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



## FEAST OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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Dearly beloved faithful,

"If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the pit."

At all times, and today more than ever, it has been necessary to follow trustworthy guides. Blind guides can only lead us into the pit!

All of the Saints and Doctors of the Church are worthy of our confidence; in our Institute, we both follow and seek to present in particular the spiritual direction of Saint Francis de Sales, Doctor of Divine Charity.

To further this end, this year we will present a series of Sermons on the *Spiritual Combat with Saint Francis de Sales*, beginning today and running through Septuagesima and Lent. We hope that this will be a source of many graces and fruits in your lives during the season of penance.

Today, two young men of our Institute take the final step to the most beautiful of vocations. May God watch over them and sanctify their ministry.

Lord, send us many holy priests and religious vocations!

Yours in Christ the King,  
Canon Post



# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Feast of Saint Francis de Sales

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

#### **Eph 3:7-21**

Brethren: I am made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God, which is given to me according to the operation of his power: [8] To me, the least of all the saints, is given this grace, to preach among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ, [9] And to enlighten all men, that they may see what is the dispensation of the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God, who created all things: [10] That the manifold wisdom of God may be made known to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the church, [11] According to the eternal purpose, which he made, in Christ Jesus our Lord: [12] In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. [13] Wherefore I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. [14] For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] Of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named, [16] That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened by his Spirit with might unto the inward man, [17] That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in charity, [18] You may be able to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth, and length, and height, and depth: [19] To know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge, that you may be filled unto all the fulness of God. [20] Now to him who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand, according to the power that worketh in us; [21] To him be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus unto all generations, world without end. Amen.

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

#### **Matt 5:13-19**

At that time, Jesus said you are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out, and to be trodden on by men. [14] You are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. [15] Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are in the house. [16] So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. [17] Do not think that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. [18] For amen I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot, or one tittle shall not pass of the law, till all be fulfilled. [19] He therefore that shall break one of these least commandments, and shall so teach men, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But he that shall do and teach, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

### **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.

For João Almeida and Martin Henry, ordained to  
the priesthood on the 29th January.

\*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 29th January 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Saint Francis de Sales Patron of the ICKSP (4th after Epiphany)	Ordinandi	Canon Cristofoli	James Halsall RIP
Monday 30th January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint Martina	Colin Touchin RIP	Sister Jean-Marie	James Halsall RIP
Tuesday 31st January 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint John Bosco	Marion Lister RIP	Canon Heppelle	Abbé João Almeida
Wednesday 1st February 8:30 SW 12:00 SW	Saint Ignatius	Novena for Annunciation School	Carr Family	Jim Grumbley RIP
Thursday 2nd February 8:30 SW 12:00 EM <b>6:30 High Mass SW</b>	The Purification of Our Lady (Candlemas)	Novena for Annunciation School	William R. Post RIP	Canon Post
Friday 3rd February 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	First Friday (Saint Blaise)	Novena for Annunciation School	Marilyn S. Post RIP	Ian Mulholland
Saturday 4th February 8:30 SW 12:00 SW *No Evening Services*	First Saturday (Saint Andrew Corsini)	Novena for Annunciation School	Kevin Russell-Young	William Broderick RIP
Sunday 5th February 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Septuagesima	Novena for Annunciation School	Pippa Knaggs	Audrey Montgomery 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 guilds: 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!

**Feast of Saint Francis de Sales:** Two young Deacons from our Institute, João Almeida and Martin Henry, are being ordained to the priesthood on this day. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Compline:** Did you know that the night prayer of the Church--Compline--is sung at Saint Walburge's three times per week (Monday, Thursday and Friday) at 7pm? Come join us for this beautiful prayer and end the day on a high note!

**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:**

Institute of Christ the King/St Walburge, Charity number: 1144783

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