

# 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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January is dedicated to  
the Holy Name of Jesus

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas*

09:30 — Mary Crilly  
11:00 — Fr Leeder

## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

10am — Private int.

## Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

*Feria*

8am (TLM) — Helen & Richard Longman

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

*Feria*

6pm — Kathleen McGrath RIP

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

*Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord*

8am (TLM) — Ivan Rose RIP

12:15pm — Holy Souls

6pm (sung) — Pro Populo

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

*Feria*

10am — Holy Souls

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January

*Feria*

10am — Holy Souls

*Vigil of the Baptism of Our Lord*

6pm — Holy Souls

### CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Fri: 20 minutes before each Mass  
Sat: 9:30 — 10:00 & 5pm — 5:45pm

**ADORATION:** Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

**ROSARY:** Mon — Fri: after Mass

**DEVOTIONS TO O.L. OF IPSWICH &**

**S. PANCRAS:** Sat after 10am Mass

**TLM Masses:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
at 8am. (Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mass: 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.)

*Traditional Latin Masses (TLM) are said  
according to the Missal used before the Sec-  
ond Vatican Council.*



*The Adoration of the Magi by Jan de Bray (1674)*

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Masses (with Confessions 20 minutes beforehand):*

8am (TLM) 12:15pm 6pm (sung)

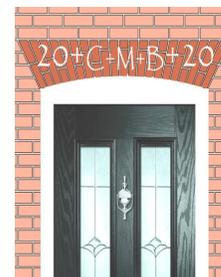
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#### BLESSING OF CHALK AFTER EACH MASS

Please take a piece of blessed chalk home with you and  
mark the lintel above the front door of your house with  
the traditional Epiphany blessing:

**20 + C + M + B + 22**

which stands for the year and the names of the Magi,  
Caspar, Melchior, & Balthasar  
as well as *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*  
(‘May Christ Bless this House’)



#### THIS WEEK

##### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

The Epiphany - Masses at:

- 8am (TLM)

- 12:15pm

- 6pm

##### Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

- 10:45am - Over 60s coffee

- 5pm - Confirmation Class

##### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

- 4pm - First Communion Class

#### NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** 8am(TLM): 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
the Month

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** 11:30am: Funeral  
Requiem Flora Iwasiak RIP

##### Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

- 10am: Funeral Requiem

Ellen Ebelewicz RIP

- 11am: Over 60's coffee morning

- 4pm: First Communion class

##### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

- 5pm: Confirmation class

Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash contribution to the parish. Thank you.

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## FACE COVERINGS

Owing to the latest variant of the Covid-19 virus, face coverings are currently required by law in all places of worship unless you are exempt, and except when singing. Fr Joseph asks that you comply with the law, and give consideration to those who are anxious or vulnerable as well as to those whose reason for an exemption may not be obvious. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser and to complete the track-and-trace forms or use the app. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION

This year we have a special Crib Collection for those less well off than ourselves. The money will go to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) which, as it says on its website, is a Pontifical Foundation supporting Catholics and other Christians throughout the world wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or otherwise in need. You can give in the collection box by the crib or by donating through our Dona cashless machines at the back of the church, or via our website. Let's see whether St Pancras



parish can send **£1,000** this Christmas to help those who are persecuted just for being Catholics!

**THANK YOU!** Fr Joseph would like to say a big thank-you for so many Christmas greetings, cards, and gifts, as well as for a very generous Christmas offering. Thank you very much indeed, and may God bless you.

**Readers** Please would all those who read at Mass (Sundays or Weekdays) take a copy of the leaflet, 'Notes for Readers at Mass,' from the back of church? We are also keen to find new readers, and especially young readers. If you are interested, please contact Fr Joseph. Thank you.

**The Parish Magazine**, Christmas 2021 edition, is now available at the back of the church and on our website free of charge.

**Sick List** Prayers are asked for Rosemary Pease, Lee Porter, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, Mary Driscoll, and Leighton Scott.

