



The Spire

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ICKSP St Walburge

✂ Week of 17th April to 24th April ✂

Music for Sunday Mass

Mass Setting: Mass I (*Lux et origo*) & Credo III

Offertory: *O filii et filiae* (Eastertide prose)

Communion: Organ

Last Gospel: *Regina caeli*

Recessional: *At the Lamb's high feast* (# 44)

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE R.I.P.

William Shakespeare, the quintessential English writer, was fittingly born and died on Saint George's Day. This Saturday 23rd of April marks the 400th anniversary of his death. England in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I ('Bloody Bess') was a land of contradictions: in some sense a golden age of art and culture with a glittering court life, but under the surface a Protestant police state full of informers, 'priest holes' and torture. Evelyn Waugh describes the scene of St. Edmund Campion's martyrdom, with gentlemen at the foot of the scaffold disinterestedly discussing philosophy as the saint was dismembered alive. This uncertain and divided world was the world in which Shakespeare lived. His mother's family the Ardens were ardent Catholics; his father seems to have returned to Catholicism after at first adhering to the new religion and one of Campion's tracts was found in his house; and his daughter Susanna was a known 'recusant' (from *recusare*: one who 'refused' to attend services in Henry VIII's new church). Ever since an Anglican archdeacon in the 1600s claimed that William himself 'died a papist' there has been speculation about whether the Bard was a Catholic. Shakespeare's marriage to his wife Anne Hathaway was not held in the Anglican parish church of Stratford; they sought the ministrations of a vicar in another town, who was later denounced as a Catholic priest. Catholic themes in Shakespeare's writings are explored in *Shadowplay* by Clare Asquith. *Hamlet* refers disapprovingly to the Lutheran stronghold of Wittenberg and *Twelfth Night* contains sympathetic references to the martyr Campion. In any case, please spare a prayer for the Bard on his anniversary, and for all those who died during those troubled and confusing times, often without the comfort of the sacraments.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS TODAY



Please join us after Mass for light refreshments in the Presbytery. All are welcome!

WEEKLY SHRINE SCHEDULE

Sunday

10 am Confessions
10.30 am Sung Mass
5.30 pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

Monday to Friday

7.30 am Lauds
8 am Confessions
8.30 am Low Mass
6 pm Holy Hour
7 pm Compline (First Friday: Mass)

Saturday

10 am Confessions
10.30 am Low Mass
5 pm Holy Hour & Benediction

Holy Days

Please consult the weekly newsletter or ring ahead.

WELCOME TO THE SHRINE CHURCH OF SAINT WALBURGE

The Shrine has been established by the Rt. Rev. Michael Campbell, Bishop of Lancaster, as a centre for daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and for the celebration of the liturgy in the traditional Roman Rite. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** The Shrine is open for personal prayer and visits every day. For enquiries about receiving the sacraments or about becoming a Catholic, please contact Canon Altieri: can.altiere@icrsp.org.

Gardening Day

Volunteers are sought at 11.30 am on **Saturday 30th April** to tidy the gardens in anticipation of the patronal festival the next day.

Additional volunteers for church cleaning on Wednesdays are also sought.

Thank you to all our excellent volunteers!

FUNDRAISING

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Adult Doctrine Class

This **Tuesday 19th April** at 7.30 pm (rescheduled):
"The 5th Commandment"
Subsequent talk:
26th April as planned.

Church Festival

Sunday 1st May, 10.30 am
PATRONAL FEAST OF
ST. WALBURGE
*High Mass with music by Haydn,
Franck and Victoria.*
Fête to follow.
Please spread the word!

Mass Intentions and Times for the Week

Date/Time	Mass Said	Canon Altieri	Canon Poucin
Sunday 17-IV-2016 8.30 am <i>Penwortham</i> 10.30 am <i>St. Walburge</i>	3rd Sunday after Easter	Father Robert Bucciarelli R.I.P.	Novena special intention for J. McK.
Monday 18-IV-2016 8.30 am & 12 noon	Feria	Father Hillary Thomas	Novena special intention for J. McK.
Tuesday 19-IV-2016 8.30 am	Feria	Celebrant's intention	Novena special intention for J. McK.
Wednesday 20-IV-2016 8.30 am	Feria	Kay Taylor	Novena special intention for J. McK.
Thursday 21-IV-2016 8.30 am & 12 noon	S. Anselm	Frank Paggett R.I.P.	Novena special intention for J. McK.
Friday 22-IV-2016 8.30 am	Ss. Soter & Caius	Agnes R.I.P.	Bridget Kennedy R.I.P.
Saturday 23-IV-2016 10.30 am	SAINT GEORGE <i>Patron of England</i>	Eunice R.I.P.	William Shakespeare <i>400th anniversary of death</i>
Saturday 23-IV-2016 6 pm	<i>Parish Mass: Father Francis Olaseni, Donor's intention</i>		
Sunday 24-IV-2016 8.30 am <i>Penwortham</i> 10.30 am <i>St. Walburge</i>	4th Sunday after Easter	All Holy Souls in Purgatory	Anthony Turnbull R.I.P.

Last Sunday Collections: Penwortham: £46 St. Walburge's: £120.02 Boxes: £75.15 Seminary: £297.95

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