

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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December is dedicated to
the Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Sunday 11th December 2022

Gaudete Sunday

8am (TLM) — Fiona Abbott

09:30 — Thanksgiving for a new job
(Martine)

11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 12th December

Advent feria

10am — Holy Souls

Tuesday 13th December

S. Lucy

8am (TLM) — Holy Souls

Wednesday 14th December **EMBER DAY**

S. John of the Cross

6pm — Bishop Peter Collins

Thursday 15th December

Advent feria

12:15pm — Ellen Kate Keenen RIP (F)

Friday 16th December **EMBER DAY**

Advent feria

10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 17th December **EMBER DAY**

Advent feria: 'O Sapientia'

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

6pm — Joan Elliott RIP

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass

& Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

1st Friday: 7pm — 8pm

ADORATION: Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

ROSARY: Mon — Fri: after Mass

DEVOTIONS TO O.L. OF IPSWICH & S. PANCRAS: Sat after 10am Mass

TLM Masses: 2nd Sunday of the month at 8am. (Next 2nd Sunday Mass: 8th Jan.)

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Traditional Latin Masses (TLM) are said according to the Missal used before the Second Vatican Council.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

*Wednesday evening at 6:30pm
following the 6pm Mass*

*Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
with hymns, prayers,
short readings for
meditation, and Benediction*



*(The Holy Family, above the altar of St Joseph
in the Basilica of Mary, Help of Christians, Turin)*

Note: Ember Days fall this week

NEXT SUNDAY

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT & BLESSING OF CRIBS



Sunday, 18th December at 4pm

followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish hall

Bring your cribs (or principal figures if the whole thing is too large)

Please take a booklet from the back of church giving full details of all events, Masses, and Confession times for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Second Collection Today

*For the diocesan Dependent Priests Fund
Please give as generously as you can to help
look after the priests of our diocese who have
given their lives in the generous service of God
and His people, and now need your support in
retirement or sickness. Thank you.*



(Pictured: Pope Francis greets elderly and sick priests in 2020)

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

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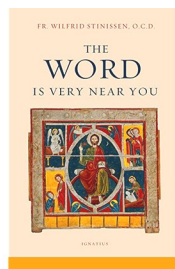
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BOOK CLUB MEETING

This Week

Monday, 12th December at 7pm

In the parish hall to discuss
The Word is Very Near You
by Fr Wilfrid Stinissen.



An appeal for greenery If you have any greenery that we can use to decorate the church for Christmas, please bring it along before next Friday and leave it either in the back garden of the house if the gate is open or just inside the porch. Thank you.

Saturday, 7th January at 2pm Family Epiphany Devotions followed by a bring-&-share party in the parish hall. All welcome, especially young families. (These devotions replace the Confirmation Class on Friday 6th and First Communion Class on Saturday 7th January.)

Red Boxes There are a few red boxes at the back of the church. If you would like one, please help yourself and return it next year filled to the brim with money for the charity *Missio* (APF).

Masses may be booked for the living and the dead by using the Mass Offering envelopes at the back of church. Please note that the recommended Mass Offering is £10 per Mass.

Heating Please make sure at all times that the doors to the church are closed in the cold weather (just as you would close your front door at home!)

Charities We will be raising money for Mary's Meals during Advent at the Thursday lunch and during the cake sale on Gaudete Sunday. Our Crib collection this year will be, once more, for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

Sick List Prayers are asked for Rosemary Pease, Jim Convey, Simon Marriage, Mary Driscoll, Leighton Scott, Bernie Wood, Graham Wilding, Larry Crowley, and Brian Price.

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the souls of Shirley Green who died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Harriet Hardwicke, John Gaffney, Albert Mountain, Tosca Pearce, Maureen Ronquillo, Albert Bull, Frank Sparrow, John Pryce, Cecilia Beanes, James Hayes, Joan Garrod, Byron Allen, Alfred Abram, James Barry, Robert Cross, Joseph Garnham, Romano Iovi, Margaret Oliver, Michael O'Dwyer, Mary Reynolds, Fr Laurence Nicholson, Beth Walmsley, Percy Fox, Agnes Dooley, Ann Johnson, Bernard Hurley, Denis Kindred, Paul Stokes, Kathleen Bills, Laura Manley, Robert Sanders, Michael Reilly, Marylyn Timms, and Ellen Ebelewicz. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: So far we have explored the words, **I Believe In** and **One God**. This week, in the third of our forty-part series on the Creed we look at the idea God as Father.

THE FATHER ALMIGHTY

Being pure spirit, God is, of course, neither male nor female properly speaking. Indeed, female analogy for God is used in several places in the Bible (for example Isaiah 49:15). In the Wisdom literature of the Old Testament God is frequently referred to directly as She, for example in Wisdom chapter 6. Yet Wisdom Incarnate (that is, Jesus) is 'He,' and when Christ was asked by His disciples to teach them how to pray, He began, 'Our Father,' (Mt 6:9), and often referred to God as His Father throughout His public ministry, for example during His long discourse at the Last Supper in John's Gospel (Jn 14ff). We must presume that, being divine Himself, He knew what He was about when He chose the pronoun He did.

Throughout the Scriptures the image of God as the Father recurs again and again. He appears as the Creator, the Maker, He appears as the Law Giver, the Guide, and the Guardian of His people. He chides and rebukes, but He also governs, tends, and leads His



flock, and although there is a popular idea that God is harsh in the Old Testament and gently loving in the New, in fact there are not two Gods but one, and He exhibits all of His qualities many times in both the Old Testament and in the New. Perhaps the real reason for the portrayal of God as Father is that the Father begets, whilst a mother brings to birth. The Father begets His only Begotten Son, but, in His human nature, He is brought to birth by the Blessed Virgin Mary, hence we have a complementarity of male and female held up before our eyes by God Himself and by His Church.

God's Fatherhood is also linked to His being almighty. God is the all-powerful defender of, and provider for, His people. Within God's Fatherhood, and especially within the complementarity of male and female, we have the beginnings of the model for the basic unit of our human society, the family.

Despite the fact that nothing is impossible to God (Lk 1:37) there is, paradoxically, something that God cannot do. He cannot contradict His own nature: He cannot make Himself less than God by lessening or diminishing one or other of His attributes. For example, He cannot render Himself less than omnipotent, less than all-knowing, less than infinite, less than all-loving, all-merciful, or all-just.

Even so, it is central to Christianity as an Incarnational religion that in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ, God does indeed surrender something of His power and makes Himself subject to His own Creatures, obeying His Mother Mary and His foster father Joseph, and allowing Himself to be led away to death on a Cross by Roman soldiers. Yet this is not God rendering Himself less than God, rather it is God conjoining His uncreated divine nature to our created human nature in order to redeem a fallen humanity and raise it up once more to share in His divinity.

Picture: God the Father by Cima da Conegliano (c.1510-17)