### Of your charity

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ellen Ebelewicz, and Jean Killelay, both of whom have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Teresa Randall, Henry Newcombe, Patrick Crehan, Mary Glanfield, Clare Dallastone, Leonard James, William Callston, Wilhelm Wadas, Edna Eyton-Jones, Kathleen Peopall, Andrzej Skladnik, Elizabeth Matthew, Theresa Heffer, David Mullin, Alice Mason, Robert Demston, Deborah Calver, Mykola Lehkyj, Dialio Ravasio, Annie Bartlet, Rodolf Scully, Florence Fell, Elizabeth Randall, Florence Dent, Joseph Reilly, Martin Mongan, Helena Paul, Laurence Phillips, Bernard Blower, Mollie Harris, Robert Madison, Gerald Heffer, Mary Capasson, Michael Donohoe, Dennis Lyons, William Craig, Catherine Bennett, Louis Borg, and Michael Field. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**Fr Joseph writes:** The season of Christmastide, which includes Epiphanytide, lasts, properly speaking, until the Feast of Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Admittedly, it is a slightly grey area insofar as we return to green vestments after the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, and there seems to be a blurring of two seasons, *Epiphanytide* and *Sundays of the Year*. (In the Traditional liturgical calendar we have *Sundays after Epiphany* all the way up to Septuagesima.)

But whatever the weeks between the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and the feast of Candlemas are called in our missals, the whole of the forty days from Christmas Day to 2<sup>nd</sup> February may be said to be the Church's *season of light*. From the moment the 'light of men' (Jn 1:4) was born in Bethlehem right up to the moment when Simeon declares in the Temple that his eyes have seen 'the light to enlighten the Gentiles' (Lk 2:32), we have account after account, in the Gospel passages of both weekday and Sunday Masses, of the light of Christ being shone upon 'the eyes of our mind,' as it says in the Preface of the Nativity at Mass.

These 'epiphanies' (from the Greek meaning 'to reveal') follow on from the great Epiphany when the light of Christ is first revealed to the wider world, represented by the Wise Men, on 6<sup>th</sup> January. Again and again we have 'firsts' in the Gospel passages of the days and weeks that follow: we have Our Lord's first miracle at Cana in Galilee, we have His first healing miracle, we have His first casting out of unclean spirits, we have His first miracle over nature, we have His first proclamation of the Good News, and so forth.

And chief of these 'epiphanies,' after *the* Epiphany, is the moment of Our Lord's Baptism in the River Jordan by St John the Baptist. At that moment, and for the first time in human history, God definitively reveals Himself to be a Triune God, that is, three Persons in one God. As the Son of God rises from the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit is seen to descend upon Him in the form of a dove, and the voice of the Father is heard to say, 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased' (Mt 3:16-17). Indeed, for Vespers (Evening Prayer) of both feasts—the Epiphany and the Baptism of Our Lord—we have the same antiphon for the *Magnificat*:

Tribus miraculis ornatum  
diem sanctum colimus:  
hodie stella magos duxit ad praesepium,  
hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias,  
hodie in Jordane Christus baptizari voluit,  
ut salvaret nos.

We honour this holy day,  
adorned with three miracles:  
today the star led the Magi to the manger;  
today water was turned into wine for the wedding;  
today Christ desired to be baptized in the Jordan,  
that He might save us.

It is fitting that the Church's season of light falls at the darkest time of our year, but it is also the time of year when the daylight hours are gradually, almost imperceptibly, lengthening each day. The coming of the Light into the world coincides with our lifting spirits as spring draws nearer, culminating in the Rising Sun on Easter Day. But, as with every other aspect of our holy religion, we must co-operate with God's grace if we wish to reap the reward. We cannot be mere passive onlookers and still expect to get to heaven: 'He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His name' (Jn 1:11-12). If we insist on making a New Year's resolution, let it be to receive the Light of the World more fully into our hearts and minds.