the parish hall

An evening of songs, drink, food, and party pieces, for all the family. Come along for a fun evening of music and beer (or soft drinks for drivers and Puritans), of friendship and laughter! All welcome.

Bring & share food (hot & cold, savoury & sweet please) All drinks included in the price.

We need to know numbers so please sign the form at the back of the church.

Tickets to be paid for on the night.

Single: £10 Concessions & 16—18 yr olds: £7:50
Children under 16: free

Volunteers to help set up and run the kitchen please!

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Septuagesima Sunday:	16 th February
Pancake Party:	4 th March
Ash Wednesday:	5 th March
Feast of St Joseph:	19 th March
Feast of the Annunciation:	25 th March
Lætare Sunday:	30 th March
Start of Passiontide:	6 th April
Palm Sunday:	13 th April
Maundy Thursday:	17 th April
Good Friday:	18 th April
Holy Saturday:	19 th April
Easter Sunday:	20 th April

Book Club Will meet on Monday, 10th March at 7pm to discuss the 14th century book, *The Cloud of Unknowing*. All welcome.

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

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Agnes Wardley, Myra Shirra, Lawrence Philips, Alfred Zagni, George Kelly, Ian Galuin, Mabel Westerling, Violet Fox, John Geraghty, James Scannell, Lilian Cornish, Jan Wasik, Anthony Glaccum, Winifred Garlick, Henry Kane, James Lynch, Isobel Manthorpe, Samuel Ward, Angelina Phillips, Barbara Bird, Roy Mulliner, Marian Traynor, Doris Meakings, Fedor Lewkowysch, Astrid Bradshaw, Vincenzo Labella, Jean Wright, Delphine King, Lee Carl Porter, Lucy Alexander, Thomas Bain, Richard Norden, Francis Snell, William Cork, Mary Titterington, Caterina Polanczuk, Anna Dye, Arthur Hambling, John Crowley, Violet Burrows, Vera Ellis, and Michael Murray. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes:

We resume our look at the Sacrament of Holy Order and the ordination of priests following our brief Christmas break.

THE SACRAMENTS PT 45 HOLY ORDER – CHRIST: PRIEST & VICTIM PART II

In the Book of Exodus the Pasch, or Passover, is described in detail when the people of Israel still slaves in Egypt, are commanded to sacrifice a lamb without blemish, eat the flesh of the lamb, and sprinkle its blood on the posts and lintels of the doors of their houses so that when the Angel of Death visits the homes across the land of Egypt to strike the firstborn son in each household, he, the Angel, would pass over the homes of the children of Israel and so leave them unharmed by the plague of death (Ex 12).

On Calvary, Christ's blood is poured forth and it is sprinkled on the lips – the doorposts to the soul – of those who receive the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion. In this way, as the Passover Lamb, He redeems His children from everlasting death.

In the Book of Leviticus a ceremony is described whereby the high priest, Aaron, the brother of Moses, offers a sacrifice of a buck goat and sprinkles the blood on the altar that he may 'expiate the sanctuary from the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and from their transgressions, and all their sins' (Lev 16:16). A second buck goat is brought to stand before the Lord and Aaron, putting both hands upon the goat's head, confesses all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their offences and sins, praying that they may light upon his head. The goat is then turned out into the desert carrying with him the iniquities of the people into an uninhabited land (Lev 16:20-22). It is from this action that we get our English word scapegoat.

On Calvary, Christ embodies the role of both goats, being sacrificed and pouring forth His Precious Blood as an expiation for sins on the one hand and, on the other, taking upon Himself the sins of a race.

In both the Books of Exodus and Leviticus, Christ is foreshadowed as the One who is slain, whose Blood redeems, who saves His people from everlasting death, and upon whom the sins of a people are laid. He is the Victim offered to God on behalf of a fallen race.

At the same time, Christ's role as Priest is also foreshadowed, in the person of Moses, who commands the paschal sacrifice, and more explicitly in the person of Aaron who is commanded to offer the sacrifice and who undertakes the actions of sacrifice. In the Old Testament, and indeed in all religions, the priest who offers the sacrifice and the victim which is offered are two separate figures. In the new covenant, Christ takes to Himself both roles and becomes both the Priest who offers the sacrifice and the Victim who is offered in sacrifice.

In the Sacrament of Holy Order the soul of the priest is re-configured, as it were, to a sacramental likeness to Christ such that in the Mass, and indeed in every aspect of his life, he too becomes both priest and victim and thereby continues in time the redeeming sacrifice offered once for all on Calvary.