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



LAETARE SUNDAY

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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Dear faithful,

There are many things to occupy our attention this week. In England, we have the beautiful tradition of celebrating Mother's Day on Laetare Sunday--this joyful interlude in the middle of Lent. We always need to find balance in our lives, the severity of penance on one side, the legitimate pleasures of the feast on the other. With Mother's Day and the Feast of St Joseph happening successively this year (then the Annunciation on the following Saturday), we are given two extraordinary figures of holiness to assist us in the Lenten journey. Likewise, we see that penance is often practised within family life, where there are so many ups and downs. Let us pray for the families around us that God protect them through the intercession of Our Lady and her glorious Spouse.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Benedict, which will be celebrated with a noon High Mass at English Martyrs. Please pray on this day for the children of our academy and our generous benefactors.

Next Sunday is the beginning of Passiontide, the climax of the penitential season.

We will observe the custom of veiling the statues in the Church, a sign of mourning the death of Christ. You might do the same at home and teach your children the meaning of this tradition. Finally, if you are able, please join us next Sunday at 3pm for a very special polyphonic Stations of the Cross, sung by the group *Orpheus*.

What better way could there be to prepare for Holy Week?

In Christ the King,
Canon Post

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TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Laetare (Rose) Sunday: 4th of Lent

Lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians

Gal 4:22-31

Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons, the one by a slave-girl and the other by a free woman. And the son of the slave-girl was born according to the flesh, but the son of the free woman in virtue of the promise. This said by way of allegory. For these are the two covenants: one indeed from Mount Sinai bringing forth children unto bondage, which is Agar. For Sinai is a mountain in Arabia, which corresponds to the present Jerusalem, and is in slavery with her children. But that Jerusalem which is above is free, which is our mother. For it is written, Rejoice, O barren one, that do not bear; break forth and cry, you that do not travail; for many are the children of the desolate, more than of her that has a husband. Now we, brethren, are the children of the promise, as Isaac was. But as then he who was born according to the flesh, persecuted him who was born according to the spirit, so also it is now. But what does the Scripture say? Cast out the slave-girl and her son, for the son of the slave-girl shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. Therefore, brethren, we are not children of a slave-girl, but of the free woman - in virtue of the freedom wherewith Christ has made us free.

Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John

John 6:1-15

At that time, Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias. And there followed Him a great crowd, because they witnessed the signs He worked on those who were sick. Jesus therefore went up the mountain, and sat there with His disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. When, therefore, Jesus had lifted up His eyes and seen that a very great crowd had come to Him, He said to Philip, Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat? But He said this to try him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him, Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not enough for them, that each one may receive a little. One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to Him, There is a young boy here who has five barley loaves and two fishes; but what are these among so many? Jesus then said, Make the people recline. Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore reclined, in number about five thousand. Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, distributed them to those reclining; and likewise the fishes, as much as they wished. But when they were filled, He said to His disciples, Gather the fragments that are left over, lest they be wasted. They therefore gathered them up; and they filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. When the people, therefore, had seen the sign which Jesus had worked, they said, This is indeed the Prophet Who is to come into the world. So when Jesus perceived that they would come to take Him by force and make Him king He fled again to the mountain, Himself alone.

Confessions during Holy Week 2023:

Monday 3rd April: 6-6.45pm.
Tuesday 4th April: 6-6.45pm
Wednesday 5th: April 5-5.45pm
Thursday 6th April: 5-5.45pm
Friday 7th April: 6-7pm
Saturday 8th April: 11am-12noon
and on your request.

Our prayer intentions this week:

*For our sick members:
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Trevor Dale, Anita. Mark and
Ligaya McKay, Arthur and Maxine Frankland,
William.
Prayers have been requested for Chris Booth.
For our convalescents: Terry Carradice and Hilda.

*The residents of Swansea Terrace.

