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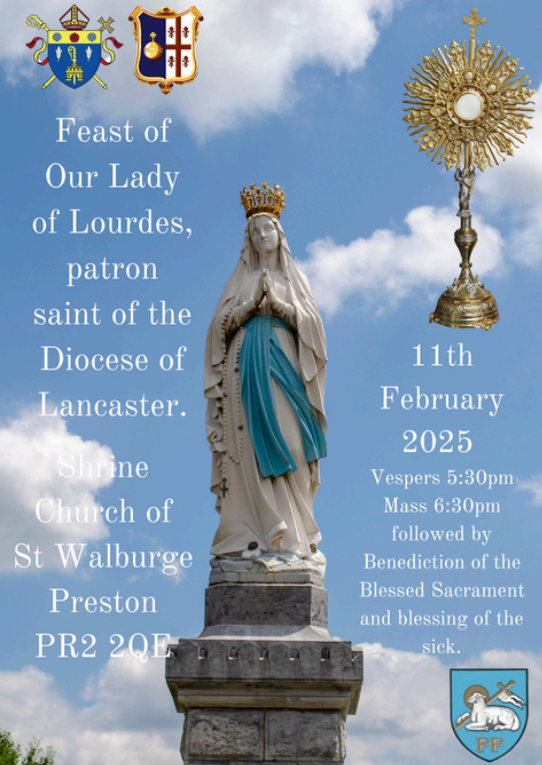
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## Candlemas


My dear Friends,  
We start the novena to Our Lady of Lourdes today with this beautiful feast of Our Lady and tomorrow with the blessing of the throats with Saint Blaise.  
I'll be away this week, but I'll keep you all in my prayers. I look forward to seeing you again on Sunday for Guld Sunday. I also have the great joy of announcing that we will have the grace of receiving our Bishop on 19 May at 6pm, please make a note of this date!  
Our hearts and prayers are with our sisters who are meeting in General Chapter this week at their house in Loisy.

God bless you!  
Your Rector G Cristofoli+



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, patron saint of the Diocese of Lancaster.  
Shrine Church of St Walburge Preston PR2 2QE

11th February 2025  
Vespers 5:30pm  
Mass 6:30pm  
followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and blessing of the sick.



# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Candlemas

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### Epistle - Mal 3:1-4

Thus saith the Lord God: Behold I send My Angel, and he shall prepare the way before My face; and presently the Lord, whom you seek, and the Angel of the Testament, whom you desire, shall come to His temple. Behold He cometh, saith the Lord of Hosts; and who shall be able to think of the day of His coming? and who shall stand to see Him? for He is like a refining fire, and like the fuller's herb; and He shall sit refining and cleansing the silver, and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and shall refine them as gold, and as silver, and they shall offer sacrifices to the Lord in justice. And the sacrifice of Juda and of Jerusalem shall please the Lord, as in the days of old, and in the ancient years; saith the Lord almighty.

### Gospel - Luke 2:22-32

At that time, after the days of Mary's purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried Jesus to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord; as it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord; and to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons. And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Ghost was in him: and he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when His parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he also took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said: Now Thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; a light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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### Prayer Intentions

\*Please keep in your prayers Arthur and Maxine Frankland, Bob and Jane Latin, Anita, Denis and Margaret Smith, Denis Brophy, Terry Carradice, Margaret F, Livia Almeida, Jean Harris, Christopher Moloney, the residents of Swansea Terrace Care Home.

For the Sister Adorers, who will be gathering for their first annual chapter this week, especially on Friday 7th February, when they will be renewing their private vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

### R.I.P.

Remember in your prayers Abbé Charles Outtier, Deacon of the ICRSP.

Pray also for the soul of Michael Watkinson, our former organist, who passed away on the 14th January. The funerals will be celebrated at St Wilfrid on Wednesday 12th February, at 12.15.

**Christian Heritage Centre Stonyhurst**  
The Search for Truth:  
Edith Stein, 14 – 16 March 2025

Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith.

For more information and to book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

### LOURDES ASSOCIATION

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

St John Vianney Church, Glastonbury Avenue, Blackpool, FY1 6RD

### Pope's intention for February

*For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the Priesthood and religious life.

