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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November is dedicated to
the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 1st November 2026
All Saints
8am (TLM) – Pro Populo
09:30 – Susan McShea RIP
11:00 – Artemis Burton's int. (sister)

Monday 2nd November
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
8am (TLM) – Private int.
12:15pm – Holy Souls
7pm (sung) – Our Holy Father's int.

Tuesday 3rd November
Feria (Mass of Dom. XXIII post Pentecosten)
8am (TLM) – Mgr Joseph McShee RIP

Wednesday 4th November
St Charles Borromeo
6pm – Kenneth Joy RIP

Thursday 5th November
Requiem
12:15pm – November Dead List

Friday 6th November
Feria
10am – Peggy Ayers RIP

Saturday 7th November
Our Lady on Saturday
10am – Holy Souls

Vigil of 32nd Sunday of the Year
6pm – Holy Souls

Sunday 8th November 2026
5th Sunday remaining after Epiphany
8am (TLM) – Pro Populo
32nd Sunday of the Year
09:30 – Fr Dick Healey RIP
11:00 – For the Fallen

CONFESSIONS:
Mon-Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass
& Sat: 5pm – 5:45pm
1st Friday: 6pm – 7pm

ADORATION: Sat: 5pm – 5:45pm &
1st Thursday: 11:15am
ROSARY: Mon – Fri after Mass
DEVOTIONS TO O.L. OF IPSWICH & ST PANCRAS: Sat. after 10am Mass

Happy Feast of

ALL SAINTS

This afternoon we have our Blessing of Graves at the Lawn Cemetery, Ipswich, at 2:30pm which will include the blessing of the new headstone on Fr Leeder's grave.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

Monday, 2nd November

Another Holy Day – two in a row!
Requiem Masses at: 8am (TLM) 12:15pm 7pm (sung)
Confessions before each Mass – rosary after the 12:15pm Mass.

Please see our little leaflet, *Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory* to find out how to gain indulgences for the Holy Souls this November and throughout the year!

ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES

will resume this week on Wednesday, 4th November at 7pm, for adult Confirmation candidates, those interested in becoming Catholics, and for all who would like to learn more about our Catholic Faith.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Thursday of the month: Thursday, 5th November, 11:15am – 12:15pm.

GIFT AID & OUR NEW DONA MACHINES

UK taxpayers: please **re-enter** your details when you next make a donation using your credit or debit card so that we can reclaim the tax you have already paid on your donation. The funds claimed back in this way makes a big difference to our parish finances. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF GRACE EUCHARISTIC LEAGUE

Please take a leaflet to find out more about joining our Eucharistic League and watching before Our Lord in the tabernacle for an hour each month.

RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA 300 years since St Gerard was born, his relics are making a tour of the country and will be visiting St Mary's, Woodbridge Road, on Thursday, 5th November at 6pm for prayers, with Mass at 7pm, and veneration of the relics after Mass. See the poster at the back of church for more details.

Missionary Appeal & Second Collection The weekend of 14th/15th November on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver.

Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash donation to the parish. Bank: Barclays. Account name & 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.

50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

1976 – 2026

An exhibition drawn from the parish archives coming to a parish hall near you soon! Watch this space!

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES are now available. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper and pop it inside the envelope, along with your Mass offering, and return it to Fr Joseph. Masses for the Holy Souls will be said in November and throughout the following year.

THE ST CARLO ACUTIS GROUP (for 14 – 18 year olds will meet on Thursday, 5th November at 7pm in the church. New members welcome.

RECOLLECTION for women, 2pm – 4pm, and for men, 7pm – 9pm, on Monday, 9th November, led by Fr Paul Diaper. All welcome.

ANNUAL DEANERY REQUIEM for the Deceased Clergy of the deanery Thursday, 12th November at 12:15pm.

THURSDAY LUNCH The next lunch will be on 12th November following the annual deanery requiem.

RETROUVAILLE Catholic Marriage Counselling residential weekend, 8th – 10th November 2026.
Call or text 07887 296983
or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com
visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

THE BOOK CLUB will meet again on Monday, 14th December at 7pm to discuss *Seven Bells to Bethlehem: The 'O' Antiphons* by Oliver Teanor. (Fr Joseph has a spare copy if anyone would like it.)

THIS FESTIVAL DIVINE Copies of Fr Joseph's book are available for sale at the back of church, and on Amazon, price £8:95.

Sick List Prayers are asked for Jim Convey, Vincent Convey, Larry Crowley, Alan Cutbush, Ciro Dellabella, Pat Dunnett, Evelyn Flach, Halina Gajewska, Katherine Humpries, Olivia Katina, 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: David O'Neill, Margaret Abernethy, Antonino Catalanotto, Rosina Pelligrini, Leslie Grueber, Helen Wilson, Mgr Joseph McShee, Vincent Cunane, Jim Maille, Consuelo Stocks, Irene Biela, Maggie Schofield, Dario Pinelli, Lilian Bowles, Kathleen Connolly, Joyce Fahey, Isabel Manthorpe, Mary Gallaway, Catherine King, Rowland Manthorpe, Martin Mongan, Elsa Ward, Bridget Joyce, Francis Smith, and Stefan Holyk. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes:

This week, as part of our eight-part series on the *Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Hell, and Heaven*, we look at the topic nobody wants to look at, namely Hell.

The Four Last Things – Hell pt I

As with judgment, so with hell. Our Lord speaks more about the danger and the reality of hell than of almost any other subject throughout the whole of the four Gospels. So uncomfortable is this topic that we priests have largely swept it under the carpet for decades, and we shall be judged and held accountable for not having warned God's people about the truth of it.

We have sugar-coated this subject, especially in the last fifty to seventy years or so, by suggesting that even if there is a hell, this is not the same as saying anyone ever goes there. In some cases, the very existence of hell has been questioned. By over-emphasizing the quality of mercy we have all too often under-emphasized the quality of justice. In fact, these two facets of God are two sides of one and the same coin. As a result of original sin, and the loss to the whole human race of sanctifying grace in the Garden of Eden, and as a result of our own sins (even those that we think are less significant than other people's sins), the whole of humanity has lost any claim to heaven that it might once have had. By rights, none of us deserves – or can ever deserve – a place in heaven. No finite creature can stake a claim against an infinite Creator. It is only as a result of Christ's saving work of redemption that anyone can get to heaven. Even the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all stain of sin by the redeeming work of her Son on the Cross. Anyone who gets to heaven does so because of God's freely bestowed gift of forgiveness and grace.

But here's the thing: even with God's freely given gifts, we can still only get to heaven if we co-operate with God's gifts, which Mary did perfectly of course. But if we do not co-operate, then we cannot lay claim to heaven in the next world after our life has ended in this world.

Again and again, Our Lord lays out for us what we must do to merit eternal reward, and what the consequences are for those who refuse to collaborate with His love and mercy. It might be worth providing some of these Gospel references to judgment, and eternal damnation, and the fires of hell spoken by Christ Himself, but in fact there are simply too many to list. It is precisely because Christ is all-loving and all-forgiving, and all-gentle and tender, that He wants us to avoid going to hell. That is, after all, why He came down to earth and died on the Cross in the first place! His very name – Jesus – means 'saviour.' But we need to remember what it is that He is busy trying to save us from!

The truth is that people of faith do indeed co-operate with God's grace at times, and at other times fail to do so. And that is why the Sacrament of Confession was given to us by Christ Himself. Use it!