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## Second Sunday of Advent

**5 December 2021**



Sat 4 Dec	5pm	Confessions
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	6pm	All Holy Souls
Sun 5 Dec	8am	The People of the Parish
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	10am	Private Intention—PS
Mon 6 Dec <b>St. Nicholas</b>	10am	Vieira Family +
Tue 7 Dec	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wed 8 Dec <b>The Immaculate</b>	6.30pm	Exposition/Confession
<b>Conception of the BVM—Solemnity</b>	7.30pm	Anne Hudson/Philip Lawrence
Thur 9 Dec <b>Advent</b>	10am	Rita, Bert & Paul Gordon +
Fri 10 Dec <b>Blessed Henry Heath</b>	9am	Exposition/Confession
<b>and John Robinson + - Martyrs</b>	10am	All Seminarians
Sat 11 Dec <b>Advent</b>	5pm	Confessions
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	6pm	<b>Open Intention</b>
Sun 12 Dec	8am	The People of the Parish
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	10am	In Thanksgiving—Monica Ogden

## Christmas Tree Decorating Sunday 19th December

We would like our child in the parish to help us decorate our Parish Tree. During the Masses of the 4th Sunday of Advent, if any child would like to bring a special decoration to place on our tree, please bring it with you, and we will hang them on it at the beginning of Mass.  
Thank you!

## ~Thank you ~

The Parish Finance Committee took the opportunity to Thank Michael Long on Thursday at the beginning of the Parish Form for all his hard work, dedication and commitment to the communications of information and the Live Streaming of Mass during the Pandemic.  
On behalf of all the parish, I too send our thanks to Michael.

## Second Sunday of Advent

A voice cries in the wilderness....prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight, fill in every valley, bring down every mountain and hill, so that all paths to God can be smooth and straight.

Are we the cause of people having rough and bumpy roads to God? Or are we people who like to help others to have a smooth journey to Our Lord?

Let us, through our Advent journey, examine how we are either a help to others and their faith or if we are a hindrance to it.

We are called, as through our one Baptism, to be makers of straight, smooth roads; so how are we doing that through our daily lives and daily actions...

## Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

**Response to the Psalm**

**What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad**

Second Reading: Philippians, 8-11

Gospel: Luke: 3: 1-6

## Parish Anniversaries

Catrina Golecki (1981), Johann HJanssen (1981), Getrude Quinn (1984), Ernest Allum (1968), Casimir Carlton (1995), Dermot O'Connell (1998), Margaret Wright (1986), James Finn (1962), Fr Gerard P Conlon former PP (1966), Gwendoline Lockwood (2001), Peggy Sallabank (2011)

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

### **Parish Forum**

I would like to thank everyone who attended the first Parish Forum Meeting on Thursday for their attendance. It was a delight to see so many people there. I hope that you felt it was a good start to this new era. As I said at the beginning, with Christ joy is constantly born anew. Let us work together, pray together and grow together, with the help of God's guiding hand to shine as a beacon of evangelisation throughout our Parish and the whole of Ipswich.

### **Trial of Vigil Mass on a Saturday Evening**

I would like to know, as we go along, peoples views on the trial of the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. Please do speak to me after Mass, or email me on the parish priests email account.  
Thank you. Fr. Paul

### **The Sick of the Parish**

We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Ron Green, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly McGarry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Pippa Williamson, Carol Sims.

### **'Back With A Bang' - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 4pm**

A special Christmastide Mass for all young people and their families from across the diocese. Followed by hot dogs, a bonfire and fireworks. There will be a collection of presents for children who are refugees (please bring presents unwrapped).  
Held at The White House, 21 Ugate, Poringland, NR14

### **Bringing joy this Christmas**

Once again, we are joining FIND  
(our local food bank)  
in their Christmas Gift Appeal

This brings joy to people (especially children) all around Ipswich.

This year we need Gift Vouchers - £10 upwards (must have receipts, please)

E vouchers (printed) are very welcome too

Plus the traditional, boxes of Biscuits, Sweets, Chocolates Please bring them to Church:

We continue to collect for those in greater need.

Many thanks

### **Could you support our Parish Primary School as a Foundation Governor?**

St Pancras Primary school is part of the Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi-Academy Trust...OWL CMAT for short! We are one of 6 schools in the MAT, lead by an over-arching Board of Trustees which delegates certain powers to the 'Local Governing Body' of each school. The LGB set the strategic direction of the school whilst holding the school leaders to account for both financial management and the academic progress of children.

We are currently recruiting for a Foundation Governor to join the LGB. As well as the governance roles described above, Foundation governors are Catholics who ensure that the religious character of the school is preserved and developed in line with the Bishop's educational directives.

In simple terms, the school needs you! If you have skills and time which you could offer in support of our school then please do give it careful consideration; your contribution would be a valuable way of serving our local Church community.

1. Read Pages 12-13 of the most recent Trust newsletter which shines a light on Governance and can be found here: <https://anyflip.com/wzmdk/mudy/>
2. Attend the virtual Trust 'Governor Information and Recruitment Session' via Zoom
3. Email [admin@st-pancras.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pancras.suffolk.sch.uk), expressing your interest.

### **Christmas Preparations in the Church**

On **Wednesday 22 December at 11am**, people are invited to come and join us in the Church for our Christmas preparations. This will include arranging flowers and greenery, but no experience is needed and all parishioners are welcome to join us.

### **Second Collection**

**There will be a second collection next Sunday, 12 December, for Church flowers, this will be used towards our Christmas flowers and beyond.**

### **The Big Church Clean**

**Saturday 11th December 2021 at 10.30am**

Are you able to spend some time helping to clean the Church in preparation for Christmas.

Please speak to Linis.

A soup and quiche lunch will be provided in the Garden room afterwards!