

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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December is dedicated to
the Immaculate Conception



Sunday 30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

09:30 — for the parish 3/3

11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 1st December

Advent feria

10am — Pedro Andrade RIP &
Matilde Almeida RIP

Tuesday 2nd December

St Bibiana

8am (TLM) — Holy Souls

Wednesday 3rd December

St Francis Xavier

6pm — Doroteia & Mario Ortet RIP

Thursday 4th December

Advent feria

12:15pm — Holy Souls

Friday 5th December

Advent feria

10am — Anne Abbott: in thanksgiving

Saturday 6th December

St Nicholas

10am — Ludmila's int.

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

6pm — Pro Populo

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

09:30 — Mary Rose Chow

11:00 — Anne Marie Dias' int. 1/3

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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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)



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

*In illa stillābunt montes dulcēdinem,
et colles fluent lac et mel, alleluia!*

‘In that day the mountains shall drop down sweetness,
and the hills shall flow with milk and honey, alleluia!’

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These are the opening words of the liturgy at the start of the Church's new year. They form the antiphon of the first psalm at Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the Saturday evening before the first Sunday of Advent.

The words are from Joel (3:18), one of the Twelve Minor Prophets, who laments a plague of locusts but promises that once the people have repented of their sins, prosperity and an abundance of blessings will flow from the hand of God with the outpouring of the Spirit and of salvation.

This is what Advent is really all about: not scampering around getting ready for the secular celebrations of Yuletide but—just as we do in Lent—repenting of our sins, going to Confession, undertaking penances, and preparing our hearts for the great outpouring of God's grace that comes to us through the Incarnation of our Holy Redeemer, Jesus Christ. If we approach Advent in its proper spirit then, truly, we shall taste all the sweetness of our God (Ps 33:9) and we shall be awash with the richness of His blessings, ‘and the hills shall flow with milk and honey.’

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THE PANCRATIUS Copies of the Advent edition are available now.

ROSARIES FOR SALE Beautiful hand-made rosaries for sale from the Etsy-based company, Mantilla Rose, next Sunday!

COUNTING THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

We are now in urgent need of extra people to help count our Sunday collection. **Please**, if you can help on a regular basis (probably on Tuesdays, once a month) contact Fr Joseph. 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.

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Suggestion for Spiritual Reading

Waiting for Christ's Coming:

Meditations for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany
by St John Henry Newman
(published by Marchese di Carabàs)

From the Saints

'Let us begin again, for until now we have done nothing.' *St Francis of Assisi*

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

Light the candles on your Advent wreath!

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM

Monday, 8th December

Mass (with hymns) at 10am
with Confessions beforehand
and rosary afterwards.



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.)

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.

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON BENEDICTION Christmas Day afternoon at 5pm.

EPIPHANY BENEDICTION Saturday, 10th January, 3pm.

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: Annie James, Rose Corrigan, Shirley Green, Maria Fee, Maria Bridgeman, Ian Garratt, Frances Jaccobucci, Michael Corkery, William Shapland, Kate Wells, Matthew Mazur, James Ward, Ivan Rose, Margaret Last, Anna Smith, Joan Osborn, Ellen Miller, Irene Zagni, Arthur Allsworth, Terence Dooley, Patrick Dermody, Thaddeus Rauch, Roman Pyrih, Gino Catania, Jean Killelay, Annie Rolston, Grace Lindemann, Raymond Westerling, Mildred Seggar, Arthur Judge, Patrick McLoughlin, John O'Donnell, Philip Baker, and Jean Cummins. 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 XII — The Church is One

The Church has four 'marks,' that is, essential properties, by which She may be recognized by all so that the light of Christ may shine before the whole world. She is *one, holy, catholic, and apostolic*. We begin by looking at the first of these.

Christ founded but one Church. It is spread throughout many lands and peoples across the world: a vine whose shade covers the hills and whose branches stretch forth unto the sea, and its boughs unto the river (Ps 79:9-12). Sown from just one seed that fell to the ground and died, and rose again to bring forth much fruit (Jn 12:24-25), it is like the mustard seed that, when it grows, is greater than all herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in the branches thereof (Mt 13:31-32).

The unity of the Church is rooted in Christ Himself, and all of the Church's members are united in one Faith. The Church is one in DOCTRINE, one in COMMUNION, and one in GOVERNMENT.

One in DOCTRINE: Her teachings are the same throughout the world, and have been the same down the ages. Certainly, there have been developments in our understanding of what God has revealed, but these developments grow rather as a seedling grows from a seed, and a plant from a seedling, which then matures and puts forth blossom and then fruit. What we have today in the Church is the fruit of two thousand years of organic growth. And whilst there may indeed be theological debate, still there is an outer circle, as it were, beyond which authentic discussion may not go, and all is held within the bounds of the Church built by Christ. Her teaching has developed, but Her belief has not changed, and cannot change.

One in COMMUNION: All of the Church's members have the same means of sanctification and salvation, that is, through the grace of the same Sacrifice and the same seven Sacraments. The rites may vary in different ages and in different places, yet there remains but one Holy Sacrifice and there remain the same Sacraments bestowing life-giving grace.

One in GOVERNMENT: The Church is one in Government, with all Her members acknowledging the authority of Her supreme ruler here on earth, under the divine Headship of Christ, namely, Christ's Vicar, the Pope. The Church is one fold, guided by one Shepherd, whom the Church's members revere and obey, as they would revere and obey the One on whose behalf he speaks and governs.

This *Unity of Faith, Unity of Worship, and Unity of Government* ensures that we receive today all and only that which has been revealed by Almighty God as necessary for salvation and handed down to us through Apostolic Tradition in the Church's dogmatic statements as contained in the teachings of the General Ecumenical Councils, the authoritative teachings of the Popes, and in the liturgical framework of the Her acts of worship.

The rule of private judgement contains within it the principle of division, and has no part to play in the seamless garment of doctrine which Christ promised would remain without error, for the gates of hell shall never prevail against the Church He founded (Mt 16:18).