

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 25th December 2022

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Midnight — Pro Populo

8am (TLM) — Private int.

09:30 — Michelina Sabino

11:00 — Canon John Thomas RIP (F)

Monday 26th December

S. Stephen

10am — Merrilees Bendall RIP

Tuesday 27th December

S. John

8am (TLM) — Altar Servers (F)

Wednesday 28th December

Holy Innocents

6pm — Edmund Campion RIP

Thursday 29th December

S. Thomas à Becket

12:15pm — Hilda & Henry Newcombe RIP

Friday 30th December

Funeral requiem

10am — Shirley Green RIP

N.B. No Confessions before, or rosary after, Mass today

Saturday 31st December

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity

10am — Jonas Navardanskas

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

6pm — for the *Domus* of the Parish

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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Nativity with Beasts and Shepherds by David Jones (1895-1974)

*Dum medium silentium tenerent omnia,
et nox in suo cursu medium iter haberet omnipotens sermo tuus,
de caelis a regalibus sedibus venit.*

'For while all things were in quiet silence,
and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty word
leapt down from heaven from thy royal throne.'

Wisdom 18:14-15



*May the grace and the blessings of the newborn Saviour
fill your hearts and your homes this Christmas*

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

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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.

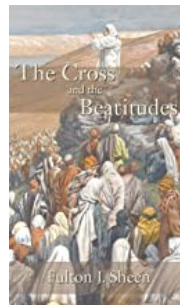
Christmas Legends There is more than one story about how the robin got his red breast, but one legend says that the night Our Saviour was born was so cold with a wintry wind that the fire in the stable almost went out. Our Lady asked the animals for help, but they were sound asleep. Whilst St Joseph was out desperately looking for wood to rekindle the fire, a tiny brown bird flew in and flapped its wings to fan the flames in an attempt to keep the fire burning till St Joseph returned. In the process, the robin's breast was scorched but at least the fire did not go out. Our Lady blessed the bird saying, 'Let your red breast be a reminder of your good deed.'



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



Christmas Offering The collection on Christmas Day is traditionally a personal offering to the clergy of the parish rather than to the parish itself.

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

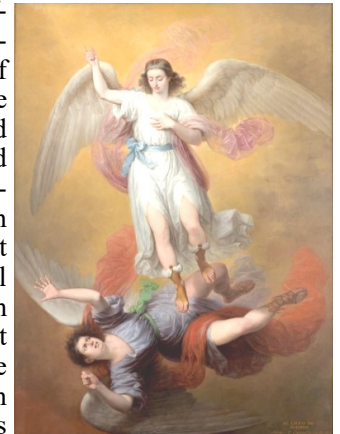
Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the souls of Veronica Weston née Flack and Shirley Green who have both died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon John Henry Thompson, Beryl Cutbush, Betty Wray, Percy Coote, Morris Hough, Edward Doherty, Patrick Lydon, Norah Bilbie, Giovanni Formicola, George Stally, Elizabeth Dooley, Michelle Quinn, Patricia Howard, Michael Surniaczynski, Maurice Lentem, Francis Leeder, John Snook, Fiona Gleeson, Grace Nowosad, Denis O'Sullivan, and Mary Wijeyewickremk. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes: In the fifth part of our series on the Creed, we consider the creation of the Angels, and Lucifer's fall.

OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE

'There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy,' (*Hamlet* I v 174-5). The appearance, both in sight and sound, of the Ghost in Shakespeare's famous play convinces Hamlet of the existence of a world beyond his own. There are spirits that are no less real for all that they are not commonly encountered by their earthly counterparts. Before ever God created the material universe, He created a world of spirits whom we call angels. St Paul lists the choirs, of angels as Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Virtues (Col 1:16), Angels, Powers (Rom 8:38), and Archangels (1 Thess 1:15). The Cherubim are mentioned in Hebrews (9:5), and the Seraphim are mentioned in Isaiah (6:2). Pope St Gregory the Great ranked them in order as Angels, Archangels, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Dominations, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim, and taught us that the word Angel denotes an office not their nature. Only three such spirits are given proper names in the Bible: they are, Michael, meaning 'who is like to God,' Gabriel, 'the strength of God,' and Raphael, the medicine or 'healing of God.' Catholics believe that each of us has a Guardian Angel, assigned from the moment of conception, whose task it is to light and guard, rule and guide us through this life on our way to heaven (Mt 18:10).

Lucifer, whose name means 'light bearer,' was the brightest and most beautiful of all the angels, so much so that he began to lose sight of the fact that he possessed such gifts only as a result of God's favour. Attributing to himself these qualities, he came to consider himself no longer in need of God, regarding himself, in effect, as his own god. Furthermore, he came to be jealous of one whom he knew would one day be created and who would hold these gifts of light and beauty in even greater abundance, that is, the Blessed Virgin Mary. He did not know who that person was to be (given that all of the angels had already been created, and this person was not among them) but he raged at the prospect of a creature lower than himself possessing such gifts more fully than he. The Book of Revelation tells the story of his rebellion against God, his attempt to eat the child of this pure creature, his efforts to drown this pure creature, and the account of St Michael's battle against Lucifer and the one-third of all the spirits of heaven whom he dragged to earth with him (Rev 12:1-9).



Satan's cosmic rebellion may be said to provide a theological account for natural disasters, such as earthquakes, volcanoes and the like, because his rebellion sent a fissure through the fabric of the created order, rupturing the harmony that had, up till then, existed between God and His creatures as well as the harmony that existed between all creatures within the created order.

Satan's temptation of Adam to become his own god – by seeing as good something which is in fact evil – mirrors Lucifer's own Fall.

Above: The Fall of Lucifer by Antonio María Esquivel (1806-1857)