



The Spire

Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Shrine Church of Saint Walburge

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WEEK OF 13th DECEMBER TO 20th DECEMBER 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

Music for Sunday Mass

Mass Setting: Mass XVII & Credo I
Offertory: *Rorate cæli* (chant)
Communion: *Tantum ergo* (Bach)
Last Gospel: *Alma Redemptoris Mater*
Recessional: *On Jordan's Bank* (# 444)

The Advent Liturgy

Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. Based on the Latin word for "coming," the liturgical time of Advent prepares us for Christ's triple coming: his coming in the flesh at Christmas, his coming in grace now, and his coming in glory at the end of time. These themes are constantly intermingled in the Advent liturgy, which invites us to prepare for Christ's coming. In Advent we unite our voices to those of the patriarchs of old, who waited during long centuries for the coming of the promised Messiah. As St Thomas Aquinas explains, "As the ancient Fathers were saved through faith in Christ's future coming, so are we saved through faith in Christ's past birth and Passion." Advent includes four Sundays: if the last Sunday falls on 24th December the office of the Vigil of Christmas replaces that of the Fourth Sunday. The liturgical texts of Advent express a feeling of anticipation, or what might almost be called "holy impatience." At the beginning of Advent, the First Vespers of Advent Sunday tells us that "the name of the Lord cometh from afar." We sense Christ slowly getting closer as the liturgy invites us to adore "the king who is to come" and then tells us, "the Lord is now near." Finally, the Mass of the Vigil announces: "This day you shall know that the Lord will come, and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory." Although the penitential character of Advent is not as pronounced as that of Lent, the theme of penance is still present during this season. As during the other periods of the year, the Advent Ember Days (third week of Advent) are traditionally days of fasting, as is the Vigil of Christmas. Violet vestments are worn and flowers do not decorate the altar (except on Gaudete Sunday). The Gloria is not sung at Advent Masses; the joyful Alleluia is still sung on Sundays (unlike in Lent) but it is not recited on weekdays (unlike during the rest of the year). In the final week of Advent, the singing of the Magnificat at Vespers is accompanied by seven very beautiful antiphons (called the Great 'O Antiphons'), applying to Christ various Old Testament titles for the Messiah. Advent is a reminder for us that the Promised One has truly come, but also that we must prepare for his Second Coming.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS



Welcome visitors! Please join us for light refreshments in the Presbytery after Mass.

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 & Benediction
7 pm Compline (First Friday: Mass)

Saturday

10 am Confessions
10.30 am Low Mass & Devotions
5 pm Holy Hour & Benediction (Confessions during)

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 being received into the Catholic Church, please contact Canon Altieri: can.altiere@icrsp.org.

Christmas Concert

This **Friday 18th December at 7.30 pm.**
Music by the Preston Concert Band & Guardian Concert Band. Free admission (donations welcome). Refreshments available at the interval in the church porch.

Church Heating

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection for the church heating. A collection will be taken again today.



Christmas Cake Raffle

Tickets (£1) will be for sale after Mass and the draw will be held next *Sunday 20th December* after decorating the Crib.

Christmas Carols for the Unborn

Organised by SPUC Lune Valley. Meet at Market Square, Lancaster **2.30pm–4.30pm on Saturday 19th December.** Please ring Ruth & Stephen Smith on 07974 077790 for further details.

Mass Intentions and Times for the Week

Date/Time	Mass Said	Said by	Offered for
Sunday 13-XII-2015 8.30 am <i>St. Mary Magdalene, Penwortham</i>	Third Sunday of Advent <i>called GAUDETE SUNDAY</i>	Canon Poucin	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Sunday 13-XII-2015 10.30 am		Canon Altieri	Canon John Watson
Monday 14-XII-2015 8.30 am	Advent feria	Canon Altieri	The people of France
Tuesday 15-XII-2015 8.30 am	Advent feria	Canon Altieri	Intentions of Mrs. C. Bradley and Family
Wednesday 16-XII-2015 8.30 am	Ember Wednesday	Canon Altieri	Intentions of Mr. and Mrs. E. Case and Family
Thursday 17-XII-2015 8.30 am	Advent feria <i>O Sapientia</i>	Canon Altieri	People of St. Walburge's
Friday 18-XII-2015 8.30 am	Ember Friday <i>O Adonai</i>	Canon Altieri	Deceased members of the O'Hara Family
Saturday 19-XII-2015 10.30 am	Ember Saturday <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	Canon Altieri	Deceased members of the McGraw Family
Saturday 19-XII-2015 6 pm <i>Parish Mass</i>	Anticipated Mass	Father F. Olaseni	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Sunday 20-XII-2015 8.30 am <i>St. Mary Magdalene, Penwortham</i>	Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>O Clavis David</i>	Canon Poucin	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Sunday 20-XII-2015 10.30 am		Canon Altieri	Brian Kelly R.I.P.

Collections: Penwortham: £72 St. Walburge's: £147.81 Boxes: £48.86 Heating Collection: £174.40

TO DONATE: *Institute of Christ the King/St Walburge, charity number: 1144783*

Gift Aid forms are available in the Presbytery or at the back of church.