



# The Spire

Shrine Church of St Walburge

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ICKSP St Walburge

✠ Week of 24<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May ✠

### Music for Sunday Mass

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

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

**Communion:** *Ecce panis angelorum*

**Last Gospel:** *Regina caeli*

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

### 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.

### QUESTION BOX

#### Why do only men and boys serve at the altar?

Although it may be difficult to understand for our modern culture which tends to place a heavy emphasis on the notion of 'rights,' this custom has nothing to do with discrimination. On the contrary, there are reasons based on the symbolism of the liturgy and the close bond between the sacrament of holy orders and service at the altar. As we know, the Mass is offered by an ordained priest who acts *in persona Christi*, 'in the person of Christ,' whom he represents sacramentally. Along the path to the priesthood the candidate for holy orders receives various sacred functions called the minor orders, passing subsequently through the major orders of subdeacon and deacon before being ordained to the priesthood. Historically, service at the altar has been the special office of those ordained to the highest of the four minor orders, the order of *acolyte*. But a long time ago, taking into account the fact that there was not always a sufficient number of ordained acolytes to serve at the altar, the Church conferred upon boys and laymen the *privilege* of performing the liturgical role normally performed by the acolytes. Although the boys and men who serve at the altar are not in holy orders, they perform sacred functions closely associated with holy orders. The Church has always taught that, because the priest is the representative of the eternal High Priest Jesus Christ, who appeared among us as a male when he took on human nature, the sacrament of holy orders can only be received by men. Since service at the altar is closely related to the priestly ministry – altar boys traditionally "dress like priests" when they serve in sanctuary, wearing a cassock and surplice – it is natural that only boys and men, who temporarily discharge the office of acolyte, serve at the altar. Although not all altar boys go on to become priests, of course, altar service is often a seedbed of future vocations. Everyone, female as well as male, can share in the fruits of the holy Mass, even without performing a function at the altar.

## 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](mailto:can.altiere@icrsp.org).

### Gardening Day

Volunteers are sought at 11.30 am this **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April** to tidy the gardens in anticipation of the patronal festival on Sunday.

### Choral Mass

If you would like to make a donation to contribute to the music for St. Walburge's Day (music by Haydn, Franck and Victoria), please contact Canon Poucin.

### PRO-LIFE NEWS

**1.** Spaces are still left on our coach for the March for Life (Sat 14 May).  
*Please sign up!*

**2.** New LIFE group planning meeting: The Chief Executive of LIFE is coming to Our Lady & St Edward's Parish at 1.30pm on Tuesday 17th May to discuss with interested parties.

### Adult Doctrine Class

This **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery  
*Being Pure of Heart: the 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Commandments*



### Church Festival

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 10.30 am**  
PATRONAL FEAST OF  
ST. WALBURGE  
**Fête to follow.**

Please spread the word:  
*This is one of the major days of the entire year for our church!*

## Mass Intentions and Times for the Week

Date/Time	Mass Said	Canon Altieri	Canon Poucin
<b>Sunday 24-IV-2016</b> 8.30 am <i>Penwortham</i> 10.30 am <i>St. Walburge</i>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	All Holy Souls in Purgatory	8.30: A. Turnbull R.I.P. 10.30: E. Richardson
<b>Monday 25-IV-2016</b> 8.30 am	S. MARK, Evangelist & the Greater Litanies	Christine	Dorothy Williams & family
<b>Tuesday 26-IV-2016</b> 8.30 am	Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus	Jean	Arthur Packer & Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 27-IV-2016</b> 8.30 am	S. Peter Canisius	Jean	Wayne & Laura
<b>Thursday 28-IV-2016</b> 8.30 am	S. Paul of the Cross	Father John Marsh R.I.P.	Maureen Ingleby R.I.P.
<b>Friday 29-IV-2016</b> 8.30 am	Ss. Peter of Verona	Tony Hope R.I.P.	Special intention Mary Dolan
<b>Saturday 30-IV-2016</b> 10.30 am	S. Catherine of Siena	James Litz	Special intention Mary Dolan
<b>Saturday 30-IV-2016</b> 6 pm	<i>Parish Mass: Father Francis Olaseni, Donor's intention</i>		
<b>Sunday 1-V-2016</b> 8.30 am <i>Penwortham</i> 10.30 am <i>St. Walburge</i>	<b>Saint Walburge</b> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter	Operation Storm Heaven	Operation Storm Heaven

**Last Sunday Collections: Penwortham: £ 77 St. Walburge's: £ 363.55 Boxes: £ 30.17**

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