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#### News & updates from our Shrine Churches for our community in Preston, Lancashire, England.



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Dearly beloved faithful,

"Brethren: Understand, for it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep!" This is how the famous epistle of this first Sunday of Advent begins. The text of Saint Paul gives me the opportunity to encourage you to be punctual when

you come to church. There is a certain laxity about this matter !

This could be your Advent resolution, to offer the best to the Divine King by arriving at the latest five minutes before the beginning of the liturgy.

I know that people who come from far and wide are always on time or early, it is often the Prestonians who arrive late, sometimes even at the offertory! This is not respectful of God and our neighbour. Let us make our churches oases of recollection, silence and prayer; let us banish useless conversations.

I wish you all a beautiful liturgical year, an abundance of divine graces. I hope to see many of you on Wednesday for the beginning of our Novena to the Immaculate Conception.

Please remember next Sunday is our Christmas Fair, so be an apostle! Invite your friends and neighbours. We still need toys, bottles for the tombola, raffle prizes, bric a brac...etc. we would be grateful to receive donations at the presbytery. On the very day of the fair, please bring cakes ! God bless you !

Yours in Christ the King, Canon Cristofoli



### TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL First Sunday of Advent

#### Lesson from the letter of St. Paul the Apostle to the Romans Rom 13:11-14

Brethren: Understand, for it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep, because now our salvation is nearer than when we came to believe. The night is far advanced; the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Continuation ₩ of the Holy Gospel according to Luke Luke 21:25-33

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations bewildered by the roaring of sea and waves; men fainting for fear and for expectation of the things that are coming on the world; for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the son of Man coming upon a cloud with great power and majesty. but when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a parable. Behold the fig tree, and all the trees. When they now put forth their buds, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things coming to pass, know that the kingdom of God is near. Amen I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all things have been accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

#### Collection figures

(Sunday 20th November) \*See next week\*

SW Collection £ SW Bank transfers £ Donations £ SW Total £

EM Collection  $\pounds$ 

#### **<u>Our Safeguarding representative:</u>**

\*\*Mr. Peter Dilworth\*\* You can contact Peter in person or by email: safeguarding.stwalburge@gmail.com

#### **Our prayer intentions this week:**

\*For our sick members: Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Trevor Dale, Anita. Mark and Ligaya McKay, Arthur and Maxine Frankland.

\*The residents of Swansea Terrace.

#### **Publication of Banns of Marriage:**

There is a proposed marriage between Mr Joshua Dawson and Miss Bethany Winrow, if you know of any impediment to this marriage please contact Canon Cristofoli. The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, 11th February 2023 at St Walburge's

Date	Ordo	Canon Cristofoli	Canon Post	Canon Ducret
Sunday 27th November 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 5:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Mass	First Sunday of Advent *Guilds*	Bernarda Klich RIP 1st anniversary	Andrew Shufflebotham RIP	Fr. John Leahy SSCC
Monday 28th November 8:30 SW 12 EM	Advent Feria	Christine Burn RIP	Olewunnes Pious List	Gary Swallow
Tuesday 29th November 8:30 SW 12 EM	Advent Feria (St. Saturninus)	Terry Walton	Pope Pious List	Grace RIP
Wednesday 30th November 8:30 SW 12 SW	St. Andrew 5:30pm *Novena begins*	Pious List Michael Durnan	LMS Members RIP	Souls in purgatory
Thursday 1st December 8:30 SW 12 EM	First Thursday NSJC Sovereign Priest	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Walther family intentions	Novena Abbe Gabriel
Friday 2nd December 8:30 SW 12 EM	First Friday Mass of the Sacred Heart	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Walther family intentions	Novena Abbe Gabriel
Saturday 3rd December 8:30 SW 12 SW	First Saturday Mass of the Immaculate Heart	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Marie Louise Hull RIP	Novena Abbe Gabriel
Sunday 4th December 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 5:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Mass	Second Sunday of Advent	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Benjamin Steven	Novena Abbe Gabriel

#### OUR SHRINE SCHEDULE: PLEASE CONSULT THE NEWSLETTER FOR FEASTDAYS

#### Saturday

8:30am Mass at SW 9:15-9:45am Confessions SW 12 noon Mass SW 5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration

Sundays
9:00am Low Mass at EM
10:00am Confessions SW
10:30am High Mass SW
5:30pm Vespers and Benediction SW
6:30pm Low Mass SW

During the week
\*Please note: Both Wednesday Masses will be at SW. There are no other services this day.
\*\*All-day adoration on Thursday\*\*
7:30am Lauds and Meditation
8:30am Mass at SW
12 noon Mass at EM \*SW on Wednesday\*
5:30pm Vespers SW (except Wednesday)
6pm Adoration and Confessions SW
(except Wednesday)
7pm Compline
(Monday, Thursday, Friday)

# Announcements

<u>Guild Sundays:</u> Packed lunch at noon; catechism at 1pm; activities at 1:45. Upcoming Guild Sundays: Today, 27th November and 11th December.

#### <u>Upcoming events:</u>

\*Sunday, 4th December: Christmas Bazaar. Volunteers are needed! Please contact one of the canons or Maria Platt at mp.sba@icksp.org.uk. We are also seeking: goods for the bazaar - bottles, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, toys. To be brought to the presbytery as soon as possible.

\*30th November-8th December 5.30pm: Novena to the Immaculate Conception.

\*8th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception: 8:30am Low Mass at SW, 12 noon Low Mass at English Martyrs, 5:30pm Solemn Vespers, 6:30pm Solemn Mass at Saint Walburge's. \*9th December 6pm: Christmas Carol Concert.

\*10th December 6:30am: Rorate Caeli Mass of Our Lady in Advent (Mass by candlelight).

\*24 December, Vigil of Christmas: 8:30am Low Mass at SW, 9:15am office of Prime,

10:00-11am confessions (SW), 12 noon Low Mass (SW), 5:30pm 1st Vespers of Christmas (SW),

9pm Matins (EM) 11:30pm Christmas Carols (EM) followed by Midnight Mass.

Christmas Masses, 25th December: Midnight (EM), 9am (EM), 10.30am (SW), 12noon (SW)

\*\*\*Don't miss the Mass of Christmas: There will be <u>no Mass at 6:30 pm.</u>\*\*\*

### To Donate:

Institute of Christ the King/St Walburge, Charity number: 1144783 To donate to St Walburge's via bank transfer: Name: ICKSP Sort Code: 40-10-22 Account Number: 52347733 Gift Aid forms and offertory envelopes can be obtained at the Presbytery.

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