

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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September is dedicated to
Our Lady of Sorrows



Sunday 21st September 2025

25th Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Jan Patrick RIP

Monday 22nd September

No services today

Tuesday 23rd September

No services today

Wednesday 24th September

No services today

Thursday 25th September

No services today

Friday 26th September

No services today

Saturday 27th September

No services this morning

Vigil of the 26th Sunday of the Year

6pm — Glenda Elliott Sugars RIP

Sunday 28th September

26th Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Olive & Charlese Prime RIP (F)

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: 12th Oct.)

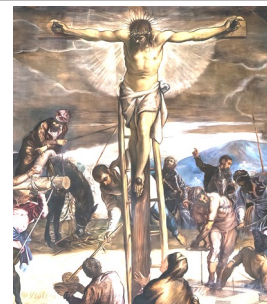
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HOLY YEAR 2025

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)



ROME & NETTUNO PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2025

A small group of parishioners is on its way this week to Rome and Nettuno for a Holy Year pilgrimage and to pray before the original statue of Our Lady of Ipswich. Members of the group will pray for us, and perhaps we could pray for them. (Fr Joseph will be away all week.)

Whilst the group is away our church will be open every day but

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES

MONDAY 22ND — SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

*There will be Confessions at 5pm and Mass at 6pm
on the evening of Saturday, 27th September.*

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

for Home Mission Sunday, funding the vital work of spreading the Catholic Faith here in the UK. Please give generously. Thank you.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Each Sunday in October at 4:30pm there will be October devotions (rosary, mini sermon, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

ST CARLO ACUTIS GROUP

For 14—17 year olds will meet next on Thursday, 2nd October at 7pm in the church. Newcomers welcome.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH

Sunday, 12th October.

The Sunday Masses will be those of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church instead of the Mass of 28th Sunday of the Year.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 24th October — 6pm



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.

HOLY YEAR 2025

Suggestion for Spiritual Reading

Patron Saints for Catholic Youth

by Mary E. Mannix

From the Saints

‘People are so concerned with the beauty of their bodies and do not care about the beauty of their souls.’

St Carlo Acutis

(Quoted by Pope Leo at the canonization Mass.)

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

The Principalities are the angels who guard places such as our town, our parish, and our homes. Pray to the angel who was called down by the priest to guard your home when your house was blessed.

HOLY YEAR POSADA STATUE

The statue of the Holy Family was blessed on the feast of the Holy Family at the beginning of the Holy Year. It is now travelling around the parish, being hosted by a different Catholic household each week. If you would like to host the statue, and say the accompanying prayer each day that the statue is with you, please sign the list at the back of church.

RETROUVAILLE helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th—19th October. Please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk for more details or call 0788 7296983

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

The funeral requiem Mass of Denys Bell will be at 1:30pm on Wednesday 8th October.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Denys Bell who died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Raymond Johnson, Richard Dunn, Michael Lynch, Frederick Clifford, John Corbett, Michael Cattigan, Adrian Patterson, Elizabeth Heley, Ronald Southgate, Frank Woodward, Nora Mulryan, Maria Leeder, Hubert Boothe, Mary Burns, Meve Windham, Maurice Keating, Luigi Mariani, George McGahey, Gladys Adams, James McGovern, Phyllis Ticehurst, and Filippo Tucciarone. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: We continue with our series of columns on The Church.

The Church pt III — Preparation for God’s Church

The Church was born with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but preparation for the birth of the Church began a long time before that. As it was always God’s plan that we should go to heaven, then it was clearly always part of God’s plan that there should be a Church to help us get there.

In some ways we could even say that God’s words in the Book of Genesis – ‘Let us make man to our image and likeness’ (Gen 1:26) – was the beginning of God’s plan for the existence of a Church because, as we shall see, the Church is the continuation in time of the presence of Christ, and it was the image of the Incarnate Word that God had in mind when He willed to make us in His image and likeness, even though Christ was born long after the creation of Adam. In other words, Christ was the model for Adam, and Christ’s presence in the Church was God’s model for the good ordering of human society from the outset.

All of the words and actions of the Patriarchs, and the Judges, and the Prophets from the Old Testament were part of the preparation for the eventual birth of the Church. Working His purpose out as year succeeded year, God laid the foundation stones for the eventual coming of His Kingdom on earth, slowly building a great edifice that would serve as the heavenly Temple of the new Jerusalem (Acts 21:1-2) with the individual followers of Christ as living stones built up into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5).

When King David planned to build a Temple, the Prophet Nathan said that it would be his son, Solomon, who would build it instead, but that God would appoint a place for His people and ‘plant them, and they shall dwell therein’ (2 Kgs 7:10), and that the house that would be built would have established within it the throne of God’s Kingdom (2 Kgs 7:13). To continue Nathan’s image of planting, we can see God continually sowing the seeds of His Church so that, in the fulness of time, it would grow and blossom to become a tree so that all ‘the birds of the air [could] come and dwell in the branches thereof’ (Mt 13:31-32).

When the work of preparation was done, and in the fulness of time when Our Lord finally began His public ministry, His opening words were, ‘The time is accomplished, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe the Gospel’ (Mk 1:15). The Patriarchs, and the Judges, and the Prophets have prepared the ground. Now, with the coming of the Word Incarnate, the Kingdom of God is being ushered in. Our Lord’s teaching and miracles, His words and His deeds, all serve to sow the seed which will be watered with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

By gathering to Himself disciples, by choosing twelve of them to be Apostles, and by repeatedly choosing three of those Apostles (St Peter, James, and John) over and above the others, Our Lord even sets about establishing some of the structures of His Church and, by the time of His ascension back into heaven, makes it clear what their work is to be.