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



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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Dearly beloved faithful,

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us do everything possible to strengthen our own families. As priests, we are happy to see the strong relationships that have been formed amongst our members. Everything we do to come together and exercise authentic Christian charity will bear fruit for eternity.

The family is the first framework within which we learn to grow in the virtues. Precisely because we are wounded human beings, we must carefully practice patience, forgiveness, mildness, attention, humility, hospitality.

It is good to be reminded of this right after Christmas. We love our families. But around the holidays they sometimes become a source of suffering!

Saint John asks, "He that loveth not his brother, whom he seeth, how can he love God, whom he seeth not?" With the help of Our Lady and St Joseph, let us love both our natural family and our extended Catholic family--those with whom we go to Church.

Finally, my particular thanks and gratitude to our generous volunteers who once again stepped up to receive our guests last night during *Spire at Night*. May God reward you!

Canon Post



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Feast of the Holy Family

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

Col 3:12-17

Brethren: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience. Bear with one another and forgive one another, if anyone has a grievance against any other; even as the Lord has forgiven you, so also do you forgive. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; unto that peace, indeed, you were called in one body. Show yourselves thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly: in all wisdom teach and admonish one another by psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing in your hearts to God by His grace. Whatever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Luke 2:42-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning, the Boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents did not know it. But thinking that He was in the caravan, they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. And it came to pass after three days, that they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him, they were astonished. And His Mother said to Him, Son, why have You done so to us? Behold, in sorrow Your father and I have been seeking You. And He said to them, How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they did not understand the word that He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and His Mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

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 Church

Our Safeguarding representative:

****Mr. Peter Dilworth****

You may 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, Wendy, William.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Ellis, the father of Rev Mother Madeleine-Marie.

*The residents of Swansea Terrace.

*For the repose of the soul of Winifred, resident at Swansea terrace.

*For the repose of the soul of Fr. Robert Martin, of the diocese of Buffalo, New York.

Date	Ordo	Canon Cristofoli	Canon Post	Canon Ducret
Sunday 8th January 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Feast of the Holy Family	Novena Donor's intentions	Sheri and Matt Hanna and family	James Halsall RIP
Monday 9th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Mass of the First Sunday after Epiphany	Donor's Intentions	Walther family	James Halsall RIP
Tuesday 10th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM *No evening services*	Mass of Epiphany **No Evening Vespers or Adoration**	Donor's Intentions	Fr Robert Martin RIP	James Halsall RIP
Wednesday 11th January 8:30 SW **No noon Mass**	Mass of Epiphany	Donor's Intentions	Chris Balon	James Halsall RIP
Thursday 12th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Mass of Epiphany	Donor's Intentions	Timothy Balon	James Halsall RIP
Friday 13th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	The Baptism of Our Lord	Donor's Intentions	Margaret Moskaly, Gacha and Ted Mullen RIP	James Halsall RIP
Saturday 14th January 8:30 SW 12:00 SW *No evening services*	Saint Hilaire of Poitiers **No Evening Vespers or Adoration**	Donor's Intentions	Helen and Mike Balon RIP	James Halsall RIP
Sunday 15th January 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Donor's Intentions	Marie Louise Nelson RIP	James Halsall RIP

OUR NORMAL SHRINE SCHEDULE:

PLEASE CONSULT THE NEWSLETTER FOR HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

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.

WhatsApp and Signal: Did you know our parish community has several WhatsApp and Signal groups? Keep in touch with other members of the community and receive updates and feast day reminders. Please let Canon Post know if you would like to be invited to our groups +07856 720900.

Spire at Night: Saturday 14th and 21st of January, please speak with Canon Post or Maria Platt to volunteer.

Feast of Saint Francis de Sales: Sunday, 29th January. Following the High Mass we will have a lunch for our community in honour of our Holy Patron.

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/>

Reception into the Church: Easter and Pentecost are approaching rapidly! Please speak with one of our priests if you are interested in preparation for baptism or reception into the Church.

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