

# 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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October is dedicated to  
Our Lady of the Rosary



## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

*Anniversary of the Dedication  
of St Pancras*

8am (TLM) — Holy Souls  
09:30 — Holy Souls  
11:00 — Pro Populo

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

*St Edward the Confessor*  
10am — Anne Abbott

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

*St Callistus*  
8am (TLM) — Holy Souls

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

*St Teresa of Jesus (of Ávila)*  
6pm — Benefactors of the Parish

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

*St Hedwig*  
12:15pm — Guild of St Pancras

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

*St Ignatius of Antioch*  
10am — Holy Souls

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

*St Luke*  
10am — Private int.

*Vigil of 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year*  
6pm — Jim Baldry RIP

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

*29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year*  
09:30 — Pro Populo  
11:00 — In thanksgiving for the canonization of Archbishop Ignatius Maloyan

### CONFESSIONS:

**Mon — Sat:** 30 minutes before each Mass  
**& Sat:** 5pm — 5:45pm  
**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

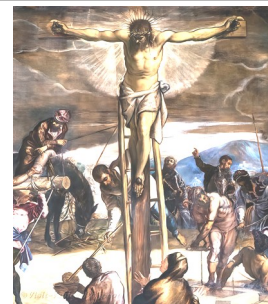
**TLM Masses:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at  
8am. (Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mass: 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.)

## 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)*



### ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH 12<sup>th</sup> October

Our church, built in 1861, was consecrated 100 years later on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1961. A church cannot be consecrated if there are any outstanding debts on it, so perhaps that was why there was a delay. In any case, each year on 12<sup>th</sup> of October we celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of our church, a feast day which trumps the celebration of a normal Sunday.

### OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Each Sunday in October at 4:30pm there will be October devotions (the litany of Loreto, a short meditation based on the litany, the rosary, and concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

### STATUES AVAILABLE

We now have statues of Our Lady of Ipswich and of St Pancras for sale in our repository at the back of the church.

### STANDING ORDERS

We have had some problems with our parish bank account recently and a number of services were suspended temporarily. If you have a standing order with the parish please can you double check that it is still up and running or renew it, please, if it is not? Thank you very much indeed.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR MISSIO

The Pope's own charity providing funds for the foreign missions.  
Please give generously.

## PARISH PRIZE QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October — 6pm.

£5 entry per person — pay on the night

Bring & share supper but remember it's Friday so no meat!  
Soft drinks provided. Bring your own wine or beer.  
£10 Amazon voucher for each member of the winning team!



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

*St. Francis of Assisi: Passion, Poverty, and the Man  
Who Transformed the Catholic Church*  
by Bret Thoman

### From the Saints

‘It would be considered a theft on our part if we  
didn’t give to someone in greater need than we are.’

*St Francis of Assisi*

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

Keep a collection box at home and add cash to it  
frequently, and give the money to the poor.

**JUST A FEW WEEKS LEFT** to host our parish Holy Year  
*posada* statue. If you have not yet hosted our statue  
of the Holy Family, sign up today!

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS GROUP** for mothers and tod-  
dlers will meet tomorrow, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at  
11am for coffee, cake, chatter, catechism and chaos.

**THE BOOK CLUB** will meet next on 8<sup>th</sup> December at  
7pm to discuss *The Creed in Slow Motion: An Explora-  
tion of Faith, Phrase by Phrase, Word By Word* by  
Martin Kochanski. (Fr Joseph has ordered two spare  
copies at £11.43 each if anyone would like to buy a  
copy.)

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**RETROUVAILLE** helps couples find hope and healing  
for their marriage. Next date: 17<sup>th</sup>—19<sup>th</sup> October.  
Please visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) for more details  
or call 0788 7296983

**Sick List** Prayers are asked for Peter Arms, Jim Con-  
vey, 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 those who have died  
recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this  
time: Elsie Bentley, James Egan, Carolus Mullen,  
Agnes Cook, Zbigniew Wajszwilli, Ena Adams,  
Ronald Finbow, Medlin Spencer, Philip McSweeney,  
Catherine Green, Arthur Walker, Rosa Richards, Pat-  
rick Traynor, Josephine Piggott, Eva Gray, Margaret  
Nicholls, Fr Edgar Hardwick, William Morris, Dan-  
iel Coughlan, Frederick Duffield, John Ennis, Jane  
Craven, Florence Manthorpe, Ruby Thompson, Mary  
Murray, Doreen Jones, Patrick Nathan, John Nealy,  
Albert Dade, Kathleen Clutterham, Fr Martin Orme,  
and Sheila Garrard. 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 VI (a) —

### The Continuation in Time of the Presence of Christ

In the Creed we say that we believe in one God, and in one  
Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit. Then, perhaps  
without thinking much about it, we also say that we be-  
lieve in one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. In the  
Creed, then, we profess faith in three Divine Persons—  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and in the Church. When we  
stop to think about it, perhaps this seems strange: that we  
believe in three Persons and in an institution. Believing in  
a living God makes sense, but believing in an institution?  
We might belong to an institution; we might attach our-  
selves to an institution; we might be proud to be associated  
with an institution, and even be willing to listen to and  
place our trust in an institution. But to *believe in* an institu-  
tion? To make sense of this we have to understand that  
whilst the Catholic Church is indeed an institution, we also  
acknowledge it to be is so much more than merely a hu-  
man institution. So, what is the Church?

The Catholic Church is nothing less than the continua-  
tion in time of the living presence on earth of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Son of God. So when we say that we be-  
lieve in the Church we are really repeating what we have  
already said, namely that we believe in one Lord Jesus  
Christ.

To help us, we can turn to the image that St Paul gives  
us, in several different passages in his Letters, of the  
Church as the Body of Christ. The Apostle to the Gentiles  
tells us that we are the Body of Christ and individually  
members of it (1 Cor 12:27), and that whereas there is only  
one body, the body has many members, all having differ-  
ent tasks to fulfil, such as apostles, prophets and teachers,  
doctors and healers, miracle workers, those with responsi-  
bility for the government of the body, and so forth (for ex-  
ample, 1 Cor 12:28-30; Rom 12:4-5; Eph 4:4-7; Col 2:19).

But we must be careful here because although we are  
the visible members of the Body of Christ we do not—  
even collectively—make up the fulness of that body. The  
Body of Christ consists of far more than all the baptized;  
the fulness of the Body of Christ is far greater than the sum  
of its parts. Rather than saying, ‘We are the Church,’ it is  
better—and more accurate—to say, ‘We are members of  
the Church.’ The reason is simple to understand: Christ is  
greater even than all the baptized put together!

Even so, it is true to say that the visible Catholic  
Church is the Body of Christ continued in time here on  
earth. And the Church has exactly the same role as Christ  
had when He was personally present on earth and walking  
the highways and byways of the Holy Land 2,000 years  
ago.

Christ taught the truth; the Church teaches the truth.  
Christ forgave sins; the Church forgives sins; Christ of-  
fered a sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin; the Church of-  
fers sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Christ fed the  
hungry, clothed the naked, healed the sick, and freed the  
imprisoned; so does the Church today. Christ sanctified  
and saved souls: so it is the mission of the Church in our  
day to sanctify and save souls.

...to be continued

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