

# WORK IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE PRESBYTERY: WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Our venerable heating system has sent out it's last blast of hot air



Leak above and buckets below



## What will we do with your donation?

**Heating:** Help us to maintain a decent temperature of 13 degrees in the church; plans are ready and firms have been contacted, but we are lacking £150,000. Our Lord promised to light a fire upon the earth. Can you join him in giving to our apostolate, not comfort, but the necessary minimum for keeping the church open?

**Roof:** Saint Walburge's is a ship taking on water. The leaks coming from the roof and the windows inundate the floor and render parts of the narthex unusable for reasons of security. Here as well we have received four quotes, each about £15,000. It is an urgent problem. We have been busily applying for grants and we are waiting with much hope for the response of the commissions.

**Dry Rot:** Likewise, in our sacristy, dry rot continues to expand and threaten the building and our architect is concerned.



Roof from the outside



A rotten spot!

## FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

*Feast of All Saints*

Low Mass at Saint Walburge's: 7 am

Solemn High Mass at English Martyrs': 7 pm

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

*All Souls*

Low Masses at Saint Walburge's: 7, 7.45, 8.30 & 9.15 am

Low Mass at English Martyrs': 12 noon

Solemn High Mass at St Walburge's: 7 pm

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 am**

*Remembrance Sunday (100<sup>th</sup>-year anniversary)*

Solemn High Mass at War Memorial Altar

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm**

Solemn Novena to the Immaculate Conception:

Sermon on Our Lady followed by Benediction

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10 am - 3.30 pm**

Advent Retreat: Mass, Confessions, Talks, Rosary, Silence

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 12 noon**

Winter Bazaar in St Walburge's Hall

**Christmas Eve at English Martyrs' Church**

7.30 pm: Matins Sung by the Sisters Adorers

9.30 pm: Christmas Carols - 10 pm: Solemn High Mass

**Christmas Day:** Mass times as on ordinary Sundays



# The Spire & The Martyrs

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## AUTUMN 2018

Dear friends,

Perhaps while opening this envelope you may have thought to yourself, "Ah, the Canons are going to ask me for a donation again!" You are not wrong!

But that is not all. I would like to ask even more of you. I come to ask you to be a missionary with us today in this world which has such great need of them: "When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England" (Pope Leo XIII).

Would you pray each day at least one "Hail Mary" for our apostolates? The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few. We are in critical need of your help and your prayers, it is vital!

This past year, our house of discernment received several young men. They will become, if God wills it, your priests of the future. Three of them entered in September the Institute's International Seminary at Gricigliano and one has asked to be received into our spiritual family as an oblate. This year we have six postulants entering formation, two Irishmen and four Englishmen. It is an immense grace. Monsignor Wach has asked us to take particular care of this ministry, which is a source of great hope for us all.

Saint Benedict's Academy is coming along nicely.

We have doubled our effectives and classes have begun well; the children seem full of joy! The sisters pray devotedly for your intentions. Do not hesitate to communicate them to us; we will pass them along to the sisters with joy!

As for us, your canons, we are working on one project after

another. Amidst two offices in choir and classes given at the school or to our candidates we are seeking to maintain and to restore our churches and our presbytery. We are doing as much as possible on our own. Our beautiful and grandiose church of Saint Walburge's is our principal concern. The heating system is not able to be repaired and we do not have the means locally to finance a new one. Certainly the fundraising efforts have not been lacking (quiz night, summer fair, barn dance...); however, the sums achieved thus far remain modest. Without heating, we will lose during the winter a good portion of our congregation. Some people have been so cold that they did not return in the spring! How unfortunate... More details about the necessary work is on the last page.

Do not think, however, that we will throw up our hands in despair faced with so many difficulties. We know that we can count on you.

I would like to conclude with heartfelt thanks to Bishop Campbell who has recently retired to London. We are greatly indebted to his kindness. At the same time, we have received with joy and enthusiasm the nomination of our new shepherd. The very day that he was named Bishop of Lancaster, the Rt. Rev. Paul Swarbrick spent a long time in Adoration at the church and then prayed Vespers with us. We were deeply touched by this paternal attention.

Dear friends, please come and visit us! We will always be glad to receive you. By your prayers (I insist, at least one "Hail Mary" every day!) and by your support, you make up part of our great spiritual family. May God bless you!



Canon G. Cristofoli



Canon S. Tanner

# PEOPLE AND PROJECTS



## Maria

“With my husband and two sons, we have always wished to benefit from the traditional liturgy. We were overjoyed by the ‘Agatha Christie Indult’ in 1971 followed by the others up until Benedict XVI. We have part of the great adventure of the Institute in England ever since its first missionary efforts. Come to join us!”

## Christine

“A flood in Lancaster caused me to move to Preston to the house I had initially been renting out to students. Now I live just opposite St Walburge’s, I want to stay! Since then I have been received into the Catholic Church and volunteer in the presbytery. Recently I organised the initiative “Light up a Church in Lancashire”, and thanks be to God we have been able to finance the illumination of our stained-glass windows, particularly our rose window, which is larger than that of York Cathedral - but I don’t intend to start a new war of the roses!”



## Leo & Serena

“We recently discovered the traditional Mass. We were struck by the beauty of the liturgy and its doctrinal teaching. Since then we don’t hesitate to drive for an hour to come to Sunday Mass. I now make rosaries and you are welcome to visit my website: [www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Unique](http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Unique)”



## Sister Jean-Marie of the Incarnation and the Priesthood

“I arrived in Preston a year ago and continue to explore the diocese: I am very grateful to our bishop, to the parish priest of St Joseph’s and to the whole Preston Deanery. We were made very welcome and as well as our mission at Saint Benedict’s Academy, we particularly pray for the all the presbyterate of the Diocese of Lancaster.”



## Jude

“I also arrived in Preston a year ago. I am from the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean and have followed the formation in the house of discernment. I asked the Canons to accept me as an oblate - it is my vocation to serve God through helping his priests. I like Preston and its prayerful atmosphere in our two churches.”



## Joshua & Moses

“The number of students and young people in our shrines is increasing, and this year, my brother and I wish to start a Youth Group and a Chapter for the Chartres Pilgrimage. A group of us did a sponsored bike ride in August and raised over £500 for the Shrines’ coffers! Thank you to all those who participated!”



## Guinness & Spire

“Woof!  
We are proud to be Saint Walburge’s mascots. While everyone else is busy at work, we are not busy at all! Here is a nice photograph of us taking it easy.”



Sponsored Bike-Ride

# LIFE OF THE SHRINES



July: First High Mass of newly-ordained Canon Chaptal



August: Return of the spire’s original weathervane



September: Our newly-lit rose window at night.  
Photograph by Christian Hopes



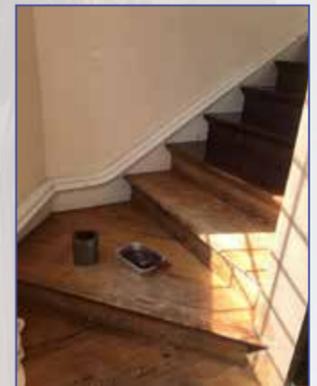
Talk by Monsignor Wach on the Sacred Heart Society, the lay branch of the ICKSP, during his visit to Preston



Infant Baptism at a local hospital



Deacon Ryan Post from the USA tries out a true Prestonian dish - snails!



Sanding and repainting of the beautiful victorian presbytery staircase



October: Procession in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary



Recreation at Saint Benedict’s Academy