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



## SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

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Dearly beloved faithful,

This day is the Sunday known as *Septuagesima* in the old Roman Calendar. Septuagesima is the Latin number for 70, evoking the number of years during which the Jews suffered from the Babylonian exile.

The next three weeks form a segue from the season after Epiphany to the austerity of Lent. Already, we begin to take on the trappings of the penitential season--violet replaces green, relics are removed from the decoration of the altar and the joyful chant of the alleluia is replaced by the more sober tract.

There are nine Sundays from today until the most Holy Feast of Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord. We can begin easing into our Lenten resolutions already. Likewise, we will seek together to grow in virtue and combat our vices through a series of sermons following the teachings of Saint Francis de Sales.

Lest we become discouraged, the calendar is still dotted with many beautiful feasts. Saturday, we will celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness of the diocese. Please pray for the entire diocese and for Our Bishop, Paul Swarbrick. This day we also be the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Joshua Dawson and Miss Bethany Winrow, congratulations!

Yours in Christ the King,  
Canon Post



# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Septuagesima Sunday

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

#### **1 Cor. 9:24-27; 10:1-5**

Brethren: Do you not know that those who run in a race, all indeed run, but one receives the prize? So run as to obtain it. And everyone in a contest abstains from all things - and they indeed to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable. I, therefore, so run as not without a purpose; I so fight as not beating the air; but I chastise my body and bring it into subjection, lest perhaps after preaching to others I myself should be rejected. For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, all were baptized in Moses, in the cloud and in the sea. And all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink for they drank from the spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ. Yet with most of them God was not well pleased.

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

#### **Matt 20:1-16**

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. And having agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And about the third hour, he went out and saw others standing in the market place idle; and he said to them, 'Go you also into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is just.' So they went. And again he went out about the sixth, and about the ninth hour, and did as before. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing about and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here all day idle?' They said to him, 'Because no man has hired us.' He said to them, 'Go you also into the vineyard.' But when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers, and pay them their wages, beginning from the last even to the first.' Now when they of the eleventh hour came, they received each a denarius. And when the first in their term came, they thought that they would receive more; but they also received each his denarius. And on receiving it, they began to murmur against the householder, saying, 'These last have worked a single hour, and you have put them on a level with us, who have borne the burden of the day's heat.' But answering one of them, he said, 'Friend, I do you no injustice; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go; I choose to give to this last even as to you. Have I not a right to do what I choose? Or are you envious because I am generous?' Even so the last shall be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few are chosen.

### **Marriage of Mr and Mrs Joshua Dawson:**

This Saturday, 11th February will be the Wedding of Mr Joshua Dawson and Miss Bethany Winrow, 11:30 am at English Martyrs.

Many happy years to you and may God bless your marriage!

### **Baptism of Helena Lawler**

Baby Helena will be baptized today (Sunday) at Saint Walburge's at 1pm. Deo Gratias!

### **Our Safeguarding representative:**

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

You may contact Peter in person or by email: [safeguarding.stwalburge@gmail.com](mailto: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 (see front image) 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 5th February 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Septuagesima Sunday	Novena for Annunciation School	Pippa Knaggs	Audrey Montgomery RIP
Monday 6th February 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint Titus	Novena for Annunciation School	For neglected intentions	Joel RIP
Tuesday 7th February 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint Romuald	Novena for Annunciation School	Deceased members of the Ladies of Charity	Ernest Hebblethwaite RIP
Wednesday 8th February 8:30 SW 12:00 SW	Saint John of Matha	Novena for Annunciation School	Amy Biggs RIP	Mabel Hebblethwaite RIP
Thursday 9th February 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint Cyril of Alexandria	Novena for Annunciation School	Msgr Wach	Barrie RIP
Friday 10th February 8:30 SW 12:00 EM	Saint Scholastica	Thierry	Daniel Reese	Terry Pacey
Saturday 11th February 8:30 SW ***11:30 EM*** <u>*Wedding Mass EM*</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes (Patroness of Lancaster Diocese) <u>*No noon Mass at SW*</u>	Josh and Bethany Dawson	Sister Victoire-Marie	Thompson family
Sunday 12th February 9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	Sexagesima	James Anthony Whelan	Benjamin Reese	Sœur Jean-Marie

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.

**Saint Joseph Masses:** Beginning on the 19th of February, a series of 30 Masses will be celebrated for our *natural and spiritual fathers*, both living and deceased. For those who would like to participate, please submit your list of intentions to Canon Post along with a donation. The intentions will be entrusted to Saint Joseph. The donations collected will go toward the expenses of candidate formation, in order to help prepare a new generation of spiritual fathers!

**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!

**Spiritual direction/Meeting a priest:** If you would like to seek spiritual direction, catechism or other pastoral support, contact Canon Cristofoli or Canon Post using the mobile numbers listed on the front of the newsletter.

**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

To donate to St Walburge's via bank transfer:

Name: ICKSP Sort Code: 40-10-22 Account Number: 52347733

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