

# 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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April is dedicated to  
the Blessed Sacrament

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

*Low Sunday*

09:30 — Robert Keenan RIP (F)

11:00 — Pro Populo

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

*Easter feria*

10am — John Sunday's int.

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

*Easter feria (Mass of Low Sunday)*

8am (TLM) — Graham Wilding RIP

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

*Easter feria*

6pm — Chika's int.

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

*Easter feria*

12:15pm — Conrado Fajardo RIP

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

*S. Anselm*

10am — James Ball RIP

## Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

*Our Lady on Saturday*

10am — Kathleen & Christopher

Merlehan RIP

*Vigil of 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

6pm — Tom & Lilian Fitzpatrick RIP (F)

### CONFESSIONS:

**Mon — Sat:** 30 minutes before each Mass

**& Sat:** 5pm — 5:45pm

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

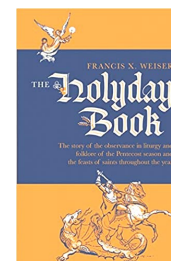
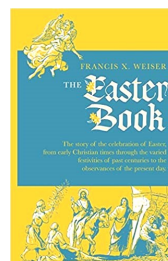
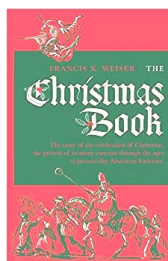
**TLM Masses:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at  
8am. (Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mass: 14<sup>th</sup> May)

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

## ***Did you know... there is a special blessing for Easter eggs?***

*'We beseech thee, O Lord, to bestow thy benign blessing upon these eggs, to make them a wholesome food for thy faithful, who gratefully partake of them in honour of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.'*

Packed with fascinating facts, Fr Francis Weiser SJ wrote three splendid books about long-standing customs and practices associated with the feast days and seasons of our Catholic Faith: *The Christmas Book*, *The Easter Book*, and *The Holyday Book*. Originally published in the 1950s, they have now been reprinted and are available from Amazon and other outlets. Or you could look for copies of the original hardbacks at: [usedbooksearch.co.uk](http://usedbooksearch.co.uk)



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**Fr Joseph** would like to say a huge thank-you for all of your Easter greetings, prayers, and gifts, and especially for the very generous Easter Offering. Thank you, and may God continue to bless you all throughout this holy and blessed season.

**Wednesday evening** discussions on Matthew's Gospel resume this week, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

**Thursday lunches** will resume on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in May.

## ***Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima***



*and the relics of  
St Francisco and St Jacinta*

St Mary's Catholic Church,  
Woodbridge Road

29<sup>th</sup>—30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

*See poster at the back of the church  
for details.*

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

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## PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May May procession at 3pm  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May Patronal Feast of St Pancras &  
Confirmation Mass at 6pm  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June Corpus Christi procession at 3pm  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June First Communion Mass at 9:30am

## DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

### Ignite Catholic Youth Festival

29<sup>th</sup> — 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The East of England's premier Catholic event for teenagers is set to make a return in 2023 with lively music, powerful speakers and passionate prayer. Visit [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information. The festival is followed by a Walk to Walsingham to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage the following day (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May).

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Beginning in the Friday Market square at 12 noon, and with Mass at 3pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

8<sup>th</sup> — 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. See the pilgrimage website — <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/east-anglia-ca>

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**Second Collection** for Diocesan priests' training fund on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April.

**Green Envelopes** The boxes of green offertory envelopes for the new financial year are available at the back of church.

**The Book Club** will meet on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June to discuss *The Story of A Soul* by St Thérèse of Lisieux, and on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September to discuss St Augustine's *Confessions*. There are several editions of both of these books: for the purposes of our meeting, any edition will be acceptable.

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

**Of your charity** Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, and of all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eric Cudden, Robert Brown, Stephen Guerin, Monica Nichols, Michael Mitchell, Patrick O'Brien, Gladys Woodard, Annamarie Ramsay, Mary King, John McMohan, Rosemary Schlee, Patrick Deenihan, Emilio Carrino, Edith Dooley, Cornelia Van Der-Heijden, Saetano Gratini, Canon Edward McHugh, George Fox, Giuseppe Catalanotto, Hugh McCallion, William McAtamney, Nicolas Melero, Catherine Smith, Frank Spink, Coralie Pincott, Eric Nothard, Teresa McLoughlin, Patrick Dwyer, Eileen Ely, Frances Barnes, James Leahy, Frederick Gray, Kathleen Buckledee, David Bowers, and Neville Davies. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**Fr Joseph writes:** We resume our look at the Nicene Creed which we interrupted for Lent. In part fourteen of our forty-part series we consider the Incarnation itself.

## AND BECAME MAN

'What He was, He remained and what He was not, He assumed,' writes Pope St Leo the Great (c.400-461). The Word of God remained divine even as He assumed human nature and became Man. As we have seen already, the Son of God Incarnate is both fully God and fully Man, not half and half; nor, at one end of the God-Man spectrum, God with just a veneer of humanity, nor, at the other end of the spectrum, Man with a few supernatural powers. Instead, He is wholly God and wholly Man. He has two natures (divine and human) and two wills (in His divine nature and in His human nature). Yet neither is He suffering from some form of Dissociative Personality Disorder. Rather, He is one person, wholly integrated, and in full possession both of His divine attributes and His human faculties.



*Pope St Leo the Great  
Doctor of the Church  
and the first pope to be  
called 'Great'*

It is by being one person yet with two natures and two wills (divine and human) that the Word-made-Flesh can bridge the gap between God the Creator on the one hand and a fallen human race on the other.

In the person of the Son of God Incarnate we have a God who reaches down to a race that has distanced itself from its Creator and which cannot, of its own accord, reach back up to its God. And at the same time, in that same Son of God Incarnate, we have human nature being offered up to the Father to be forgiven, purged, purified, reconciled to its Creator, and transformed.

In the person of the Son of God Incarnate, heaven and earth touch; God reaches down to Man to redeem and rescue him, and lift him up to a participation in the divine life forfeited by Adam's original sin and by our actual sins.

'And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us' (Jn 1:14).

We celebrate the Word becoming flesh with great festivity at Christmas, but in fact the Word became incarnate at the moment that Our Lady uttered her 'let it be,' her *fiat*: 'Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be it to me according to your word' (Lk 1:38), which is why the feast of the Annunciation, or Lady Day, is celebrated with such solemnity nine months earlier on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

God had never abandoned His creatures even after they sinned in the Garden of Eden, but with the Incarnation He comes to our aid in a unique manner: He becomes one of us and shares our sufferings, our anguish and even our death so that we might participate in His resurrection, His divine life, and His eternal happiness and blessedness in heaven. The Son of God Incarnate is Emmanuel, a name which means God-with-us (Is 7:14 and Mt 1:23).

Out of the depths of our sinfulness and its consequences we have cried to the Lord (Ps 130[129]). Now, in the Incarnation, He answers our cry, and leaps down to become one with us, to redeem us, and to restore us to where God would have us be.