# 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

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**Sunday 15th November 2026**
*33rd Sunday of the Year*
09:30 – Pro Populo
11:00 – Tim Burton

**Monday 16th November**
*St Edmund of Canterbury*
10am – Tony Bond 1/2

**Tuesday 17th November**
*Requiem*
8am (TLM) – November Dead List

**Wednesday 18th November**
*Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul*
6pm – Tony Bond 2/2

**Thursday 19th November**
*Feria*
12:15pm – Sr Scholastica Rambayon RIP

**Friday 20th November**
*St Edmund, King*
10am – Carmen's int.

**Saturday 21st November**
*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
10am – Holy Souls

*Christ the King*
6pm – Holy Souls

**Sunday 22nd November 2026**
*Christ the King*
09:30 – Pro Populo
11:00 – Carmen's int.

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**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: 13th December.)

## MISSIONARY APPEAL

on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver
www.claveriansisters.com

A congregation of missionary sisters dedicated,
through contemplative prayer, to bringing the Catholic Faith to others,
especially in missionary territories.

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## *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

on the feast of

**CHRIST THE KING**

Please sign the watching list. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Benediction at 5pm on Sunday, 22nd November.

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**ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES** continue each week for adult Confirmation candidates, those interested in becoming Catholics, and for all who would like to learn more about our Catholic Faith.

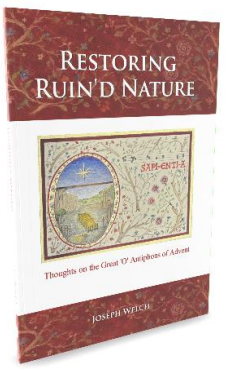
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## 50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

**1976 – 2026**

An exhibition of memories from our parish archives opens this weekend in our parish hall. Covering the fifty years since the Diocese of East Anglia was officially established by Pope Paul VI, articles and artifacts will be on display, and a commemoration book will be for sale, which will take us on a trip down memory lane. Come and see!

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## RESTORING RUIN'D NATURE

Fr Joseph's new book of Advent reflections will be published just in time for the start of the Church's new year. *Restoring Ruin'd Nature: Thoughts on the Great 'O' Antiphons of Advent* traces the great story of salvation – creation and the fall, prophecy and promise, the Incarnation, redemption and the restoration of our fallen nature in Christ.

Copies will be available at the back of church soon, or may be ordered from The Great British Bookshop (cheaper and quicker than Amazon).

*www.thegreatbritishbookshop.co.uk*

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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.

**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.

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS COFFEE MORNING** every Monday following the 10am Mass and rosary.

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**ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION** Monday, 30th November, 6pm – 8pm. All welcome.

**RORATE MASS** by candlelight. The Advent Mass in honour of Our Blessed Lady. Saturday, 12th December at 7am.

**THE BOOK CLUB** will meet 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.)

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT & BLESSING OF CRIBS** Sunday, 20th December at 4pm.

**CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON BENEDICTION** at 5pm.

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**GIFT AID** Please re-enter your details onto our Dona machines if you are a UK taxpayer (if you have not done so since our new machines were installed a few of weeks ago) so that we may recoup funds from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Thank you.

**EUCHARISTIC LEAGUE** If you would like to become a member of the Our Lady of Grace Eucharistic League and join others in watching before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for an hour each month please take a leaflet from the beck of church.

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**Sick List** Prayers are asked for Jim Convey, Vincent Convey, Larry Crowley, Alan Cutbush, Ciro Dellabella, Pat Dunnett, Evelyn Flach, Halina Gajewska, Fr Adrian Gates, Katherine Humpries, 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: Audrey Pipe, William Mitchell, Mr McGrath, Joseph Westerling, Irene Cater, James McDonald, George Bowles, David Curran, Anne Andrews, Matthew Mason, Bernard Shaw, Kathleen Tunstall, Anthony Rozier, Mary Baker, Edith Wright, Martin Mongan, Mabel Dennehy, Robert Bawden, Kathleen James, Frank Forsdyke, Keith Sparrow, John Gregson, Philip Paul, Domenico Iannacone, John Molloy, and Josephine Humphries. 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 take our first look at Heaven!

### The Four Last Things – Heaven pt I

It is necessary to ponder the realities of death and judgment, and of hell, if we hope ever to get to heaven. Even Christ descended into hell before He ascended back to heaven! But at last we come to a consideration of that 'Sweet and blessed country' that we call home.

Before we go any further, we do well to recall that this is what we were created for in the first place: to know, love and serve God in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next. As St Augustine reminds us, 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts shall not rest until they rest in Thee.' Heaven is the place of rest for which God made us, and which He always willed that we should inhabit. Even before the creation was begun, He had in mind that you and I would join Him there for all eternity. So, if we want to fulfil His plan, we had better do something about it.

What, then, is heaven? Heaven is that place – or state of being – where our souls (and eventually our bodies also) will be so united to the heart of God that we shall dwell in a state of perfect bliss and beatitude in harmony with God Himself and with all the saved. There, we shall experience unity, concord, goodness, truth, beauty, and love to an unimaginable degree. Nor will there be any sin, harm, sorrow, sickness, or death, for 'God shall wipe away all tears from [our] eyes, and death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more, for the former things [will be] passed away' (Apoc 21:4).

So beyond anything we have ever experienced will this state of blessedness be that we cannot describe it, or even imagine it. We have to take it on faith. Whatever we think it will be like, it won't be: it will be infinitely better.

Nor will heaven exist in time. Some think that heaven goes on for ever and they therefore fall into the trap of thinking that however good it will be, it will eventually get boring. Yet there is no time in heaven. There is no past or future, only an eternal present. This means that the same moment of overwhelming bliss that first hits us when we enter heaven will remain with us eternally without the joy or thrill of it ever fading. How that will work, we none of us can imagine, but that's how it will be. It will not be a case of angels sitting on clouds meekly strumming harps, for that *would* be tedious. Instead, there will be a state of unfathomable peace and happiness that will not depend on variable and changing features. There will be no threat of loss or of the happiness being diminished. There will be no fear of anything, and nothing to intrude upon our blessedness. But because we cannot imagine it, it is hard to persuade others of its reality. And so we place our faith in it instead.

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The parish **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE** is Mim McMahon who may be contacted by anyone of any age, at any time, with any safeguarding concerns: 07813 199275 *or* mim@trianglemusic.info *or* mim.mcmahon@gmail.com.
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