

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 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

Monday 26th October

Feria

10am – Fr Luke Goymour

Tuesday 27th October

Feria (Mass of Dom. XXIInd post Pentecosten)

8am (TLM) – John & Mary Smith

Wednesday 28th October

Ss Simon & Jude

6pm – for the *Domus* of the Parish

Thursday 29th October

Feria

12:15pm – Souls in Purgatory 2/2

Friday 30th October

Feria

10am – Peggy Ayers RIP

Saturday 31st October

Our Lady on Saturday

10am – Holy Souls

Vigil of All Saints

6pm – Holy Souls

Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saints

8am (TLM) – Pro Populo

09:30 – Susan McShea

11:00 – Artemis Burton's int. (sister)

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.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Each Sunday in October at 4:30pm

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

The Blessing of Soul Cakes at the 10am Mass.

Our modern-day Hallowe'en custom of *trick-or-treating* is a corruption of the mediæval tradition of praying for the dead. Children would go round all the homes in the village, promise to pray for the souls of those who had died, and be rewarded with a Soul Cake. Here at St Pancras we shall bless Soul Cakes on All Hallows Eve as part of a re-sanctifying of what has become a very pagan celebration. If you would like to bake some Soul Cakes, please take a recipe from the back of church, and bring the Cakes to Mass on Saturday. But remember, for *each* Soul Cake you eat, you must pray for the Holy Souls!

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday, 1st November

A Holy Day of Obligation which happens to fall on a Sunday this year

Blessing of Graves at the Lawn Cemetery, Ipswich, at 2:30pm
including 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 continue of Wednesday, 4th November at 7pm.

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 at least once a month.

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.

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.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday, 5th Nov. 11:15am – 12:15pm.

THE ST CARLO ACUTIS GROUP (for 14 – 18 year olds will meet on Thursday, 5th November at 7pm in the church. New members 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, 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: Jezec Karoly, Christina Bateman, Danny Sweeney, Beryl Cutbush, Edith Glanville, Maureen Dalzell, Wilfrid Deheney, William Hargreaves, Amelia Catchpole, Bridget Corrigan, John Starzak, Lilian Studholme, James Fitzpatrick, Evelyn Squire, William Thompson, Susan Hunt, Ceslaus Sulewski, Teofil Pozyczka, Bernard Shaw, Margaret Dye, Thelma Mason, and Teresa Martyn. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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

The Four Last Things – Judgment pt II

It is worth emphasizing a few points. For example, death is when the soul and the body separate, the body is laid in the grave to await its being raised from the sleep of death at the Second Coming, and the soul is taken up to God to be judged. After death, we will face the *particular judgment* when all that we have done in this life will be made known and judged by God. If we have suffered more than we have sinned in this life (and have offered those sufferings up to God as penances for our sins) then we may enter into heaven. However, if we have sinned more than we have suffered (or more than we have done penance for) then the penance will continue in Purgatory until all punishment is remitted (that is, cancelled or wiped out). The prayers and penances of people still alive on earth can assist the Holy Souls in Purgatory through what we call *indulgences*, but the Holy Souls cannot aid themselves in Purgatory nor can they do anything to reduce their suffering except to undergo the pains of Purgatory. Better to do penance in this life than in the next!

Purgatory is a matter of both *justice* and *mercy*. Purgatory is *just* because we must make up for the sins we have committed on earth, either whilst we are still alive or after death. Yet Purgatory is also a matter of *mercy* because if anyone is not perfect by the time he comes to die then God affords us one last merciful act by cleansing us and rendering us perfect *after* we have died, a privilege that we do not deserve because death is the cut-off point for working out our salvation in fear and trembling (Phil 2:12).

At the end of time, when Christ comes again in all His glory to judge the living and the dead, there shall take place the *General Judgment*. Anyone left alive on earth at this point will face his particular judgment, but then – immediately – all things will be gathered in and the wheat and the chaff (Mt 3:12), the good seed and the cockle (Mt 13:24-30), and the sheep and the goats (Mt 25:31-46) will be separated, and each will be assigned his eternal reward or his eternal damnation. At this *General Judgment* justice will be done to all those who have inflicted harm upon others as well as to those who have had harm inflicted upon them. The trail of good that we have left behind us and the trail of harm that we have done (to God, to others, and to self) will be sifted and the scales of Divine Justice will be balanced once more, and no offence (against God, against others, and against self) will go unrighted.

Nor must we presume that others will come off worse than ourselves. We each need to look to the offences, both small and great, that we have committed against God and against our neighbour before we console ourselves that we will necessarily fare better than others.

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