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



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Dearly beloved faithful,

It has been an eventful beginning to 2023! We have commenced the New Year with the traditional chant of *Veni Creator*, then celebrated the holy feasts of Epiphany and the Baptism of Our Lord. Today, we are presented with the third Epiphany "manifestation" of Christ's Divinity, the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana.

Alongside the liturgy, we have our many community events. *Spire at Night* has been an excellent occasion to bring new people into our church. The final evening will be this coming Saturday.

We will also soon celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis de Sales, Patron of Our Institute. This year is the 400th centenary of his death, which the Holy Father has underlined by publishing an Apostolic Letter, *Totum Amoris est*. We hope most of you will be able to join us for a parish luncheon following the High Mass on Sunday, 29 January.

My fellow Canons and I would like to encourage you to get to know our Patron better. If you have never done so, consider reading his Introduction to the Devout Life, which is an excellent practical manual for living out holiness in daily life.

Yours in Christ the King,

Canon Post

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

Rom 12:6-16

Brethren: We have gifts differing according to the grace that has been given us, such as prophecy to be used according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, in ministering; or he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhorting; he who gives, in simplicity; he who presides, with carefulness; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil, hold to what is good. Love one another with honor. Be not slothful in zeal; be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulation, persevering in prayer. Share the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Be of one mind towards one another. Do not set your mind on high things but condescend to the lowly.

Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John

John 2:1-11

At that time, a marriage took place at Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now Jesus too was invited to the marriage, and also His disciples. And the wine having run short, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine. And Jesus said to her, What would you have me do, woman? My hour has not yet come. His mother said to the attendants, Do whatever He tells you. Now six stone water-jars were placed there, after the Jewish manner of purification, each holding two or three measures. Jesus said to them, Fill the jars with water. And they filled them to the brim. And Jesus said to them, Draw out now, and take to the chief steward. And they took it to him. Now when the chief steward had tasted the water after it had become wine, not knowing whence it was - though the attendants who had drawn the water knew, - the chief steward called the bridegroom, and said to him, Every man at first sets forth the good wine, and when they have drunk freely, then that which is poorer. But you have kept the good wine until now. This first of His signs Jesus worked at Cana of Galilee; and He manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

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****

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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, Wendy, William.

*The residents of Swansea Terrace.

*For the repose of the soul of cardinal Pell and Pope emeritus Benedict XVI

Date	Ordo	Canon Cristofoli	Canon Post	Canon Ducret
Sunday 15th January 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Patrick O'Hare RIP	Marie Louise Nelson RIP	James Halsall RIP
Monday 16th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint Marcellinus	Gerald O'Hare RIP	Alison Calnan RIP	James Halsall RIP
Tuesday 17th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint Anthony of Egypt	Rev Can R Post	Fr Hugo and St. Nicolao Parish	James Halsall RIP
Wednesday 18th January 8:30 SW 12:00 SW	The Chair of Saint Peter at Rome *Octave of Unity*	Charles Marden RIP	Abbe Brayan McDermott	James Halsall RIP
Thursday 19th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Ss. Marius and Companions (St. Canute) *NO all-day Adoration*	Genevieve Jammet RIP	Ian Mulholland	James Halsall RIP
Friday 20th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Ss. Fabian and Sebastian	Leon Malcouronnes RIP	Matthew Watson RIP	James Halsall RIP
Saturday 21st January 8:30 SW 12:00 SW *No evening services*	Saint Agnes **No Evening Vespers or Adoration**	Donor's Intentions	Nelly Watson RIP	James Halsall RIP
Sunday 22nd January 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	3rd Sunday after Epiphany *Guild Sunday*	Paule Malcouronnes RIP	Francis McKeown RIP	James Halsall RIP

OUR NORMAL SHRINE SCHEDULE:

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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.

Thursday All-Day Adoration: Please note that there will be no all-day adoration this Thursday, 19 January.

Spire at Night: Final event 21st of January, please speak with Canon Post or Maria Platt to volunteer. Thank you to everyone who has helped make the *Spire at Night* such a great success so far!

Octave of Christian Unity: 18-25 January is the Octave of Christian Unity. Join us each evening for prayers and devotions before the Blessed Sacrament to ask for the conversion of our separated brethren and the unity of the Church!

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. Reservations will be made available after Mass.

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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