



FROM THE SPIRE

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

Your Christmas at Preston in our Shrines:

Saturday 24th
5:30pm 1st Vespers of Christmas (SW),

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

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

St Walburge's Christmas Party

Wednesday 28th December

6pm

Traditional Party with games, bingo, crafts and party food £5 or £20 for a family

St Walburge's Adoration New Years Eve

Saturday 31st December 11pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Midnight Benediction. Followed by Mulled wine and Hot Chocolate in the upper room of our Hall

St Walburge's New Year's Eve Party!

Saturday 31st December 6:15pm
Stonyhurst

Adoration from 6:15pm and Benediction @7:15pm in St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst

Followed by food, drinks, games and dancing at Theodore House, Stonyhurst

Includes: canapes and prosecco on arrival, champagne at midnight
Bring food to share. Bring-your-own-drinks. Bar available at TH.

Cost: £20 per adult; children go free
Sign up on EventBrite via "shorturl.at/fsxRU"
or email bookings@theodorehouse.com
Cash payment at the door

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE

SUPPORT US: PAYPAL, BANK TRANSFER, GOLDEN GIVING, EASYFUNDRAISING, GIFT AID, SPONSOR A SLATE, WILLS, ETC... ASK FOR INFO.

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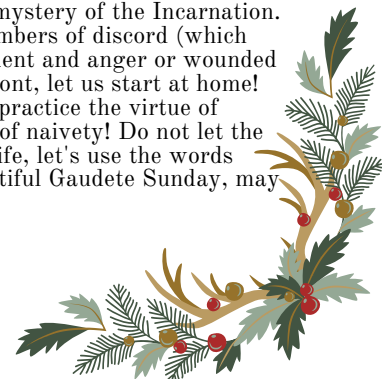
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Dear friends in Christ and Our Lady Immaculate,

"And peace to men of goodwill!

From the Glory of God, from the Glory we give to God, depends peace. This peace is given to men of good will, that is, to those who seek to do the Father's will, on earth as in Heaven. Peace is a gift from God, the gift of the early Easter morning: "Peace be with you", of which Christmas is like an echo. We must be the artisans of this peace... we must get to work! This peace is never acquired or won, it is a constant effort because the enemy is there to sow the weeds amidst the good grain. Satan is the divider. Your priests are always very attentive on this subject because the devil before Christmas seeks to divide and destroy, he is enraged by our joy for the mystery of the Incarnation. He does not hesitate, this malicious serpent, to blow on the embers of discord (which means divided heart in Latin), to maintain the fire of resentment and anger or wounded self-love. Let us not return to peace only for the Ukrainian front, let us start at home! A small resolution for the final sprint before Christmas: let's practice the virtue of benevolence and positive thinking. Let's be good to the point of naivety! Do not let the sun set upon your anger. For example, in a couple or family life, let's use the words "Forgive me" and "I forgive you". To all of you I wish a beautiful Gaudete Sunday, may your joy be perfect and may no one take it away from you.

Yours in Christ the King,
Canon Cristofoli



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

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

Phil 4:4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Continuation ☩ of the Holy Gospel according to John

John 1:19-28

At that time, the Jews sent to John from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who are you? And he acknowledged and did not deny; and he acknowledged, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Are you Elias? And he said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No. They therefore said to him, Who are you? that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say of yourself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as said Isaias the prophet. And they who had been sent were from among the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him, Why, then, do you baptise, if you are not the Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John said to them in answer, I baptise with water; but in the midst of you there has stood One Whom you do not know. He it is Who is to come after me, Who has been set above me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to loose. These things took place at Bethany, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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 the Father of Rev Mother Madeleine-Marie who is extremely weak and near to die.

Let's pray for even more charity and unity in our community.

*The residents of Swansea Terrace.

Collection figures

Sunday 4th December

SW Collection £

SW Bank transfers £

EM Collection £

Our Safeguarding representative:

Mr. Peter Dilworth

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

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 English Martyr's

Date	Ordo	Canon Cristofoli	Canon Post	Canon Ducret
Sunday 11th December 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) *Guilds*	Mgr Wach	Robert Eade RIP	Amy Davaud
Monday 12th December 8:30 SW 12 EM	Advent Feria	Justina and Wtodek and their family, thanksgiving...etc	Barbara Osbaldeston RIP	Antonio Pinto
Tuesday 13th December 8:30 SW *No noon Mass* *No evening offices*	Saint Lucia *No noon Mass* *No evening offices*	Michael O'Donnell	Barbara Hustwick	Eugene Doherty RIP
Wednesday 14th December 8:30 SW *No noon Mass*	Ember Wednesday of Advent *No noon Mass*	Christine Burn RIP	Edward and Agatha Mullen RIP	Novena
Thursday 15th December 8:30 SW 12 EM	Advent Feria	Mary Carligan RIP	Michael Balon and Family	Novena
Friday 16th December 8:30 SW 12 EM	Ember Friday of Advent	Thierry	Chris Balon	Novena
Saturday 17th December 8:30 SW 12 SW	Ember Saturday of Advent	Leon RIP	Matthew and Sheri Hanna and Family	Novena
Sunday 18th December 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Leon RIP	Timothy Balon	Novena

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.
Last Guild Sunday of the year today. Next guild after the holidays: 22nd January.

Upcoming events:

*17 December, 2-4pm: Winter cleaning of English Martyrs with the Sisters. Volunteers needed!

***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.**

Octave of Christmas: Mass each day at Saint Walburge's 8:30am. No Mass at English Martyrs, except for the feast of Saint Thomas of Canterbury.

28th December, Christmas Party: 6pm in Saint Walburge's Hall.

29th December, Feast of St Thomas: Noon Mass at EM.

31st December, 11pm-Midnight. Te Deum in thanksgiving for the year's blessings, followed by a social.

1st of January (New Year's Day): The Circumcision of Our Lord, normal Sunday Mass schedule. The 6:30pm Sunday Mass will be resumed as usual.

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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