

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Anthony Glaccum RIP

11:00 — Pro Populo

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

\* *Ss Fabian & Sebastian*

10am — Frances Trim's int.

\* *Funeral requiem*

1pm — Cosima Merenda RIP

## Tuesday 21<sup>th</sup> January

*St Agnes*

8am (TLM) — William Edmund  
Rampley

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

*St Vincent*

6pm — Ann White & family

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

*Feria*

12:15pm — Carol Convey & family

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

*St Francis de Sales*

10am — Guild of St Pancras

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

*The Conversion of St Paul*

10am — Holy Souls

*Vigil of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year*

6pm — Holy Souls

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Rosa Patten

11:00 — Pro Populo

### 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: 9<sup>th</sup> 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)*



### WEDNESDAY EVENING TALKS

begin again this week on 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7pm. We are unpacking the teachings of the Catholic Church using the Gospel of St Luke as a springboard. All welcome, whether or not you have been to any other talks in this series. Come along, and bring a Bible.

### TAVERN EVENING

SATURDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> 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!



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 next weekend, 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Recollections** This Week on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Women: 2—4pm. Men: 7—9pm. Meditations, prayer, and an opportunity for Confession, led by Fr Paul Diaper. An excellent way to begin your devotions for the Holy Year. All welcome, especially newcomers.

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### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

### HOLY YEAR 2025

#### Suggestion for Spiritual Reading

Try the Book Club title even if you cannot get to the Book Club meeting: *The Cloud of Unknowing* by an anonymous writer of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. A beautiful book on the power of contemplation. Available in a modern translation from Penguin Classics.

#### From the Saints

‘Do not wish to be anything but what you are,  
but try to be that perfectly.’  
*St Francis de Sales (f.d. 24<sup>th</sup> January)*

#### Top tips for making an ordinary home into a Catholic home!

Make sure you have a crucifix prominently displayed, for example in the front hallway or in the living room. Or both!

**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: Violet Burrows, Vera Ellis, Michael Murray, Paul Wright, Rose O’Hare, Alice McGill, William Ely, Patrick Hynes, David Watts, Mabel Everett, Felicidad Stepenson, Irene Zaba née Skeet, Nancy Sicluna, Ivy Scaife, Margharita Venis, Wladyslaw Balcerzak, Maria Doull, Margaret Chenery, Ivan Saunders, Mary Plant, Michael Twomey, Sue Price, Horace Cattermole, Nellie Whiffing, Maria McDermott, and Lilian Chase. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**Fr Joseph writes:** We continue resume our look at the Sacrament of Holy Order and the ordination of priests.

### THE SACRAMENTS PT 46 HOLY ORDER – CHRIST AS MEDIATOR

Christ is the go-between – the Mediator – between God and Man. Whilst the Eternal Godhead on the one hand and finite creatures on the other were always distinct from each other – with God’s thoughts being as far above our thoughts as the heavens are exalted above the earth (Is 55:8-9) – nonetheless with the Fall from grace, which followed on from Adam’s original sin in the Garden of Eden, a chasm opened up between Creator and creatures. Through sin, mankind alienated itself from its Creator and found there to be a gap between God and Man which he, Man, could not cross.

The heresy of immanentism proposes that this gap has been narrowed, or even closed, resulting in a blurring of the distinction between the sacred and the profane, the supernatural and the natural, the world of grace and the world of nature. By contrast, traditional Catholic theology teaches us that with the Incarnation of the Son of God the gap remains but that Christ the Mediator has bridged this gap. (The difference between closing a gap and bridging a gap is significant, both in terms of what is accomplished and in terms of the imagery and practices that accompany this doctrine.) In so doing, God has reached down to a fallen race and, at the same time, made it possible for members of that fallen race to cross over the bridge and attain to the blessings and graces of heaven which were forfeited at the Fall.

This is what Our Lord Jesus Christ means when He says He is the way – the gate or door – to salvation (Jn 14:6 and 10:9). He has become the conduit, the viaduct, through which God’s gifts pass to us and through which our offerings are made to God.

The Letter to the Hebrews expounds this doctrine throughout, referring more than once to Christ explicitly as the Mediator of the new covenant or new testament (Heb 9:15 and 12:24). He stands as the High Priest who offers up prayers and supplications (Heb 5:7) on behalf of a fallen race, and who by means of His death accomplishes our redemption (Heb 9:15) and enters ‘into heaven itself’ (Heb 9:24). By this we can see that Christ’s Incarnation – His presence here on earth – has not in and of itself established heaven on earth or brought about a closing of the infinite gap between Creator and creature, but that His death has, rather, provided the means by which that gap has been bridged (for if His Incarnation alone had closed this gap then how could He be said to enter heaven following His death and resurrection?)

In becoming an *alter Christus* – another Christ – by virtue of his sacramental ordination, a Catholic priest stands between fallen and sinful man on the one hand and the God who made him (Ps 94:6) and redeemed him (Heb 9:28) on the other. He offers Christ’s sacrifice in sacramental form and under the appearances of Bread and Wine for the sanctification and salvation of the souls he has been called, as a priest, to serve.