



FROM THE SPIRE

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

Save the Date!

Visit of the Prior General of the ICKSP to Preston

Solemn Masses:

Sunday, 5th March
10:30am (SW)

Tuesday, 7th March
Feast of
St Thomas Aquinas
6:30pm (SW)



QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

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Dearly beloved faithful,

Lent begins this week: what a grace to engage together in this great spiritual retreat that prepares us for Easter! Allow me remind you of the three main pillars of our Lent: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving. Since Lent is also a time of sharing and generosity, I would like to share with you some of our ordinary expenses that the Sunday collections do not sufficiently cover.

The recent Spire at Night events raised £3,256.21 towards the cost of restoring our beautiful Rose Window. Whilst this may seem a substantial sum of money, the everyday costs for the church and presbytery have rocketed in recent months, just as they have for everyone.

Just to give a few examples of the current monthly costs for St Walburge's:

Church & Presbytery insurance: £205 Church electricity: £595

Presbytery electricity: £515

Presbytery gas: £1265 – for hot water, and heating only 4 hours per day

Parish hall gas: £434 – for heating only when the hall is in use e.g. for refreshments after Mass & Guild Sundays.

We would like to thank you for the generous support already given to our community while entrusting ourselves to your future consideration, and of course, to the intercession of Saint Joseph!

Yours in Christ the King,
Canon Cristofoli



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Quinquagesima Sunday

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

1 Cor. 13:1-13

Brethren: If I should speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have charity, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, yet do not have charity, I am nothing. And if I distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, yet do not have charity, it profits me nothing. Charity is patient, is kind; charity does not envy, is not pretentious, is not puffed up, is not ambitious, is not self-seeking, is not provoked; thinks no evil, does not rejoice over wickedness, but rejoices with the truth; bears with all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Charity never fails, whereas prophecies will disappear, and tongues will cease, and knowledge will be destroyed. For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect has come, that which is imperfect will be done away with. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child. Now that I have become a man, I have put away the things of a child. We see now through a mirror in an obscure manner, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know even as I have been known. So there abide faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Continuation ✠ of the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 18:31-43

At that time, Jesus taking to Himself the Twelve said to them, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that have been written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and scourged and spit upon; and after they have scourged Him, they will put Him to death; and on the third day He will rise again. And they understood none of these things and this saying was hidden from them, neither did they get to know the things that were being said. Now it came to pass as He drew near to Jericho, that a certain blind man was sitting by the wayside, begging; but hearing a crowd passing by, he inquired what this might be. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! And they who went in front angrily tried to silence him. But he cried out all the louder, Son of David, have mercy on me! Then Jesus stopped and commanded that he should be brought to Him. And when he drew near, He asked him, saying, What would you have Me do for you? And he said, Lord, that I may see. And Jesus said to him, Receive your sight, your faith has saved you. And at once he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people upon seeing it gave praise to God.

Baptism of Jane Fetherston

Congratulations to the Fetherston family upon the birth of baby Jane! The baptism will be held at Saint Walburge's on Sunday, 26 February at 3:30pm.

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

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 19/2 Quinquagesima Sunday	9:00 EM 10:30 SW (High Mass) 6:30pm SW Conf: 10-10:30 SW	8:00 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction *40 Hours begins*	Canon Cristofoli: Gregorian Masses Ian Richarson Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: Louise and Denis Lattimore
Monday 20/2 Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament	8:30 SW 12:00 EM Confession: 6pm SW	7:30 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers 7pm Compline *40 Hours devotion*	Canon Cristofoli: Gregorian Masses Ian Richarson Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: Louise and Denis Lattimore
Tuesday 21/2 Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament	8:30 SW 12:00 EM 6pm SW (Solemn)	7:30 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers *End of 40 Hours*	Canon Cristofoli: Gregorian Masses Ian Richarson Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: Louise and Denis Lattimore
Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday	8:30 SW 12:00 SW 6:30pm SW (Solemn)	Confession times: 11:30am SW 6:00pm SW	Canon Cristofoli: Gregorian Masses Ian Richarson Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: Clémence D. exams
Thursday 23rd February Lenten Feria	8:30 SW 12:00 EM Confession: 6pm SW	7:30 Morning Prayer 9am-7pm Adoration 5:30pm Vespers 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Gregorian Masses Ian Richarson Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith
Friday 24th February Saint Matthias	8:30 SW 12:00 EM Confession: 6pm SW	7:30 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Via Crucis 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Gregorian Masses Ian Richarson Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: William
Saturday 25/2 <u>Feast of Saint Walburga</u>	8:30 SW 12:00 SW Conf: 9:15-9:45 SW	7:30 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Gregorian Masses Ian Richarson Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: Ronald Hankinson RIP
Sunday 26/2 First Sunday of Lent	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Conf: 10-10:30 SW	8:00 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Gregorian Masses Ian Richarson Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: Antonio Pinto

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The
Latin Mass Society
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Announcements

Guild Sundays: Packed lunch at noon; catechism at 1pm; activities at 1:45.
Next guilds: 26 February, 12 March and 26 March.

Ladies' group, Saturday 25th February 3.30pm and **Men's group** Saturday 25th 7.30pm: Canon Cristofoli will continue the series on the 7 deadly sins with C.S. Lewis. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Lenten fast and abstinence: Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. **Abstinence** refers to refraining from eating any animal meat during the day. Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. **Fasting** is defined as limiting oneself to one full meal per day and two "collations" which, taken together, do not equal another full meal. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are mandatory fast days under current Church law.

Everyone over 14 years old is bound to **abstinence**; adults are bound to the law of **fast** up to the age of 60. Those who are prevented from fasting by *serious* health concerns are also dispensed.

40 Hours Adoration: From Sunday 19th at 6pm to Tuesday 21st at 7:15pm. Please register at the rear of the church.

Stations of the Cross: Join us for this traditional Lenten devotion every Friday at 6pm! A confessor will be available during the stations.

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!

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.

First solemn Mass of Rev. Canon Almeida at St Walburge's, Sunday 26th February 10.30am followed by his first blessings.

Bank transfers, offertory envelopes and Gift Aid: If you started giving by bank transfer in the last year, please can you complete a GDPR form so that we can keep in touch with you and thank you for your generosity. If anyone is a taxpayer and has not signed up for Gift Aid on their donations, please could you complete a Gift Aid form so that we can claim back 25% of your giving from HMRC. This is a huge help to the apostolate, especially with so many building renovations still to be completed.

Offertory envelopes are also available for weekly giving and can be Gift Aided too. For forms and offertory envelopes, please give your name, address and contact number to one of the Canons. Thank you.

Last Week's Collections:

SW £444.75, Bank transfers £345.00, Donation for electricity £500.00. Total £1,289.75
EM £68.10

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

Gift Aid forms and offertory envelopes can be obtained at the Presbytery.