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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Dearly beloved faithful,

Today is our annual Christmas bazaar! We hope all of you will come and join us after the High Mass for food, fun and fellowship. May the visitors to our church community be attracted by a spirit of Christian charity.

This week, we continue our novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Don't let this spiritual opportunity pass by. Place your petitions at the feet of our Lady with faith and confidence! And may the daily sermons draw souls closer to Jesus and Mary. In order to love someone, we must get to know him or her better!

On the feast itself, there will be an additional evening Solemn Mass (6:30pm SW). On the following day, Friday, we will have our annual Christmas Carol Concert with area schools--also a beautiful event and a blessing for all who attend.

Finally, Saturday morning, at 6:30 there will be the traditional candlelight Rorate Mass. This is a special votive Mass for Our Lady during the season of Advent. Undoubtedly, she smiles down on those who have the fortitude to leave very early the warmth of a comfortable bed to brave the arctic conditions in Saint Walburga's Church--all for her honour and the greater glory of God!

In one week, it will be Gaudete Sunday already. Rejoice! Christmas is approaching quickly. Let us take seriously our spiritual preparation and not be caught off guard.

The Lord comes like a thief in the night; blessed is he who is awake and vigilant.

Yours in Christ the King,
Canon Post



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Second Sunday of Advent

Lesson from the letter of St. Paul the Apostle to the Romans

Rom 15:4-13

Brethren: Whatever things have been written have been written for our instruction, that through the patience and the consolation afforded by the Scriptures we may have hope. May then the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Jesus Christ; that, one in spirit, you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, even as Christ has received you to the honor of God. For I say that Christ Jesus has been a minister of the circumcision in order to show God's fidelity in confirming the promises made to our fathers, but that the Gentiles glorify God because of His mercy, as it is written, Therefore will I praise You among the Gentiles, and will sing to Your name. And again He says, Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people. And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; and sing His praises, all you peoples. And again Isaias says, There shall be the root of Jesse, and He Who shall arise to rule the Gentiles... in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Continuation ☩ of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matt 11:2-10

At that time, when John had heard in prison of the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples to say to Him, Are You He Who is to come, or shall we look for another? And Jesus answering said to them, Go and report to John what you have heard and seen: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not scandalized in Me. Then, as they went away, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, those who wear soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before Your face, who shall make ready Your way before You.'

Collection figures

Sunday 20th November

SW Collection £571.00

SW Bank transfers £270.00

EM Collection £107.10

Sunday 27th November

SW Collection £559.53

SW Bank transfers £715.00

EM Collection £44.00

Quiz night profit £466.03

Our Safeguarding representative:

Mr. Peter Dilworth

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Our prayer intentions this week:

*For our sick members:

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Trevor Dale, Anita. Mark and Ligaya McKay, Arthur and Maxine Frankland.

Please pray for Mr McDermott, we ask the grace for him to be able to attend Immaculate Conception Mass. Let's pray for even more charity and unity in our community.

*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 4th December 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Second Sunday of Advent	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Benjamin Steven	Novena Abbe Gabriel
Monday 5th December 8:30 SW 12 EM	Advent Feria	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Hankinson Pious List	Novena Abbe Gabriel
Tuesday 6th December 8:30 SW 12 EM	Saint Nicholas	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Ronald and Joan Hankinson	Novena Abbe Gabriel
Wednesday 7th December 8:30 SW 12 SW	Saint Ambrose	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Tattersall Family	Novena Abbe Gabriel
Thursday 8th December 8:30 SW 12 EM *6:30 SW*	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Monsignor Wach	Novena Abbe Gabriel
Friday 9th December 8:30 SW 12 EM *6pm Carol Concert*	Advent Feria	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Nina and Carmelite Monastery of the Sacred Heart	Novena Abbe Gabriel
Saturday 10th December *6:30am SW Rorate* 8:30 SW 12 SW	*Rorate Mass* Advent Feria	Marie Liesse de Penguern	Christine Burn RIP	Philomena Kerr RIP
Sunday 11th December 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	Mgr Wach	Robert Eade RIP	Amy Davaud

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

Guild Sundays: Packed lunch at noon; catechism at 1pm; activities at 1:45. Upcoming: 11th December.

Upcoming events:

- *Today Sunday, 4th December: Christmas Bazaar following the High Mass.*
- *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 no Mass at 6:30 pm.**

To Donate:

Institute of Christ the King/St Walburge, Charity number: 1144783

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