

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 5th December 2021

Advent II

09:30 — Audrey Kelly RIP
11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 6th December

S. Nicholas

10am — Audrey Kelly RIP

Tuesday 7th December

S. Ambrose

8am (EF) — Maria Stallwood's int.

Wednesday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception

6pm — Audrey Kelly RIP

Thursday 9th December

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12:15pm — Ivan Rose RIP

Friday 10th December

Blessed Martyrs of East Anglia

10am — Deceased members of the
James family

Saturday 11th December

S. Damasus

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of Advent III—Gaudete Sunday

6pm — Pro Populo

ADVENT

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

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Monday 20th December

7pm

Penance Service
with individual Confession
and with visiting priests

CHRISTMAS

Confessions

Extra Confessions before Christmas

Wednesday 22nd

9am—10am & 5pm—6pm

Christmas Eve

9am—10am & 5pm—6pm

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Masses

Christmas Eve:

10am (no evening Mass)

Christmas Day:

Midnight (with carols from 11:30pm)

8am (EF) 9:30am 11am

Sunday 26th

The Feast of the Holy Family

8am (EF) 9:30am 11am

'THE MASTER IS HERE, AND HE IS CALLING YOU'

Jn 11:28

Fr Joseph is asking every household in the parish to make an Advent resolution to contact, and invite back to Sunday Mass, any Catholic who was a regular at St Pancras before the pandemic but who has not yet returned to a regular Sunday observance. A simple friendly phone call or tap on the door, an offer of a lift perhaps, or even an e-mail or social-media contact. Whatever method you use, get in touch and make people feel safe and welcome in our parish church once more, and pass on to them one of the leaflets from the back of the church giving times of Sunday Masses as well as Advent and Christmas service times.

'It is a faithful thing you are doing for the brothers and sisters'

3 John 5

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

EF Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month at
8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 12th Dec.)

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THIS WEEK

Monday 6th

- Decorating begins in the parish hall
(due to finish by the weekend)

Wednesday 8th

- Solemnity of the Immaculate Con-
ception of the BVM

Friday 10th

- 10:45am Over 60s coffee (as usual)
- 4pm Last First Communion class for
this term

Saturday 11th

- 5pm Last Confirmation class for this
term

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 12th Gaudete Sunday

Wednesday 15th Ember Day

Friday 17th Ember Day

- 10:45am Over 60s coffee
- No Confirmation class

Saturday 18th Ember Day

- No First Communion class

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

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Parish Magazine: Christmas edition Today is the deadline for copy to be submitted by e-mail to sdonag9@gmail.com or leave hard copies with Fr Joseph with your contact details please. Thank you.

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

Sunday Obligation The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a statement entitled, 'Honouring Sunday' which may be read on our parish website.

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

Magnificat (for English Masses) and **Benedictus** (for the Traditional Latin Mass) are two excellent monthly journals packed with devotions and reflections. Go to:

<https://catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/>
<https://praybenedictus.com/>

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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 including times of:

- ◇ our Penance Service
- ◇ additional slots for Confession
- ◇ Masses on Christmas Day
- ◇ Masses on Sunday 26th December

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 Sunday 26th!

(It's both/and not either/or)

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Sick List

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

Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ivan Rose, Audrey Kelly, and Sheila Alcock, all of whom have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Annie Rolston, Grace Lindemann, Raymond Westerling, Mildred Seggar, Arthur Judge, Patrick McLoughlin, John O'Donnell, Philip Baker, Jean Cummins, Terrence Morgan, Sheila Buckley, Julian Kowalski, Archie Smith, Mary Grant, Alan Claydon, Marlene Hynes, Alexander McCall, Nellie Kelly, Bridget Deenihan, Eva Jesova, Ellen Cole, Mary Donnelly, Georgina Wyatt, Diana Crisp, Sylvia Snowling, Michael Maksymowicz, Rosena Quigley, Harriet Hardwicke, and John Gaffney. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: The Mass-Pt XXIV So we come to the start of the Roman Canon (or Eucharistic Prayer I), and immediately we see that this 'Great Prayer,' as it is sometimes called, is addressed to God the Father. '*To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.*' In the *Preface* we acknowledged that it is right and fitting to give adoration and thanks to Almighty God, and that the offering of the Mass is the *only* offering that we can give to God that is *truly* right and just. Moreover, He is the *only* one to whom such adoration and thanks can rightly and justly be given: were we to give such praise to anyone or anything else, then we would be taking from God what truly belongs to God. The 'therefore' at the beginning of the Canon is a reference, then, to all that we have acknowledged in the *Preface*.

And in turning to our heavenly Father, the priest immediately acknowledges his unworthiness to offer such a sacrifice, promising that his prayer and his petition on behalf of God's people will be offered with a spirit of humility and that, in any case, it can only be offered '*through Jesus Christ, [God's] Son, our Lord,*' after all, there is no other way to the Father, as Our Lord Himself said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me' (Jn 14:6). Once again, therefore, we see that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is something that Christ does. The priest can only offer the Mass as a result of his ordination which conforms him ontologically to the likeness of Christ, and makes him an *alter Christus*, 'another Christ.' The priest has no powers of his own except what has been given to him through the Sacrament of Holy Order.

The first '*prayer and petition*' of the priest is that his offering may be worthy, that the Father might '*accept and bless,*' that is, look favourably upon, '*these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices.*' What Christ offers is obviously worthy enough for the Father's altar, but what the priest places on the altar in the name of Christ may still be said to come from the priest himself, and therefore he begs the Father that such gifts may be found worthy, and that what His Son offers isn't tainted by the priest's unworthiness.

The threefold '*gifts, offerings... sacrifices*' is the first of several threefold phrases in the Canon which pay tribute to the Triune God to whom the gifts are being offered. First, 'gifts' are presents, contributions, offered from the bounty of the giver. But in this case, the giver—the priest—is acknowledging that he only has any bounty, anything to give, as a result of what God Himself has first given to the priest. Second, the Latin for 'offering' is *munera*, which in turn comes from a word meaning 'bounty.' In this instance, the reference is to the bountiful nature of the gift, the munificence of the gift, the richness and greatness of the gift. The priest, in offering Bread and Wine which has been blessed and is to become the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ, is offering the most sublime, the most tremendous of gifts to the Father. And finally, the 'sacrifices' being offered include all that the priest and God's people have, through their prayers, placed on the paten, as it were, and have united to the Son's sacrifice as He offers Himself up to the Father. But 'sacrifices' is also, and pre-eminently, a reference to the Sacrifice of Calvary which we make our own when we offer our sufferings to the Father, and which Christ Himself is just about to offer through His priest sacramentally.

'*Which we offer you.*' The 'we' brings to mind, once again, that the priest is united through the Sacrament of Holy Order to Christ Himself, and that it is both Christ and His priest who are offering these '*gifts, offerings, sacrifices.*' The 'we' also refers to priest and people together who, as God's creatures, are pleading with God that these gifts may bring about their redemption and salvation.