

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 18th October 2026

29th Sunday of the Year

09:30 – Pro Populo

11:00 – Private int.

Monday 19th October

St Peter Alcantara

8am (TLM) – Deceased Clergy of the Parish

Tuesday 20th October

No Mass today

Wednesday 21st October

No Mass today

Thursday 22nd October

Feria

12:15pm – Benefactors of the Parish

Friday 23rd October

Feria

10am – Guild of St Pancras

Saturday 24th October

Votive Mass of St Raphael

10am – Holy Souls

Vigil of 30th Sunday of the Year

6pm – Holy Souls

Sunday 25th October 2026

Christ the King

8am (TLM) – Pro Populo

30th Sunday of the Year

09:30 – Fr Francis Leeder RIP

11:00 – The *Domus* of the Parish

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

TLM MASS: 2nd Sunday of the month at 8am.
(Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 8th November.)

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Each Sunday in October at 4:30pm

SECOND COLLECTION today at all Masses for Missio, the Pope's own charity for world missionary endeavour.

PLEASE NOTE: FR JOSEPH WILL BE AWAY Monday – Wednesday this week on a diocesan priests' conference. Please note the changes to the times of Masses (see left).

ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES – will continue of Wednesday, 4th November at 7pm (after the school half-term break) for all adult Confirmation candidates, those wishing to become Catholic, and parishioners who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

QUIZ NIGHT

with fish 'n' chip supper

FRIDAY, 23RD OCTOBER AT 6:30PM

Please sign up on the list at the back of church for an evening of fun, pitting your general knowledge against all-comers. £12:50 per person, pay on the night. Soft drinks included but bring your own beer and wine. Form yourselves into teams of 4 – 6 on the night!

GIFT AID & OUR NEW DONA MACHINES

If you are a UK taxpayer 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

Many of you have already signed up to watch before our Eucharistic Lord for at least one whole continuous hour each month. If you would like to join the League, please take a form from the back of church and return it to Fr Joseph.

50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

1976 – 2026

An exhibition of St Pancras parish life drawn from our archives coming soon. Watch this space!

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.

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BLESSING OF SOUL CAKES for All Souls Day at the 10am Mass on Saturday, 31st October.

BLESSING OF GRAVES on Sunday, 1st November at 2:30pm at the Lawn Cemetery, Ipswich.

RETRouvaille CATHOLIC MARRIAGE COUNSELLING Residential weekend from 8th – 10th November. Call or text 07887 296983, or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 twelve months.

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, 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: Kathleen Clutterham, Fr Martin Orme, Sheila Garrard, Norman D'Arcy, Josef Popyk, Norbert Henderson, Peter Ellis, Thomas Blackett, Mary Fox, Margaret Connolly, Albert Dade, Edith Chelk, Antonietta Bevilacqua, Rosa Catalanotto, Maria Ragucci, Eleen Dickinson, Maria Zagni, Barbara Mann, Anne Brolly, Ethel Moss, Mary Ridley, Orland Spiezick, Dorothy Richardson, Thomas Summer, Philip Fox, Mona Roswitha, Raymond Williams, John Barker, Gwendoline Glover, and Santina Capasso. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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Fr Joseph writes:

This week we continue our new eight-part series on the *Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Hell, and Heaven*. Today, our first look at Judgment.

The Four Last Things – Judgment pt I

In the Gospels, Our Lord says more about the Day of Judgment than most people appreciate. Again and again He warns us that we shall be judged according to whether we have believed in Christ as well as how we have behaved towards others. Note, our judgment will be informed first by our faith in God: 'He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believes not shall be condemned' (Mk 16:16). And again, 'Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God' (Jn 3:5). So abrupt and stark – so unequivocal – are these statements that in our modern-day obsession with tolerance this teaching of Christ often gets overlooked. In the second place, we shall be judged according to how we have behaved towards our neighbour. Christian charity towards others is necessary for salvation, but on its own (without faith) it is not sufficient: faith in God *and* charity towards neighbour are both required. Why? Because our first duty is to give to our Creator what we owe Him, and because He has told us that the greatest Commandment is to 'love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind,' and that the second greatest Commandment is to 'love thy neighbour as thyself' (Mt 22:37-39 *et par*). Love of God first, and love of neighbour as a corollary.

When we die, our Guardian Angel will take us to meet our God. On that day, 'all things that are done, God will bring into judgment' (Ecclesiastes 12:14), and Our Lord adds that, 'there is not any thing secret that shall not be made manifest, nor hidden that shall not be made known' (Lk 8:17; Mk 4:22). This is what we call the *particular judgment*: each individual person will be judged according to his particular acts and his life, irrespective of what others may have done. Each will be rewarded for the good he has done and each will suffer the consequences of sins committed. Nothing will be hidden from the eyes of God.

All sins are punished. If we accept our sufferings in this life, and offer them to God as penances for our sins, then we shall have taken that punishment upon ourselves and worked through it whilst we still had a chance to be actively involved in how that punishment plays out. Any outstanding punishment will be suffered in Purgatory, where souls are purged – or cleansed – of any remaining punishment that has not yet been suffered. In Purgatory, we shall have no say in how that punishment plays out, and we shall have to accept whatever comes our way... and it won't be pleasant. Far better to attend to it in this life!

Remember, we do well to pray that we may, 'so live and die in [Christ] crucified that when our life is done we may have suffered more than we have sinned, and paid the full measure of our debt of love on earth.'

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