

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 1st January 2023

- * *In Octava Nativitatis Domini*
8am (TLM) — Benefactors of the Parish
- * *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
09:30 — Pro Populo
11:00 — Anne White & family

Monday 2nd January

Ss Basil & Gregory Nazianzen
10am — Ann Merlehan & family

Tuesday 3rd January

Feria of the Nativity
8am (TLM) — Private int.

Wednesday 4th January

Feria of the Nativity
6pm — Danielle Holmes

Thursday 5th January

Feria of the Nativity
12:15pm — Michael Booker RIP

Friday 6th January

Solemnity of the Epiphany of OLJC
8am (TLM) — Holy Souls
12:15pm — Holy Souls
7pm (sung) — Pro Populo

Saturday 7th January

Feria
10am — Sheila Rhodda
Vigil of the Baptism of Our Lord
6pm — Holy Souls

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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FRIDAY, 6TH JANUARY

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses at:

8am (TLM) 12:15pm 7pm

Confessions before each Mass
Rosary after the 12:15pm Mass

Adoration of the Kings
by Gerard David, c.1515



SATURDAY, 7TH JANUARY AT 2PM

FAMILY EPIPHANY PROCESSION & BENECTION

An Epiphany service especially—although not exclusively—for children and young families, with the Blessing of Chalk, an Epiphany Procession, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Followed by a bring-and-share party in the parish hall.

(Fr Joseph hopes that there will be at least one Galette des Rois!)

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During the service pieces of chalk will be blessed. The members of each household may then take a piece of blessed chalk and write the Epiphany blessing above the front door of their home so that each person who enters the house during the course of 2023 may receive God's blessing.



The letters stand for the names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. But they also stand for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* which means, 'May Christ Bless this House.'

The Family Epiphany Benediction replaces the catechism classes for this week. First Communion children are expected to be there, and Confirmation candidates are invited also.

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

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Fr Joseph would like to say a very big thank-you to everyone for so many kind words and greetings over the holidays, and for so many thoughtful gifts as well as a very generous Christmas Offering. Thank you, and God bless you.

How long does Christmas last? Traditionally, trees, cards, and decorations are taken down after Twelfth Night (the feast of the Epiphany on 6th January) whilst cribs remain in place until the feast of Candlemas on 2nd February. This makes Christmastide as long as Lent (40 days) but includes the season of Epiphanytide from 7th January to 2nd February. It's a little confusing because on the Sundays of Epiphanytide (which we now call Sundays of the Year) the priest wears green vestments, the white vestments of Christmastide being put away after the feast of Our Lord's Baptism.

Two Picture Frames were left in the porch immediately before Christmas. If they belong to you, they may be collected from the sacristy.

Dates for your Diary 2023

Septuagesima Sunday—5th February
Tavern Evening—11th February
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party—21st February
Ash Wednesday—22nd February
Passiontide begins—26th March
Palm Sunday—2nd April
Good Friday—7th April

Our Crib collection this year is, once more, for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

The Catholic Young Adults (CYA) group will meet on 2nd Friday of the month, 13th January at 7pm.

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, Brian Price, and Judy Fell.

Of your charity Please pray for those who have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ernest Barnes, Michael Joseph Donohoe, Ronald Greatbanks, Dorothy Saunders, Valentina Petrowska, Teresa Randall, Kenny Newcombe, Patrick Chrehan, Mary Glanfield, Clare Dallstone, Leonard James, William Calliston, 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, Moliie Harris, Robert Madison, Gerald Heffer, Mary Capasso, and Michael Donohoe. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

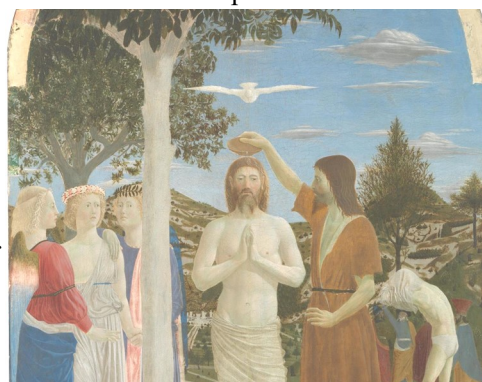
Fr Joseph writes: In the sixth part of our series on the Creed we start our lengthy consideration of the nature and work of Incarnate Son of God.

I BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The word 'Lord' (Gk. *kyrios*; Lat. *dominus*) is variously used in both the Old and the New Testaments as an honorific title of a king, or a god, or a husband, of the owner of a slave, of a master, or indeed of anyone who has authority, the power to command, or a superior rank. In the writings of St Paul its use becomes restricted to a divine title and is repeatedly applied to Jesus Christ, but it is also used in a Trinitarian formula (for example in 1 Cor 12:4-6 and again in 2 Cor 13:13). In other words, this same title of Lord or Divine Master may be used of each of the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity: God the Father is Lord, God the Son is Lord, and God the Holy Spirit is Lord. The word 'Lord,' then, has become equated with divine status, and with the divine nature. There is only one divine nature – there is only one God – but there are three Persons within the Godhead, and each may be called Lord.

Rather than a title, the word 'Jesus' is a proper name. So sacred is the name that, traditionally, whenever a Catholic pronounces or hears the word, in church or in normal conversation, he nods his head, and sometimes bows more profoundly, in adoration. (It is rare to hear the name in Anglo-Saxon countries today, but it is sometimes used as an ordinary Christian name for boys in Hispanic regions.) The name comes from the Hebrew *yēhōshū'a*, or Joshua, and means the-Lord-is-Salvation, or more simply Saviour. In the Old Testament, Joshua was one of Moses' loyal lieutenants and, when Moses died before entering the land of Canaan, it was Joshua who was charged by God with the task of leading the People of Israel into the Promised Land (Josh 1:1). Similarly, Jesus of Nazareth is charged by His Father with the task of saving His people and leading them to heaven: 'And you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins' (Mt 1:21).

The word 'Christ,' on the other hand, is a title, coming from the Greek *Christós*, meaning 'the anointed one,' just as *messiah* is from the Hebrew for 'the anointed one.' Jesus is the One who fulfils the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament (for example, 'Behold, a young woman shall conceive, and bear a son,' and 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,' and 'the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,' Is 7:14; 9:6; 11:2). When Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit was seen to descend upon Him in the form of a dove (Lk 3:22; par. Mk 1:10; Mt 3:16). This descent of the Holy Spirit was the occasion of Jesus' anointing, *in His human nature*, and of His being revealed to God's people as the Messiah who has come to set captives free (Lk 4:18).



*Detail of The Baptism of Christ
by Piero della Francesca, after 1437*