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 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

Monday 9th November
Dedication of St John Lateran
10am – Maria Concetta Ragucci RIP

Tuesday 10th November
St Andrew Avellino
8am (TLM) – Holy Souls

Wednesday 11th November
St Martin of Tours
6pm – John & Mary Smith

Thursday 12th November
Requiem
12:15pm – Deceased Clergy of the Deanery

Friday 13th November
Requiem
10am – November Dead List

Saturday 14th November
Our Lady on Saturday
10am – Letitia List

Vigil of 33rd Sunday of the Year
6pm – Holy Souls

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

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.)

MONDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER

led by Fr Paul Diaper
2pm – 4pm an afternoon of recollection for women
7pm – 9pm an evening of recollection for men

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER

7pm – Our 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.

THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

12:15pm – Annual Requiem Mass For the Deceased Clergy of the Deanery
1:15pm – Monthly Thursday Lunch to raise funds for Mary's Meals.

MISSIONARY APPEAL – NEXT WEEKEND

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

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

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50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

1976 – 2026

An exhibition of memories from our parish archives will open next 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!

ADVENT WREATH--MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, 21st November at 10:45am – Cost: £11

Laura Isaacs will host a practical workshop in making Advent wreathes for your home. Foliage and oasis rings will be provided. Bring your own candleholders (ring candleholders are best) and candles, decorations (ribbons, flowers, baubles, etc, as desired), and your own secateurs.

Pay on our Dona machines please! (No cash.)

You must register no later than this Tuesday, 10th November.

Contact Laura: on What'sApp – 07709 064513

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.

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.

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

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.)

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 weer installed a couple 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.

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, 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: Alice Fell, Ursula Deichgraber, Elfreda Hay, Leonard Sikorski, John Flach, John Biela, Lucy Ecroyd, Gabrielle Sharpe, Marjorie Carley, Hilda Fernandez, Albert Chivers, Leonard Cooper, Gloria Gooding, Percy Yates, Patrick O'Keefe, Albert Rose, David Arthur, Alice Unwin, Edith Wallington, Peter Gonsalves, Jane Dermody, Violet Knight, Mrs Reeves, Charles Pajak. 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 again at the topic nobody wants to look at, namely Hell.

The Four Last Things – Hell pt II

If hell really exists, what and where is it? First, whether hell is an actual place (which it might well be insofar as the bodies of the damned are raised on the last day and join their souls in hell) or whether it is a state of being, it involves, in the first instance, a loss of the presence of God. None of us knows what a world wholly without God feels like because we have never experienced it. Even in our darkest hour, God has still been somewhere nearby. He has never been absent from this world since He created it. So, what hell – a complete absence of God and His goodness – actually feels like, none of us can imagine.

In the second instance, hell involves punishment for unrepented sins. What is more, there is an inverse hierarchy of punishment in hell, by which we mean that the worse a person's sins, the worse the punishment. Not all souls in hell are equal, just as all souls in heaven are not equal. (You and I will not rank as highly as the Blessed Virgin Mary whatever good we do in this life!)

The truly horrifying thing about hell, of course, is that it is eternal. We really *should* be frightened of it! Our Lady has repeatedly tried to warn us of the horrors of hell, for example at Fatima when she opened up its roof and got the three small children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta to look down upon the lost souls. And we must not think that at least hell will be full of interesting people because if heaven involves union with God and with our neighbour in a bond of love, then hell involves isolation not only from God but from one another also.

As the words of one Act of Contrition say, 'O my God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, because I fear the loss of heaven and the pains of hell…'

Should sermons about hell be designed to frighten us? Yes, they should because, as the Psalm says, 'Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom' (Ps 110:10). If we have never feared God and at least the possibility of not getting to heaven then we may well be in for a shock when we die…. At least, that's what all the saints say!

But it is also true that having feared hell – and allowed ourselves to be shocked out of complacency – then we can move closer to God and be reminded that, in the end, 'perfect love casts out fear' (1 Jn 4:18). And it is not even chiefly our love for God that will save us but, of course, God's love for us (1 Jn 4:10). Remember, God and His Church are on our side. God wills that all men should be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4). God wants us to get to heaven more than we want to go there! And what's more, He has given us, in His Church, everything we need to be able to get there.

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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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