

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 31st March 2024

Easter Sunday

8am (TLM) — Stephen Abbott

09:30 — Holy Souls

11:00 — Elizabeth Wynne RIP

Monday 1st April

Easter Monday

10am — Mrs J. Killelay

Tuesday 2nd April

Easter Tuesday

8am (TLM) — Anne Abbott's int.

Wednesday 3rd April

Easter Wednesday

6pm — Souls in Purgatory (1/2)

Thursday 4th April

Easter Thursday

12:15pm — Lubomira Dederska &
Edward Jerzy

Friday 5th April

Easter Friday

10am — Souls in Purgatory (2/2)

Saturday 6th April

Easter Saturday

10am — Holy Souls

Vigil of Low Sunday

6pm — Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS:

Mon — Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass

& Sat: 5pm — 5:45pm

1st Friday: 6pm — 7pm (*Not this week!*)

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: 14th April)

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

Alleluia!

THE EASTER SEQUENCE — VICTIMÆ PASCHALI

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the
Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as He rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
He goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious King, Thy mercy show!
Amen. Alleluia.



*Resurrection of Christ
by Sandro Botticelli (1490)*

☩ CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!
☩ HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

*Fr Joseph would like to wish everyone all the
blessings and joys of Easter.*

Please consider making a **STANDING ORDER** instead of a weekly cash contribution to the parish. Thank you.
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FR JOSEPH will be unavailable all week (except for Masses, Confessions, and emergency sick calls).

Easter Offering The Easter offering is traditionally a personal gift to the clergy of the parish.

During and after Holy Communion please continue to kneel in adoration of Our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament at least until the door of the tabernacle is closed once more. Thank you.

No First Friday Confessions this week. (These will resume in May.)

No Confessions or Adoration on Saturday evening immediately before the 6pm Mass this week, although the 6pm Mass will take place as usual of course. (These will resume next week.)

Blessed Carlo Acutis Group (14-17 year olds) will meet on Thursday, 11th April at 6pm at 80 St George's Street, IP1 3NL. Food & drink will be provided for this Easter social gathering. Newcomers welcome.

Catholic Young Adults (18-35 year olds) will meet on Friday, 12th April at 7pm. Newcomers welcome.

Catholic Mothers Group will meet at 11am (following the 10am Mass and rosary) on Monday, 8th April, the transferred feast of the Annunciation. Newcomers welcome.

Thursday lunches on the 2nd Thursday of the month will resume in May.

Masses for the living and the dead may be booked by completing and returning a Mass offering envelope from the back of church. A typical offering is £10 for each Mass.

In Church please maintain a prayerful **silence**, without chatting or even whispering, not because others are trying to pray but because it's God's house. Also, please could men and boys refrain from wearing **hats**, and please could everyone refrain from **drinking**, even sipping water from the now omnipresent water bottles, in church. Thank you.

Guild of St Pancras Watch this space for news of our brand new guild!

Sick List Prayers are asked for Jim Convey, Larry Crowley, Ciro Dellabella, Mary Driscoll, Linda Mitchell, Rosemary Pease, Brian Price, Leighton Scott, and Bernie Wood.

Of your charity Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died recently, as well for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Fowler, Lena Judge, Kathleen Clarke, Frank Dooley, May Groundwater, Freda Stoneman, Julius Meyer, John Kelly, Josephine Piggott, Don Maile, Lissy Robinson, Clifford Mallen, Renate de Lacroix, William Garrard, Nasta Kanayalal, Michael Sheehan, Graham Green, Jean Wright, Gil Ronquillio, Philip Bingham, Ethel Garham, Peter Corrigan, Winifred Deenihan, Guiseppa Inga, Thomas Byrne, Eleanor Dallastone, Elizabeth Looby, Constance Clarke, Daniel McCarthy, Dina McGrath, and Yvonne Lynch. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr Joseph writes:

*Hæc dies quam fecit
Dominus exsultemus et
lætetur in ea*

*'This is the day which the
Lord hath made: let us be
glad and rejoice therein.'*

Ps 117:24

Those who read closely the Gospel narratives retelling the different accounts of Our Lord's resurrection and His appearances to His disciples will have noticed that there seem to be a number of contradictions. For example, was it just Mary Magdalen who came to the tomb very early in the morning on that first day of the week (Jn 20:1), or several women (Mt 28:1-4; Mk 16:1-4; Lk 24:1-2)? Did the women run away and tell no one about finding the tomb empty (Mk 16:8) or did they go in search of the eleven Apostles and tell them everything (Lk 24:9; Mt 28:8)? Did Mary Magdalen run away from the tomb to find Peter and John (Jn 20:2), or did she remain standing alone at the empty tomb (Jn 20:11)?

The Fathers of the Church, along with many more recent writers—saints and scholars alike—were alive to these apparent discrepancies as well as to many others that appear throughout the full length of the four Gospels. As a result, there are any number of what we call 'harmonizations of the Gospels' where the events told in the four Gospels, from the birth of Christ to His ascension back into heaven, are recounted, as far as possible, in what is believed to be a sound chronological order.

For my own part, I have put together what seems a reasonable chronological ordering of the resurrection appearances of Our Lord, and copies are available at the back of church. Whether it is an historically accurate record of what actually happened perhaps we shall never know, but at least this version seems to make sense as far as it goes.

During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in particular, several harmonizations of the Gospels and lives of Christ appeared on the market including A.J. Maas' *The Life of Jesus Christ According to Gospel History* (1904), Giovanni Papini's *Life of Christ* (1923), M-J Lagrange's *The Gospel of Jesus Christ* in two volumes (1938), Maurice Meschler's *The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, also in two rather weighty volumes (1950), Giuseppe Ricciotti's *Life of Christ* (1952), Romano Guardini's *The Lord* (1954), and Fulton Sheen's *Life of Christ* (1959).

One of my favourites is called *The Gospel Story* (1958) but is sometimes known simply as Knox-Cox because the harmonization uses the text of Mgr Ronald Knox's translation of the Bible and there is a commentary by Fr Ronald Cox. There is also Canon Alfred Weber's *The Four Gospels in One*, originally published in 1903 and re-issued by the Te Deum Press in 2022.

I don't recommend you go out and buy them all, but if you're looking for some Eastertide spiritual reading, you could do worse. For out of print books, try: usedbooksearch.co.uk

