

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 19th December 2021

Advent IV — 'O Radix Jesse'
09:30 — Donor's int (1)
11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 20th December

Advent feria — 'O Clavis David'
10am — Donor's int (2)

Tuesday 21st December

S. Thomas — 'O Oriens'
8am (TLM) — Maria Stallwood's int.

Wednesday 22nd December

Funeral requiem
11:30am — Sheila Alcock RIP
Advent feria — 'O Rex Gentium'
6pm — Anne & Tom Shaw

Thursday 23rd December

Advent feria — 'O Emmanuel'
12:15pm — Anne & Oliver Merlehan

Friday 24th December

Vigil of the Nativity
10am — Pat & Aine Merlehan

Saturday 25th December

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Midnight — Pro Populo
8am (TLM) — Private int.
9:30am — Claire & Jim Coney
11am — Ann White & family

NB: There is **NO** 6pm Mass
on 24th or 25th

Sunday 19th December

4:30pm
*Carols by Candlelight &
the Blessing of Cribs*

Bring your family crib to be blessed

The service will be followed
by tea & mince pies in the parish hall

Monday 20th December

7pm

Penance Service

with individual Confession
and with visiting priests

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CONFESSIONS

Extra Confessions before Christmas

Wednesday 22nd
9am—10am & 5pm—6pm

Christmas Eve
9am—10am & 5pm—6pm

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CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASSES

Christmas Eve:
10am (no evening Mass)

Christmas Day:
Midnight (with carols from 11:30pm)
8am (TLM) 9:30am 11am

Sunday 26th
The Feast of the Holy Family
8am (TLM) 9:30am 11am

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Fri: 20 minutes before each Mass

Sat: 9:30 — 10:00 & 5pm — 5:45pm

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 Jan.)

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th 4:30pm: Carol Service &
Blessing of Cribs followed by tea &
mince pies in the parish hall.

Monday 20th: 7pm Penance Service
with individual Confession (visiting
priests)

Wednesday 22nd 11:30am: Funeral of
Sheila Alcock RIP

Friday 24th: No Over 60s group today

NEXT WEEK

The Christmas Octave

*All Mass and Confession
times, as well as times for the rosary
during the week and Adoration on
Saturday, will be as usual throughout
the Christmas Octave.*

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Friday 31st: No Over 60s group today

Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash contribution to the parish. Thank you.

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FACE COVERINGS

Owing to the latest variant of the Covid-19 virus, face coverings are currently required by law in all places of worship unless you are exempt, and except when singing. Fr Joseph asks that you comply with the law, and give consideration to those who are anxious or vulnerable as well as to those whose reason for an exemption may not be obvious. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser and to complete the track-and-trace forms or use the app. Thank you.

The Parish Magazine, Christmas 2021 edition, is now available at the back of the church and on our website free of charge.

Catholic East Anglia, The latest edition of the diocesan newspaper is available at the back of church.

Praying the Great 'O' Antiphons by Katy Carl published by the CTS. Copies available at the back of church: £6:95

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BRING YOUR CRIB

to be blessed at our *Carols by Candlelight*
this afternoon at 4:30pm.

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Please see details on the front of this newsletter, and posters in the porch, for details of all the extra services in the run-up to Christmas.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS **NO** 6PM MASS ON
FRIDAY 24TH OR SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER.

*Please allow me to remind everyone that
Catholics should go to Mass
on Christmas Day and on Sunday 26th!*

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Sick List

Prayers are asked for, Lee Porter, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, Mary Driscoll, and Leighton Scott.

Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ellen Ebelewicz, Jean Killelay, Audrey Kelly, and Sheila Alcock, all of whom have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Aylward, Henry Devaux, Eva Marshall, Caroline Dallastone, Robert Price, Amos Collins, Anne Whitney, Horace Nicholls, Zena McCann, Daniel Dennehy, John Cummings, Jean Tyler, Margaret Norden, Anna Pinelli, Martin Earley, Zuk Dmitri, Stanley Weir, John Conlon, Thomas Flynn, Audrey Woolner, Albert Wilding, Joan Elliott, Ernest Kindred, Mary Goodman, Henry Adams, Irene Hallahan, Oliver Pratt, Canon John Henry Thomas, Beryl Cutbush, and Betty Wray. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt XXVI Twice during the Canon of the Mass we come across a prayer called a *Memento*, the 'Memento of the Living' and the 'Memento of the Dead.' The first reads, '*Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N. and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.*'

Historically, the deacon in the Greek Church used to proclaim the names aloud of all those who were being commemorated at that Mass, whilst in the Latin rite the Subdeacon read them in an undertone. These could be lengthy lists, and over time the lists were shortened to the mention of just those for whom the Mass had been booked to be said, although priests remain free to mention additional names also if he chooses.

The Memento for the Living goes on to include '*all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you.*' In other words, every Mass is said not just for the named intention but for all those present as well as everyone included in their prayers, for '*all who are dear to them.*' The sacrifice is offered by the priest '*for them,*' and is offered by them also. As has been pointed out before, the difference between the sacrifice offered by the priest and the sacrifice offered by the people is different not just in degree but in kind: the priest's sacrifice is sacramental and is offered by virtue of his having been ordained to Holy Orders and sacramentally configured to Christ the Priest, whereas the people's sacrifice is one of prayer and praise as befits those who participate—to a different degree and in a different way—in Christ's priesthood through their Baptism.

Having prayed for the whole Church, for the Pope, for the local Bishop, and for all who hold to the truth and hand on the Catholic Faith, at the start of the Roman Canon, the Memento of the Living expresses the intentions being prayed for with regard to all the people, namely, and in the first place, '*the redemption of their souls.*' The Mass is, first and foremost, a prayer for the salvation of souls. Christ offered Himself in sacrifice on Calvary so that we sinners might be redeemed and go to heaven after we depart this life rather than remain in the clutches of Satan, under whose sway the whole of the created order fell at the moment of Lucifer's cosmic rebellion in heaven (Apoc 12: 1-17) and Adam's original sin in the Garden of Eden (Gen 3:1-24). Each Mass offered by a Catholic priest participates in this same act of redemption and accomplishes the same effects.

The Mass is offered '*in hope of health and well-being.*' In the first instance, the health and well-being that is being prayed for here is spiritual and supernatural, and pertains to our souls. But it also refers to our physical, and perhaps psychological and emotional health and well-being, as well as our material welfare. It is perfectly in order to pray for what we need here on earth: indeed, Christ urges us to do so (Jn 16:23). Yet we must always remember to pray in Christ's name, that is, according to Christ's intentions. We have to unite ourselves to Christ so closely that our intentions are purified until we ask only what is accordance with the will of God, as Our Lord Himself prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane: '*Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done*' (Lk 22:42). This, in essence, is the meaning of the next few words of the Canon: '*and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.*' Our acts of supplication and petition can only fittingly be offered to God when they form part of an act of homage and worship. We cannot, effectively, ask something from God without placing our prayer within the context of an act of adoration of '*the eternal God, living and true.*'