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
<p align="center"><b>Sunday 2/II</b>  <b>Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>  <i>CandleMass</i></p>	<p align="center">8:00 Confessions  8:30 Low Mass  10:00 Confessions  10:30 Blessing of the Candles, Procession &amp; High Mass</p>	<p align="center">17:30 Vespers &amp; Benediction  18:30 Low Mass (no Confessions)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena GZ  <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Nicola Carr &amp; Msgr Wach</p>
<p align="center">Monday 3/II  St Blaise</p>	<p align="center">7:30 Lauds &amp; Meditation  8:30 Low Mass  ** no 11:45 Mass **</p>	<p align="center">17:30pm Vespers  18:00 Adoration and Confessions  19:00 Compline</p>	<p align="center"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena GZ  <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Kevin Russell-Young</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 4/II  St Andrew Corsini</p>	<p align="center">7:30 Lauds &amp; Meditation  8:30 Low Mass  ** no 11:45 Mass **</p>	<p align="center">17:30pm Vespers  18:00 Adoration and Confessions  19:00 Compline</p>	<p align="center"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena GZ  <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Nguyen Family</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 5/II  St Agatha</p>	<p align="center">8:30 Low Mass</p>	<p align="center">Church closed  *No evening services*</p>	<p align="center"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena GZ  <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Marina Manukian</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 6/II  Votive Mass of Our Lord the High Priest  <i>1st Thursday</i></p>	<p align="center">7:30 Lauds &amp; Meditation  8:30 Low Mass  ** no 11:45 Mass **</p>	<p align="center">09:15-18:45 Adoration  17:30pm Vespers  18:00 Confessions</p>	<p align="center"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena GZ  <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Benefactors House Discernment</p>
<p align="center">Friday 7/II  Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  <i>1st Friday</i></p>	<p align="center">7:30 Lauds &amp; Meditation  8:30 Low Mass  ** no 11:45 Mass **</p>	<p align="center">17:30pm Vespers  18:00 Adoration and Confessions</p>	<p align="center"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena GZ  <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Sister Cécile of the Immaculate Heart</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 8/II  St John of Matha</p>	<p align="center">7:30 Lauds &amp; Meditation  8:30 Low Mass  9:30 Confessions  ** no 11:45 Mass **</p>	<p align="center">17:30pm Vespers  18:00 Adoration (no Confessions)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena GZ  <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Benoit-Joseph Poucin de Woult</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday 9/II</b>  <b>5th Sunday after Epiphany</b></p>	<p align="center">8:00 Confessions  8:30 Low Mass  10:00 Confessions  10:30 Sung Mass</p>	<p align="center">17:30 Vespers &amp; Benediction  18:30 Low Mass (no Confessions)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena GZ  <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Ian Peter Williams  <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p>



# Announcements

**All-Day Adoration on Thursday 6th February:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9.15am and remain on the altar until evening Benediction at 6:45pm. **Come let us worship! Unfortunately, we are not able to maintain the adoration through the night, as previously announced.**

**From Sunday 2nd February evening to Saturday 8th February evening,** Canon Cristofoli will be in France visiting his family for a break.

**Monday 3rd February: Gregorian Chant Class** at St Benedict's. Contact & infos: Canon Poucin. More dates to come across February. Following one: Monday 10th February. Watch this space!

**Sunday 9th February after the 10:30am Mass: Guild Sunday.** Packed lunch, followed by doctrinal teaching at 1pm for all ages and levels!

**Friday 28th February 7:30pm:** Catechism evening for catechumens and neophytes at St. Walburge's Presbytery.

**Saturday 15th March 7pm: Ceilidh Dance** in St Walburge's Hall in honour of Saint Patrick. Accompanied by a live orchestra.

**Our Safeguarding Representative:** Mr. Peter Dilworth--postmaster@dilworth49.plus.com

**Last week's collection:** £963.80 - Bank Transfers £207.00

**Thank You very much for your continuous generosity!**

## Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne & Holy Island 21-23 May 2025

As part of our diocesan celebrations of the Centenary, I will be leading a pilgrimage to the sites associated with St Cuthbert, co-patron of our Diocese. The three-day pilgrimage will take in Holy Island, Bamburgh and Durham Cathedral. We will be staying at the historic former seminary of the North of England, Ushaw College. The cost of the pilgrimage is £310 for shared accommodation and £340 for single rooms, all inclusive, with coach pick-ups at Workington and Carlisle. Email [christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk](mailto:christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk) to request a booking form.

*Rt Rev Bishop Paul Swarbrick  
Bishop of Lancaster*

## Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025

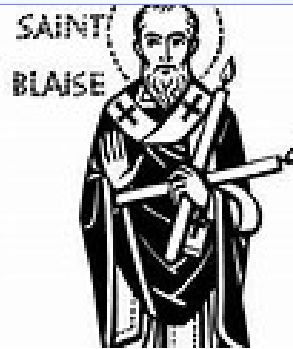
In line with the Jubilee Year the theme for Lourdes 2025 is "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope".

There will be a Main Pilgrimage and a Youth Section.

For info contact [operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk) or

ring Linda Wisdom Pilgrimage Director 07738 022054

**Young People** If any young person wishes to go and books before 11 February they will receive a grant of £100. Contact Katie O'Donnell Director of Youth for more info [youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)



Traditional  
blessing of the  
throats for Saint  
Blaise's day after  
8.30 am mass on  
Monday

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