

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 16th November 2025

33rd Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Alfred Elbrick RIP

Monday 17th November

Requiem

10am — November Dead List

Tuesday 18th November

Dedication of Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul

8am (TLM) — Halina Gajewska's int.

Wednesday 19th November

Feria

6pm — Frederick Willis & Ellen Willis RIP

Thursday 20th November

St Edmund

12:15pm — Felix

Friday 21st November

Presentation of the BVM

10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 22nd November

St Cecilia

10am — Krzysztof Hulewicz RIP

Vigil of Christ the King

6pm — Holy Souls

Sunday 23rd November

Christ the King

09:30 — for the parish 2/3

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: 14th Dec.)

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

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)



ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

with a special second collection on behalf of
the Spiritans (The Holy Ghost Fathers) at all Masses this weekend.
spiritans.co.uk



THE
SPIRITANS

*A religious congregation of missionaries, founded in
1703, whose members live an apostolic life of prayer and
missionary endeavour, bringing the Faith to countless
souls in sixty countries around the world.*

The work of the Spiritans chiefly involves evangelization, bringing the Catholic Faith to souls that have never heard of Our Lord Jesus Christ, or who have barely heard of Him and do not know or understand His message, and who do not yet love Him or know of His love for them. They work throughout the world in developing countries, in hospitals, schools, and prisons, and amongst refugees and the displaced, bringing not just the words of Christ, but applying His love to some of the world's most needy in very practical ways, willingly accepting jobs for which the Church often finds difficulty in finding other workers.

Please be as generous as you can so that we, as a parish, can send off a very fat cheque! Thank you, and bless you.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Please gather at the Lawn cemetery (just inside the Colchester Road entrance of Ipswich cemetery) at **2:30pm**. Following opening prayers, priests of the deanery will accompany you to bless the graves of your loved ones.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Next weekend—Sunday 23rd November

With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day from the end of the
11am Mass until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm.

Please sign the watching list at the back of church.



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.

Suggestion for Spiritual Reading

Mary's Part in Our Redemption

by Canon George Smith

From the Saints

‘Mary is the neck of our Head, by which He communicates to His mystical body all spiritual gifts.’

St. Bernadine of Siena, quoted by Pope St Pius X

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

This week, on 21st November, we have the feast of the Presentation of Our Lady (when she consecrated herself as a child to the service of God in the Temple in Jerusalem). It is also called *Pro orantibus* day when the Church prays ‘for those who pray’ (that is, for those who have entered enclosed, contemplative orders). So, on that day, say a prayer for all enclosed monks and nuns.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet next on 8th December at 7pm to discuss *The Creed in Slow Motion: An Exploration of Faith, Phrase by Phrase, Word By Word* by Martin Kochanski. (Fr Joseph still has one spare copy. Price: £11:43.)

ADVENT WREATHS & CALENDARS If you are having an Advent wreath at home this year, or an Advent candle or calendar, bring it to the 10am Mass on Saturday 29th November to be blessed.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT this year falls on Sunday, 30th November.

ROSARIES FOR SALE from the Etsy-based company, Mantilla Rose, on Sunday 7th December.

RORATE MASS A candlelit Traditional Latin Mass in honour of Our Blessed Lady during Advent at 7am on Saturday, 13th December.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT & BLESSING OF CRIBS at 4pm on Sunday, 21st December.

Sick List Prayers are asked for Peter Arms, Jim Convey, Vincent Convey, Sue Coppens-Browne, Larry Crowley, Alan Cutbush, Ciro Dellabella, Evelyn Flach, Halina Gajewska, Oliver Merlehan, 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 whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Tunstill, Anthony Rozier, Mary Baker, Edith Wright, Martin Mongan, Mabel Dennehy, Robert Bawden, Kathleen James, Frank Fosdyke, Keith Sparrow, Philip Paul, John Gregson, Domenico Iannacone, John Molloy, Josephine Humphries, Mary Dallastone, Patrick Morley, William Everitt, Thomas Ainsworth, and Alan Gorham. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: We continue our series on the Church.

The Church pt X — The Church Suffering

The Catholic Church consists not only of the souls of people still here on earth (the *Church Militant*) but also of the souls of those who have died and are now in Purgatory or Heaven. The bond that extends beyond the grave forms what we call the Communion of Saints. This bond—the bond of grace by which all the baptized in a state of grace are united as one body to their Head, Our Lord Jesus Christ—can act like a set of buoys on a large fishing net, keeping everyone afloat even when individuals suffer difficulties. This, in effect, is what is happening with the *Church Suffering*, that is, with all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Our Lord warns repeatedly what will happen to souls at the end of life. When we die, we will be judged according to our acts in this life. This is called the *Particular Judgement* (as opposed to the *General Judgement* at the end of time when there will be a more general reckoning and a righting of the scales of Divine Justice). Therefore, we know that death is the cut-off point, after which we can no longer influence our fate. As a result, the souls who are assigned to Purgatory cannot assist themselves in their suffering, and it is incumbent on all faithful Catholics to help them by their prayers and acts of suffrage (penances on their behalf by which we gain indulgences for them).

So, what is Purgatory? It is a place (or, more probably, a state of being) where the souls who have been parted from their bodies at the moment of death take up their abode and undergo any remaining punishment for sins which was not suffered in their lives on earth. All sins are punished: all sinful thoughts, and words, and deeds, carry consequences. And whilst the guilt of sin is forgiven and the soul is washed clean again through *absolution* in the Sacrament of Confession, nonetheless we must still make up for the wrong we have done.

Christ's sacrifice on the Cross was the supreme act of expiation by which the damage done to Divine Justice was repaired and by which atonement was made for our sins. Our penances can never make up for our sins. Nevertheless, we must still play our part, and our wrong doing must be excised.

We can make up for our sins here on earth, in this life, by offering up to God as a gift—as a penance—our trials and tribulations: everything from a niggling headache or a mild inconvenience to the greatest and most painful bereavement, disease, and even our own deaths... and everything in between. However, if, when we come to die, we have not yet atoned for all of our sins, then the process must be continued and completed in Purgatory.

In Purgatory, souls suffer during this purging process, as the detritus of sin is, as it were, scrapped or burned from our souls. However, souls in Purgatory also enjoy great hope for they know that they are on the threshold of heaven, not hell. There is a joy, then, in Purgatory as well as suffering.

Through the Power of the Keys, bestowed on St Peter by Our Lord Himself, the Church can order and govern the process by which indulgences can be gained on behalf of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. In other words, our penances can benefit the Holy Souls and help to relieve their sufferings just as, by our prayers, we can assist each other here on earth. It must be a great comfort to the Holy Souls to know that there are faithful Catholics willing to spend time and effort in trying to help them when they can no longer help themselves.