



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2014

IT is difficult to believe that our first Christmas at the Shrine of St. Walburge has already arrived! The three months that have gone by since Bishop Campbell opened the shrine at the end of September have been filled with activity. A new project such as this is naturally challenging, but with patience and with help from dedicated local volunteers – and above all with God’s grace – we have been able to make a lot of progress in just a few months.

The shrine welcomes everyone to attend Mass and other services. There is no need to have any previous familiarity with the traditional Latin liturgy celebrated here in order to attend ceremonies at St. Walburge’s. Young people have told us how happy they were to discover this liturgy for the first time, and those of another generation have been able to rediscover the liturgy of their youth – a liturgy which in fact is timeless. In addition to the celebration of daily Mass and Adoration, as well as the Divine Office and the sacrament of penance, the rhythm of life at the Shrine has been marked in the first quarter by traditional October devotions, fortnightly adult catechism classes, a solemn Novena for the Immaculate Conception with a series of excellent guest preachers and a well-attended Advent day of recollection.

I am grateful to divine Providence who has permitted our Institute, small instrument though we are, to respond to Bishop Campbell’s invitation to work for the future of this beloved centre of faith and heritage, whose life was no longer sustainable in a conventional parish context. I am also most grateful to you, dear friends, for your prayers and your many sacrifices to make this mission succeed. From the people of the former parish of St. Walburge who continue to help in church to our dedicated singers and servers; from the volunteers who built our new confessional and installed our new house chapel to the two seminarians who have been so selfless in helping Canon Montjean and me to get this foundation

off to a good start, to our thoughtful benefactors whose spiritual and material support is so essential, it is clear that St. Walburge’s Shrine is very much a joint effort!

As Catholics we know that a church should never become merely a tourist attraction. A beautiful and historic church like St. Walburge’s attracts not only practicing Catholics but also the lapsed and nonbelievers and thus provides a wonderful opportunity in terms of evangelisation. The final goal of evangelisation is not simply spreading a message of culture or goodwill but bringing people to Jesus Christ. This is the mission we hope to accomplish, in our own small way, with the help of divine grace: working for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Thank you for all you do to make St. Walburge’s a beacon of faith and hope not only for Lancashire but for Mary’s Dowry as a whole!

Yours faithfully,
Canon Francis Altieri

Christmas Services at St Walburge’s

Wednesday 24th December

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| 8 am | Office of Prime & Martyrology |
| 12 noon | Low Mass of the Vigil |
| 5.30 pm | First Vespers of Christmas |
| 10 pm | Christmas Carols |
| 10.30 pm | Blessing of Crib & Sung Mass |

Thursday 25th December

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| 10.30 am | Low Mass with organ & hymns |
| 5.30 pm | Vespers & Benediction |

Wednesday 31st December

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| 11.30 pm | Te Deum & Benediction |
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A priest will be available for confession 30 minutes before all Masses.

RECENT EVENTS AT

27th September: Opening Mass celebrated by Mgr Gilles Wach, Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, in the Presence of the Right Rev. Michael Campbell, OSA, Bishop of Lancaster



An impressive number of faithful attending the Opening Mass

General view of the ceremony



The Bishop speaking with Canon Altieri, resident priest at St. Walburge's Shrine, after the ceremony

Social in the Church Hall after the Opening Mass: Deacon Tanner holds the crests of the Diocese and the Institute



Bishop Campbell and Mgr Wach in the presbytery, redecorated by our dedicated volunteers

ST WALBURGE'S

30th November - 8th December: Solemn Novena of the Immaculate Conception



Each night of the Novena guest preachers honoured us with their presence and delivered a sermon on the anticipations of Our Lady in the Old Testament. From left to right: Father Ian O'Shea, Father Francis Olaseni, Canon Altieri, Father Robert Billing, Father John Millar, Monsignor John Walsh (not pictured: Canon Montjean), and His Lordship the Bishop of Lancaster. Thank you all for your inspiring words on the Queen of Heaven!



Festive reception with Bishop Campbell in the Presbytery, after the conclusion of the Novena

Act of Consecration of the Institute to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception before the Sung Mass



13th December: Advent retreat



For our inaugural Advent retreat, Canon Altieri gave a first talk on the theme: The Fulness of Time – understanding the coming of Christ. After a short break for personal prayer and confessions, Canon Montjean (at left) gave a second talk on the subject: Our Lady in the Advent liturgy – the joys of Mary. The retreat ended with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

Thank you for your support!

As we embark on this new foundation, we turn to you, dear friends, appealing to your generosity to help us carry out our work for the re-evangelisation of England. This essential work cannot be undertaken without your prayers and support!

There are three different ways in which you can help us:

1. Praying for the success of our apostolate;
2. Sending us the addresses of those who might be interested in receiving our publications, or publicising our new website address;
3. Supporting our work with a monthly donation.



Your Shrine Clergy: *Abbé Chaptal*, seminarian; *Canon Altiere*; *Canon Montjean*; *Abbé Fenoll*, deacon.

Please visit our new website:
www.stwalburge.org

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 & Meditation
11.30 am Rosary (Confessions during)
12 noon Low Mass (except First Friday)
5.30 pm Vespers
6 pm Holy Hour & Benediction
7 pm Compline (First Friday: Mass)

Saturday

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

Holy Days: Please call ahead to confirm.

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