

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 26th January 2025

3rd Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Rosa Patten

11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 27th January

St Angela Merici

10am — Maurius & Eileen Convey
& family

Tuesday 28th January

St Peter Nolasco

8am (TLM) — Holy Souls

Wednesday 29th January

Feria

6pm — Holy Souls

Thursday 30th January

Feria

12:15pm — Matthew Nothard 1/2

Friday 31st January

St John Bosco

10am — Eileen Gaffney & family

Saturday 1st February

St Henry Morse

10am — James O'Sullivan RIP

Vigil of Candlemas

6pm — Holy Souls

Sunday 2nd February

Candlemas

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Una McWeeny 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 &

S. PANCRAS: Sat after 10am Mass

TLM Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month at
8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 9th February.)

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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—7PM

Last week we covered such topics as the nature of sin, the difference between mortal and venial, formal and material sins, culpability, Purgatory, conscience, the nature of love and forgiveness, and much more besides! All welcome whether or not you have been to any in the series before.



CRIB COLLECTION

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

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. There is a special second collection at all Masses this weekend. Thank you.



HOLY YEAR HANDBOOK

Copies of our parish handbook for the Holy Year 2025 are now available at the back of church, including an explanation of what a Holy Year is and how to gain the Holy Year Indulgence (some of which details are reproduced in the latest edition of the parish magazine also). Copies are free, but we ask for donations to help cover the costs please.

PARISH MAGAZINE

Copies of the latest edition of the Parish Magazine are also available at the back of church free of charge. Thank you to our editor, Tilly Rampley, for all her hard work in producing, once again, a magazine of such high quality. Perhaps you could write something for the next edition?

Recent Collections for which, many thanks.

October: Standing orders: £1,511; Dona: £2,830:63; green envelopes: £921:80; collection plate: £3,293:46. Total: £8,556:89.

November: Standing orders: £1,544; Dona: £2,618:87; green envelopes: £665; collection plate: £2,609:07. Total: £7,436:94.

December: Standing orders: £2,195; Dona: £3,143:81; green envelopes: £704:07; collection plate: £2,061:77. Total: £8,104:65.



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.

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.

Please remember that the normal practice is to kneel whenever the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for adoration (Saturdays, 5pm—5:45pm) and to continue kneeling during Holy Communion at Mass until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed back in the tabernacle and the tabernacle door is closed again.

HOLY YEAR 2025

Suggestion for Spiritual Reading

One With Jesus: The Life of Identification with Christ by Paul de Jaeger, SJ. The book explores the dogma of sanctifying grace and the divine indwelling. An accessible read, and short at under 80 pages!

From the Saints

‘In whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal.’

St John Bosco (f.d. 31st January)

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

Have your home blessed during the Holy Year!

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: Horace Cattermole, Nellie Whiffing, Maria McDermott, Lilian Chase, Elizabeth Stevenson, John Kobee, Joyce Brennan, Stanislaus Mendes, Ladislaus Voros, Samuel Page, Patrick Duncan, William McInearney, James Newton, Patricia Al-Salih, J. Clowery, Mabel Everett, Br Celsus FSC, Thomas Ryan, Daisy Gotting, Paraska Suchowij, Harold Tunstill, Olive Langan, Maria Borodko, Stella Talbott, Bridget Clifford, John Berry, Gerarda Dunn, Christopher Ennis, Constance Parnell, and Eric List. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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

THE SACRAMENTS PT 47: HOLY ORDER – FORM AND MATTER, EFFECTS AND MINISTER

As with all of the sacraments, Holy Order has an outward sign (made up of two components, *form* and *matter*) and it confers inward grace on the soul of the man being ordained.

The *matter* of the outward sign is the imposition, or laying on, of hands. Other outward signs accompany this imposition of hands, such as the handing to the candidate, and his touching, the symbols of his office (the chalice and patten), to signify the power that is given to him over sacred things. The *form* consists of the words of the prayer used by the bishop as part of the rite of ordination. It was by prayer and the imposition of hands that Saul and Barnabas were ordained as we read in the New Testament: ‘Separate me Saul and Barnabas, for the work whereunto I have taken them. Then they, fasting and praying, and imposing their hands upon them, sent them away’ (Acts 13:2-3).

The Church understands, in part from the words St Paul addressed to St Timothy, that grace is conferred by this sacrament. ‘Neglect not,’ says the Apostle to the Gentiles, ‘the grace that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with imposition of the hands of the priesthood’ (1 Tim 4:14). To which St Paul adds, ‘I admonish thee to stir up the grace of God which is in thee, by the imposition of my hands’ (2 Tim 1:6).

Again, as with all sacraments, the grace conferred is, in the first instance, given to the individual recipient for the sanctification and salvation of his soul. Yet the grace conferred is also given by way of power over sacred things, including the sacramental power to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to communicate the Blessed Eucharist to the faithful, and jurisdiction over Christ’s Mystical Body, the Church. This latter jurisdiction includes the power and responsibility to preach, to baptize, to remit sins in Confession, and to administer the other sacraments.

The effects of the Sacrament of Holy Order, then, are threefold: it confers sanctifying grace on him who receives it; it imparts sacramental grace, thereby fitting the ordained man to exercise his sacred office; and it imprints an indelible character upon his soul, as do Baptism and Confirmation, meaning that this Sacrament may not be repeated. Through this Sacrament the ordained man’s soul is deemed in some way to be ontologically transformed – reshaped, as it were – to a greater likeness to Christ, rendering him an *alter Christus*, another Christ. This ontological change is not a reference to the individual man’s moral worthiness or holiness but to his sacramental likeness to Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest.

And, finally, only bishops have the power to consecrate other bishops and to ordain priests and deacons through the Sacrament of Holy Order. Ordinarily, the ordination (or consecration) of a new bishop is conferred by three bishops, although only one could validly and lawfully ordain (or consecrate) a new bishop with special faculties from the pope.