



FROM THE SPIRE

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



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Dearly beloved faithful,

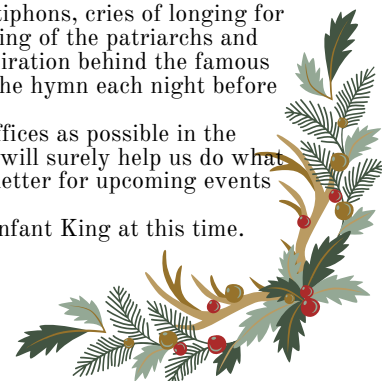
With this Sunday, we begin the final week's preparation for Christmas. As we busy ourselves with all of the material work necessary for the holiday, let us remember to prepare our spirits for the coming of Our Saviour. Let us keep our eyes fixed firmly on what is important. Often, the joys of a holiday are mixed with sadness or disappointment--if our spiritual life is founded solidly upon the Rock that is Christ, we will not be shaken by what is peripheral, nor will we forget that the only perfect joy is in heaven.

Each day prior to Christmas, we will celebrate Solemn Vespers at the usual time (5:30pm). The Church presents to us the magnificent O! Antiphons, cries of longing for the Messiah that are inspired by the profound religious yearning of the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament. These antiphons are the inspiration behind the famous hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Our community sings the hymn each night before Compline as preparatory Novena for the Nativity.

We encourage you to join with us for as many Masses and Offices as possible in the approach to the great feast. Let us put Christ first--then He will surely help us do what we must in our busy lives. Please consult carefully the newsletter for upcoming events and service times.

Finally, let us enjoy especially the presence of our beautiful Infant King at this time. Lay your prayer intentions with confidence at His feet.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Canon Post



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lesson from the first letter of St. Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians

1 Cor. 4:1-5

Brethren: Let a man so account us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now here it is required in stewards that a man be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small matter to be judged by you or by man's tribunal. Nay I do not even judge my own self. For I have nothing on my conscience, yet I am not thereby justified; but he who judges me is the Lord. Therefore, pass no judgment before the time, until the Lord comes, Who will both bring to light the things hidden in darkness and make manifest the counsels of hearts; and then everyone will have his praise from God.

Continuation ☩ of the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 3:1-6

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of the district of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'

Single Catholics Meet-up Group

This is the first Meetup group of it's kind in the North West of England! A walking group specifically for single practicing Catholics and those who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith.
See Sean Kerr for more details
<https://www.meetup.com/catholic-northwest-walking-group/>

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 repose of the soul of Robert Ellis, the father of Rev Mother Madelein-Marie
Let's pray for even more charity and unity in our community.

*The residents of Swansea Terrace.

St Walburge's Christmas Party

Wednesday 28th December, 6pm
Traditional Party with games, bingo, crafts and party food £5 or £20 for a family

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

**Wednesday
4th January**

Meeting point: 8.30am Blea Tarn Parking LA22 9PG
Bring: *your missal
*Warm clothes
*your packed lunch
*a torch.

Institute of Christ the King, Shrine
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YOUTH GROUP WALK

Lake District
Cumbria

For more info: ask Antoni
07803876014

Date	Ordo	Canon Cristofoli	Canon Post	Canon Ducret
Sunday 18th December 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Paule RIP	Timothy Balon	Novena
Monday 19th December 8:30 SW 12 EM	Feria 4th Sunday of Advent	Paule RIP	Michael and Mary Balon	Novena
Tuesday 20th December 8:30 SW 12 EM	Feria 4th Sunday of Advent	Thierry	Mark Post RIP	Novena
Wednesday 21st December 8:30 SW 12 SW	Saint Thomas the Apostle	Barbara Osbaldeston RIP	Knights of St Columba Council #60	Novena
Thursday 22nd December 8:30 SW 12 EM	Feria 4th Sunday of Advent	Jim and Joyce Lyons	Daniel Basnyet- Steingold	Novena
Friday 23rd December 8:30 SW 12 EM	Feria 4th Sunday of Advent	Meyer Family	Conversion of JR	Mgr Wach
Saturday 24th December 8:30 SW 12 SW	Vigil of the Nativity	Marie Noelle	Barbara Osbaldeston RIP	Suzanne, Eugénie and Pierre-Louis
Sunday 25th December 9:00 EM 10:30 SW **12 noon SW** NO EVENING MASS	The Holy Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Pro Populo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Holy Souls 2. Amy McGuire 3. Post and Parnell families 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cardinal Burke 2. Holy Church 3. SW community

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. Next guild: 22nd January.

***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: 26th December, 8:30am Mass (SW) and 5:15pm Mass at SW followed by Adoration.

27th December, 5:15pm Mass at SW followed by Adoration.

28th December, 12 noon Mass at SW; 6pm Christmas Party in Saint Walburge's Hall.

29th December, 12 noon Mass, Feast of St Thomas (EM). 5.15pm Mass at SW followed by Adoration.

30th December, 5:15 Mass at SW followed by Adoration.

31st December, 8:30am Mass at SW; 12 noon Mass at SW; 11pm-Midnight (SW), Adoration and Te Deum in thanksgiving for the year's blessings, followed by a social in the hall with mulled wine and hot chocolate.

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

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