



The Spire

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Shrine Church of Saint Walburge

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WEEK OF 22nd MARCH TO 29th MARCH

Passion Sunday

Music for Sunday Mass

Mass setting: Mass XVII & Credo I

Offertory: *Attende Domine* (the Lenten prose)

Communion: *Ave Verum Corpus* (Elgar)

Recessional: *O Sacred head sore wounded* (# 430b)

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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Liturgy Corner: the Liturgical Year

What is Passiontide?

The last two weeks of Lent are known as Passiontide: this is the third and final stage of the preparation for Easter that began with Septuagesima and developed with Lent. The spirit of penance in the liturgy or of *stripping away* intensifies during this time: at Septuagesima purple vestments were introduced and the *Gloria in excelsis* and *Alleluia* disappeared from the Mass; with Lent, the organ was silenced and flowers no longer decorate the altar. Now, in this second part of Lent, the joyful Psalm 42 is omitted from the prayers at the foot of the altar, and the *Gloria Patri* is no longer said at its normal place in Mass (after the *Asperges*, when the priest washes his hands, etc.). In these last two weeks of Lent, the Lenten Preface is replaced at Mass by the Preface of the Holy Cross (also used on the feasts of the Holy Cross and the Precious Blood), as the thought of Our Lord's impending sufferings comes to fill our mind. At Vespers we sing the beautiful hymn *Vexilla Regis*, "the banners of the king go forth," in honour of the Cross, the victorious standard of Christianity. The most notable feature of Passiontide, however, is the covering of the images in the church: the crucifixes are all covered and, if it is not possible to cover all the images, at least the ones that adorn the altars or serve as a particular focus of devotion, should be covered. In the Middle Ages, this covering was done in some places at the beginning of Lent, and often a giant curtain, the "Lenten veil," was drawn across the sanctuary during this whole season, to remind us that we have been driven from paradise by Adam's sin, and it will be reopened to us only by Christ's victory over sin and death at Easter (in the liturgy the nave, the place where the people sit, represents the Church on earth, and the sanctuary represents heaven). The veiling of the images is also a reference to the Gospel of Passion Sunday: "They therefore took up stones to cast at Him; but *Jesus hid Himself*, and went out from the temple." The cross is unveiled liturgically on Good Friday, and the other images are uncovered during the *Gloria* at the Easter Vigil, as the bells are rung.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

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

(No Tea and Coffee next week – Palm Sunday)

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 or consult newsletter.

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.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for flowers for Easter, you will find envelopes for this purpose at the back of church. Please put them in the letter box or give them to the rector.

Thank you very much!

Adult Faith Formation Talks

*2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
at 7.30 pm, in the Presbytery*

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
Exploring the Apostles' Creed

Next Meeting:
'Christ's Church'
THIS TUESDAY, 24th March

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND,
including non-Catholics.

The Easter Duty

A friendly reminder: Receiving the sacraments is a joy and not a burden, but to help us do the bare minimum do be "practicing Catholics" the Church reminds us of the obligation to receive holy communion during Easter time and to go to confession at least once a year. Naturally, the "Easter duty" is fulfilled only by making a worthy communion, after a good confession.

Date/Time	Office/Mass	Said by	Offered for
Sunday 22-III-2015 8.30 am <i>St. Mary Magdalene, Penwortham</i>	Passion Sunday	Canon Altieri	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Sunday 22-III-2015 10.30 am		Canon Altieri	Holy Souls & Arthur Packer RIP
Monday 23-III-2015 12 noon	Lenten Feria	Canon Altieri	Holy Souls & Arthur Packer RIP
Tuesday 24-III-2015 12 noon	Lenten Feria <i>S. Gabriel the Archangel</i>	Canon Altieri	Rathleen Lakeland
Wednesday 25-III-2015 12 noon	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LADY	Canon Altieri	Lakeland family
Thursday 26-III-2015 12 noon	Lenten Feria	Canon Altieri	Priests of the I.C.K.S.P.
Friday 27-I-2015 12 noon	Our Lady of Sorrows	Canon Altieri	Nicola & Trevor Wilson
Saturday 28-III-2015 10.30 am	Lenten Feria <i>S. John Capistrano</i>	Canon Altieri	Julia Peace
Saturday 28-III-2015 6 pm <i>Parish Mass</i>	Anticipated Mass	Fr. F. Olaseni	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Sunday 29-III-2015 8.30 am <i>St. Mary Magdalene, Penwortham</i>	Palm Sunday	Canon Altieri	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Sunday 29-III-2015 10.30 am		Canon Altieri	Anne McCaigue

Sunday Collections: Penwortham: £65 - Saint Walburge's: £256.13 - Boxes: £68.86 - Donations: £2,310 - Restoration fund: £92.93

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