

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 18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent 'O Adonai'
09:30 — Gioan Baotixita
11:00 — Pro Populo

Monday 19th December

Advent feria 'O Radix Iesse'
10am — Oliver & Anne Merlehan & family

Tuesday 20th December

*Advent feria III after Dom. IV of Advent
'O Clavis David'*
8am (TLM) — Holy Souls

Wednesday 21st December

Advent feria 'O Oriens'
6pm — Pat & Aine Merlehan & family

Thursday 22nd December

Advent feria 'O Rex Gentium'
12:15pm — Holy Souls (E)

Friday 23rd December

Advent feria 'O Emmanuel'
10am — Tom & Anne Shaw

Saturday 24th December

Vigil of the Nativity
10am — Holy Souls

NO 6PM MASS TODAY

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.*
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THIS AFTERNOON AT 4PM



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT & BLESSING OF CRIBS

followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish hall
Bring your cribs (or principal figures if the whole thing is too large)

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

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

CONFESSION TIMES THIS WEEK

Mon. 19 th	9am – 10am & 6pm – 7pm	Thur. 22 nd	11:15am – 12:15pm
Tues. 20 th	7:30am – 8am	Fri. 23 rd	9am – 10am & 6pm – 7pm
Wed. 21 st	5pm – 6pm	Sat. 24 th	9am – 10am & 6pm – 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

10am Mass

(No Adoration at 5pm or Mass at 6pm)

*Hodie sciétis, quia véniet Dóminus et salvábit nos:
et mane vidébitis glóriam eius*

*This day you shall know that the Lord will come and save us:
and in the morning you shall see His glory.*
(Ex 16:6-7)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight Mass

(with Carols from 11:30pm)

8am (TLM) 9:30am 11am

Recent Collections

October: Standing orders: £1,267; Dona: £803:87; green envelopes:
£706:49; collection plate: £1,547:68. Total: £4,325:04.

November: Standing orders: £1,178; Dona: £1,261:63; green envelopes:
£922:27; collection plate: £2,923:25. Total: £6,285:15.

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

BANK: Barclays ACCOUNT NAME: St Pancras Catholic Church SORT CODE: 20-44-51 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00775843
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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 will replace the Confirmation Class on Friday 6th and First Communion Class on Saturday 7th January.

Christmas Legends One Christmas legend says that all the animals of the world can talk like humans at Midnight. In an old French mystery play the cock crows, *Christus natus est* (Christ is born); the goose barks *Quando?* (When?); the crow caws *In hac nocte* (On this night); the owl hoots *Ubi? Ubi?* (Where?); the lamb bleats *Bethlehem*, and the ass brays *Eamus* (Let us go), the sounds loosely resembling the noises made by the animals.

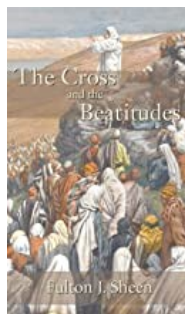
(John Piper's famous window at St Mary's church, Iffley, Oxfordshire.)



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).

The Book Club
will meet next on
Monday, 13th March
to discuss

The Cross and the Beatitudes
by Fulton Sheen
published by Angelico Press



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 Veronica Weston née Flack and Shirley Green who have both died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eleanor Scott, Maria Aylward, Henry Devaux, Eva Marshall, Caroline Dallastone, Robert Price, Amos Collins, Anne Witney, Horace Nicholls, Zena McCann, Daniel Dennehy, John Cummings, Jean Tyler, Margaret Norden, Anna Pinelli, Martin Earley, Dmitri Zuk, Stanley Weir, John Conlon, Thomas Flynn, Audrey Woolner, Albert Wilding, Joan Elliott, Ernest Kindred, Mary Goodman, Henry Adams, Irene Hallahan, and Olive Pratt. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: This week, in the fourth part of our series on the Creed, we look at our belief in God as Creator.

MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

All that exists was made by God *ex nihilo*, that is, out of nothing. He did not gather together material that already existed and put it together into the forms we now see. Rather, in the beginning there was nothing except God. We do not know the mechanism by which the material universe was brought into being, but we believe that God is the cause of all that exists, and that He continues to sustain everything in being. Modern scientific theory tells us that there was a big bang. Far from being incompatible with Christian faith, the idea of the Big Bang was posited by a Catholic priest, Georges Lemaître (1894-1966), who was the first person to identify that the recession of nearby galaxies can be explained by a theory of an expanding universe. The division of the creation of the world into six of our modern 24-hour days provides a narrative structure but is not meant to be taken as a literal timeline. Nonetheless, it remains interesting that the geological sequence of the creation story in Genesis (for example, the formation of land mass, the appearance of plant life, animal life, and then human life) is correct, even though the story in the Bible was first written down possibly as long ago as 1,400 BC, and recounted orally almost certainly for some considerable time before that.

The first thing God created was light, but note that whilst He separated the light from the darkness He did not create the darkness (Gen 1:4). Indeed, God did not make anything except that which is good. He did not create disorder, disease, depression, or death: 'God did not make death, and He does not delight in the death of the living,' (Wis 1:13). Rather, He saw that all that He made was good, and that Man, both male and female, was 'very good' (Gen 1:31). In the Garden of Eden, before the Fall, there was only order, harmony, good health, fecundity, and life, and in the middle of the Garden was the Tree of Life, and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (Gen 2:9).

However, the harmony of the created order was shattered when God's creatures rebelled against His will and took to themselves power and authority which was not theirs to take. Tempted by the serpent, Eve believed that she could be the arbiter of what constitutes good and evil and so become her own god (Gen 3:5). She in turn tempted Adam, who held the supernatural gift of justification (that is, sanctifying grace) and the preternatural gift of impassibility (the possibility of not suffering) in trust on behalf of all of Mankind. In trying to take to himself this same power – to decide for himself what constitutes good and evil – Adam effectively turned his back on God and forfeited these two precious gifts, leaving his race stained with that same sin of pride and disobedience, as well as leaving damage done to the unity and harmony of human nature itself.



Benediction of God the Father by Luca Cambiaso c.1565