



# FROM THE SPIRE

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



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Dearly beloved faithful,

Many of us are full of ideas, plans and projects for the future. Do we entrust them to God? This Sunday's Gospel places before us the beautiful figure of the Centurion with his vigorous faith. Let us go, like the Centurion, to Jesus with faith. If our faith is strong enough, He will work miracles from a distance.

In almost a decade, we have made great strides in re-building these shrine churches, but so much remains to be done. Almost all of our buildings are desperately in need of various repairs. However, we can be sure that God will provide what we need if we remember to ask.

Likewise, in your private and family lives, form the habit of placing your needs before God in faith. Do not wait until you are desperate! Do not just call upon God when all of the other solutions have failed. Go to God first.

Today, we resume our Guild Sundays and catechism classes. Come! Strengthen your fellowship with other parishioners. Increase your knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith.

This is also the last day to sign up for the Saint Francis de Sales lunch. We hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ the King,  
Canon Post

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

#### **Rom 12:16-21**

Brethren: Be not wise in your own conceits. To no man render evil for evil, but provide good things not only in the sight of God, but also in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as far as in you lies, be at peace with all men. Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to the wrath, for it is written, Vengeance is Mine: I will repay, says the Lord. But, If your enemy is hungry, give him food; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap coals of fire upon his head. Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

#### **Matt 8:1-13**

At that time, when Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed Him. And behold, a leper came up and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if You will, You can make me clean. And stretching forth His hand Jesus touched him, saying, I will; be made clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a witness to them. Now when He had entered Capharnaum, there came to Him a centurion who entreated Him, saying, Lord, my servant is lying sick in the house, paralyzed, and is grievously afflicted. Jesus said to him, I will come and cure him. But in answer the centurion said, Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, and have soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it. And when Jesus heard this, He marveled, and said to those who were following Him, Amen I say to you, I have not found such great faith in Israel. And I tell you that many will come from the east and from the west and will feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be put forth into the darkness outside; there will be the weeping, and the gnashing of teeth. Then Jesus said to the centurion, Go your way; as you have believed, so be it done to you. And the servant was healed in that hour.

### **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.

\*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 22nd January 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	3rd Sunday after Epiphany <b>*Guild Sunday*</b>	Paule Malcouronnes RIP	Francis McKeown RIP	James Halsall RIP
Monday 23rd January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	St. Raymund of Pennafort	Hazel Molyneux	Gaynor Schofield RIP	James Halsall RIP
Tuesday 24th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint Timothy	Patricia Whelen	Canon Ducret	James Halsall RIP
Wednesday 25th January 8:30 SW 12:00 SW	Conversion of Saint Paul	Thierry	Phil and Lin Russell	James Halsall RIP
Thursday 26th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint Polycarp	Domitille	Hulme Family	James Halsall RIP
Friday 27th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	St. John Chrysostom	Michelle Brazier- Heulsman	Mary McKeown	James Halsall RIP
Saturday 28th January 8:30 SW 12:00 SW	Saint Peter Nolasco	Jim Aherne RIP	Tara Watson	James Halsall RIP
Sunday 29th January 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Saint Francis de Sales Patron of the ICKSP	Ordinandi	Canon Cristofoli	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 guilds: Today, 22nd January, 12 February and 26 February.

**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:** By popular demand, there will be one more evening on Saturday, 4th February. 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.

### **To Donate:**

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