

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 15th January 2023

2nd Sunday of the Year

09:30 — Pro Populo

11:00 — Lee Carl Porter RIP

Monday 16th January

S. Furse

10am — Mattie Grimes RIP

Tuesday 17th January

S. Anthony

8am (TLM) — Judy Fell

Wednesday 18th January

Feria

6pm — Valentina Petrovska RIP

Thursday 19th January

S. Wulstan

12:15pm — Carol Convey & family

Friday 20th January

Ss Fabian & Sebastian

10am — Holy Souls

Saturday 21st January

S. Agnes

10am — Joe Duffy RIP

Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of the Year

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: 12th Feb.)

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

EPIPHANY CHALK

There are still pieces of blessed Epiphany chalk available at the back of church. If you have not already done so, please take a piece and write the Epiphany inscription above the front door of your home. In this way, those who live there as well as visitors may receive Our Lord's blessing throughout the year as they pass in and out of your home.

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The numbers denote the year. 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.'

BISHOP ALAN'S RETIREMENT

SECOND COLLECTION

At all Masses this weekend as part of our parish's contribution to a retirement gift from the whole diocese. You may also contribute via our Dona machines at the back of the church.

MASS OF FAREWELL & THANKSGIVING

Tuesday, 24th January at 11:30am at the Cathedral

If you would like to attend the Mass please let Fr Joseph know **today**.

AFTERNOON / EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

Monday, 16th January

for Women beginning at 2pm — for Men beginning at 7pm
given by Fr Paul Diaper of Opus Dei here at St Pancras.

Theme: 'How can we best interest our non-Catholic friends in our Faith?'

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

For men and women post-abortion

17th — 19th March 2023

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Healing Weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of healing.

The retreat will take place in north Norfolk. For further details contact:

Sona at sona@rachelvineyard.org.uk or on 07900 734207

Recent Collections

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

December: Standing orders: £1,618; Dona: £1,311:72; green envelopes: £230:48; collection plate: £806:13. Total: £3,966:33.

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

St Pancras Catholic Church is part of the East Anglia Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: registered charity no. 278742

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 Book Club will meet next on Monday, 13th March to discuss *The Cross and the Beatitudes* by Fulton Sheen published by Angelico Press.

Accommodation sought by a Catholic man and parishioner of St Pancras. £400pcm or less. Contact Mr Ionut Ciobanu-Milicevic Mob: 07771 044832. Email: ic0161592@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME

Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts

In a few weeks' time we shall be launching the Stewardship Programme, a diocesan project to encourage everyone to take a fuller part in, and responsibility for, the life of our parish.

With the subtitle, Time, Talents & Treasure, and with the motto, 'Our Parish, Our Responsibility,' the Stewardship Programme is designed to help us identify what we are—what each of us is—able to contribute to the life and growth of St Pancras parish. Watch this space for details.

Sick List

Prayers are asked for Rosemary Pease, Jim Convey, 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 Simon Marriage, Susan Bell, and Seamus McEvoy all of whom have died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marian Traynor, Doris Meakings, Fedor Lewkowytsh, Astrid Bradshaw, Vincenzo Labella, Jean Wright, Delphine King, Lee Porter, Lucy Alexander, Thomas Bain, Richard Norden, Francis Snell, William Cork, Mary Titterington, Caterina Polanczuk, Anna Dye, Arthur Hambling, John Crowley, Violet Burrows, Vera Ellis, Michael Murray, Paul Wright, Rose O'Heare, Alice McGill, William Ely, Patrick Hynes, David Watts, Mabel Everett, and Felicidad Stepenson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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Fr Joseph writes: In the eighth part of our series on the Creed we contrast heresies about the Person of the Incarnate Son of God with what the Church actually teaches.

GOD FROM GOD, LIGHT FROM LIGHT, TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD

The Nicene Creed continues to illustrate the equality of the Father and the Son, so important is this doctrine. To understand better who and what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, truly is, we can look at some of history's major errors about Him.

Adoptionism holds that Jesus was born as a man, was not divine, but that He was supremely virtuous, and became the Son of God at His baptism in the river Jordan. *Apollinarism* is the belief that Jesus had a human body and a lower soul, but a divine mind, whereas *Arianism* denies the true divinity of Jesus and asserts that He was created by the Father, and therefore had a beginning, and that the title Son of God was more or less a courtesy title. *Docetism* holds that Jesus' physical body was an illusion, that He only seemed to have a physical body, but was in reality an incorporeal spirit. As a result, He did not die physically on the Cross. *Monarchianism* overemphasizes the indivisibility of God at the expense of the Son and the Holy Spirit, a belief that leads to Adoptionism on the one hand or Sabellianism (or Modalism) on the other. The orthodox Trinitarian belief of three Persons in one God was explicitly re-stated in AD 381. *Monothelism* erroneously holds that Jesus has two natures, human and divine, but only one will. And, finally, *Sabellianism* maintains that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are merely three characterizations or facets or modes (hence, *Modalism*) of the one God, rather than three distinct persons, and that these three modes correspond to different roles of God.

In summary, the Catholic Church does *not* teach that Jesus is wholly God but with a mere appearance of being Man, as if He had a veneer of humanity laid on top of His divine nature. Nor that He is wholly Man but with a few supernatural powers. Nor that He is half God and half Man.

Instead, the Church teaches that Jesus Christ is wholly God and wholly Man, with two natures, divine and human, and with a divine will and a human will.

Detail from 19th century apse mosaic in the Altlerchenfelder church, Vienna



In drafting the phrase, 'Light from Light' the Fathers of the Council of Nicæa drew on the imagery conveyed in the word *apaugasma* – 'refulgence' or 'brightness' – which is used in only two places in the whole of the Greek Bible. First, in the Book of Wisdom where it says, 'For [Wisdom] is the brightness of eternal light, and the unspotted mirror of God's majesty, and the image of His goodness,' and second, in the Letter to the Hebrews where it says, '[The Son is] the brightness of [God's] glory, and the figure of His substance' (Wis 7:26, Heb 1:3, Douai-Rheims translation). The Fathers understood that just as you cannot have a flame without brightness, so you cannot have the Father without the Son. The two are co-eternal, as St Augustine wrote whilst commenting on the opening lines of John's Gospel, 'Are you seeking for a Son without the Father? Give me a light without brightness.'