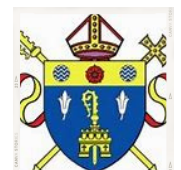
See our website for the full Holy Week schedule:
<https://icksp.org.uk/preston/forthcoming-events/>

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 19/03 Fourth Sunday of Lent	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	Canon Cristofoli: Barbara Happy 80th Birthday Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: Myra Durkin RIP
Monday 20/03 Feast of Saint Joseph	8:30 SW 12 noon EM *6:30 SW (Solemn)*	7:30 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers *Evening Mass*	Canon Cristofoli: Thierry Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions Canon Ducret: Wendy O'Donnel RIP
Tuesday 21/03 Saint Benedict	8:30 SW *12 noon EM (High)* Confession: 6pm SW	7:30 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Mgr Wach Canon Post: SBA Families & Benefactors Canon Ducret: John Williams RIP
Wednesday 22/03 Votive Mass for the Holy Father	8:30 SW 12 noon SW		Canon Cristofoli: Paule Malcouronnes RIP Canon Post: Sister Bianca Marie Canon Ducret: Peter Kirsopp RIP
Thursday 23/03 Lenten Feria	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Confession: 6pm SW	7:30 Morning Prayer 9am-7pm Adoration 5:30pm Vespers 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Michael Osbaldeston RIP Canon Post: Doris Stacey RIP Canon Ducret: Fr. Daniel Weatherley
Friday 24/03 Lenten Feria	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Confession 6pm SW	7:30 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Via Crucis 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Fr Philip Gregory 20th Jubilee Canon Post: Antonio Francis Pinto RIP Canon Ducret: Pauline Reese RIP
Saturday 25/03 Annunciation of Our Lady	8:30 SW (Sung) 12 noon SW Conf: 9:15-9:45 SW	7:30 Morning Prayer 5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Thierry Canon Post: Sister Adorers RHJ Canon Ducret: Sisters Bianca Marie and Victoire Marie
Sunday 26/3 Passion Sunday	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Conf: 10-10:30 SW	3pm Polyphonic Stations of the Cross 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Domitille de Rambures RIP Canon Post: Private D.C.M. Canon Ducret: Father Andrew Unsworth

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The
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Announcements

Guild Sundays: Packed lunch at noon; catechism at 1pm; activities at 1:45. ****No Guilds the 26th March.****
We will resume our Sunday Guilds following the Easter Holidays.

St Joseph and the Annunciation: Due to the 19th falling on a Sunday, the feast of St Joseph is transferred this year to Monday the 20th. We will have a Solemn Mass at 6:30pm. The Mass of the Annunciation will be Sung next Saturday at 8:30am.

Stations of the Cross: Join us for this traditional Lenten devotion every Friday at 6pm! Confession available.

Octavius on Passion Sunday: Please join us next Sunday at 3pm for a special Stations of the Cross with polyphonic chant sung by Octavius.

Holy Week 2023: Please note that all Holy Week ceremonies this year, other than the usual Palm and Easter Sunday Masses, will take place at Saint Walburge's Church. **There will be no 6:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday. For the full schedule, see: <https://icksp.org.uk/preston/forthcoming-events/>**

Music Lessons: Saint Walburge's organist, Margaret Simpson, also offers lessons in singing, organ/piano, theory (Exam boards ABRSM and Trinity Guildhall to Diploma level). £30 per hour or £20 for 40 minutes. For more information contact Margaret at 07383 553895.

Chartres Pilgrimage 2023 Pentecost Weekend 26-30 May 2023

Now in its 41 st year, the 2023 pilgrimage of Tradition from Paris to Chartres will take place over Pentecost Weekend, coinciding this year with the Spring Bank Holiday weekend in the UK. More info and pictures can be seen here <https://www.nd-chretiente.com/index-eng.php>

COST: The cost of the pilgrimage is £310, including transport by coach from London to Paris and back from Chartres, plus overnight hotel accommodation on Friday 26th and Monday 29th May (including dinner).

The UK chapter is ready to accept applications registrations via completion of an online form at: <https://forms.gle/virwWG1u72uLEZxy6>

For additional information about the UK chapter and travel arrangements please email Chartres@duc-in-altum.co.uk or visit <http://chartresuk.blogspot.com/>

Northern pilgrims: Depending on interest, additional arrangements can also be made for transport from the North departing from Warrington and Preston. (approx. additional cost £50). Please contact Michael Hall: m.hall@talk21.com as soon as possible to register your interest.

Our Safeguarding Representative: Mr. Peter Dilworth (email) safeguarding.stwalburge@gmail.com

Last Week's Collections: SW £594.82, Bank transfers £1,320.00, Donations £10.00. Total £1,924.82
EM loose collection £72.91

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To donate to St Walburge's via bank transfer:

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