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



## SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

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Dearly beloved faithful,

Next week we begin the Month of Mary, the month of our heavenly Mother. I would like to ask you to be very diligent in your rosary. The rosary is one of the best weapons against Satan along with Eucharistic adoration.

This week we start our Thursday of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament again. It is very helpful that you register; it allows us to maintain a continuous presence before the Lord. Signing up for 1 or 1/2 hour on a Thursday does not commit you to all the other Thursdays, so don't be shy!

Next weekend we will be hosting a spiritual retreat; 8 young men will stay with us for 3 days to listen to the Lord. Please pray for them. On Sunday 7th, we will have festivities to celebrate the Coronation, please see the attached flyer.

Saturday 13th, come in great numbers to the procession and the Mass in honour of our martyrs. Invite your friends, be an apostle!

Finally, Sunday 14th will be a great event for our spiritual family with the first Solemn Mass of Canon McCowen. Mr and Mrs McCowen will receive us in the hall after the Mass. They will invite us to a familial buffet. Could you please sign up after the Mass and offer some food and drinks so that we can all rejoice together for the gift of a new priest to the Church? God bless you! Your Rector.

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Saint George's Day / Good Shepherd Sunday

**Lesson from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

**II Timothy 2:8-10; 3:10-12**

Dearly beloved, be mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ is risen again from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel. Wherein I labour even unto bands, as an evildoer; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation, which is in Christ Jesus, with heavenly glory. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, afflictions: such as came upon me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra: what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord delivered me. And all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution.

**Continuation ☩ of the Holy Gospel according to John**

**John 15: 1-7**

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: I am the true vine; and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me, that beareth not fruit, he will take away: and every one that beareth fruit, he will purge it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now you are clean by reason of the word, which I have spoken to you.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine: you the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. If any one abide not in me, he shall be cast forth as a branch, and shall wither, and they shall gather him up, and cast him into the fire, and he burneth. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto

you.

**Last Gospel (Good Shepherd Sunday)**

**Continuation ☩ of the Holy Gospel according to John**

**John 10:11-16**

At that time Jesus said to the Pharisees: I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and flieth: and the wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep: and the hireling flieth, because he is a hireling, and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good Shepherd: and I know Mine, and Mine know Me, as the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father: and I lay down My life for My sheep. And other sheep I have that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

### **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.

\*For the four new priests ordained the 1st of April in Florence.

Rev Canons Dodd, McCowen, Wells and Bell.

A special blessing for our isles--We have two new British priests: Deo gratias!

Canon McCowen's first Mass in Preston will be on

Sunday, 14th May

\*The residents of Swansea Terrace.

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 23/04 Good Shepherd Sunday Saint George	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Conf: 10-10:30 SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Guillaume de Penguern Canon Post: Michelle Heulsman Canon Ducret: Michael Halpin
Monday 24/04 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Conf: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Guillaume de Penguern Canon Post: Thanksgiving Mr. Moreau Canon Ducret: Jane Featherston
Tuesday 25/04 Saint Mark (Major Litanies)	8:30 SW (Rogations) 12 noon EM (St Mark) Conf: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Guillaume de Penguern Canon Post: James F. Gallagher RIP Canon Ducret: Thomas Burke RIP
Wednesday 26/04 Ss. Cletus and Marcellinus	8:30 SW <b>12 noon SW</b> Conf: 6pm	<b>Mass Only</b> <b>Church closes 7pm</b>	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Guillaume de Penguern Canon Post: Thanksgiving to St. Joseph Canon Ducret: Michael Thompson RIP
Thursday 27/04 Saint Peter Canisius	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Conf: 6pm	<b>9:30-7pm Adoration</b> 5:30pm Vespers 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Leon RIP Canon Post: Alumni of Canisius College Canon Ducret: Saint Benedict Academy
Friday 28/04 Saint Paul of the Cross	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Conf: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Paule RIP Canon Post: Pope Francis Canon Ducret: Pope Francis
Saturday 29/04 St. Peter Martyr	8:30 SW 12 noon SW 9:15 Confession	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Thierry and Sabine Canon Post: Catherine Monica Hickford RIP Canon Ducret: Maria Thompson
Sunday 30/04 3rd Sunday after Easter	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Conf: 10-10:30 SW	8am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Domitille de Rambures RIP Canon Post: Catherine Monica Hickford RIP Canon Ducret: Private intention



# Announcements

**Guild Sundays:** Packed lunch at noon; catechism at 1pm; activities at 1:45. Remaining Guild Sundays this year: **Today, 23 April**, 14 May (First Mass and Reception of Canon McCowen), 28 May, 11 June, 25 June. **Today, Sunday 23rd April, Good Shepherd Sunday:** 2nd collection for our seminary in Gricigliano.

**SPUC Pro-Life chain Saturday 29 April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm:** please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info tel. 01772 723094  
**29 April--1st May:** Vocational discernment retreat for young men at Saint Augustine's House. Contact Canon Cristofoli for details.

**23 April--1st May, Novena to Saint Joseph:** Canon Post is leading a novena to Saint Joseph to pray for conversions of friends and family: *Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.*

**Sunday, 30 April:** We will be having a Plant Sale next Sunday, 30th April after the 10.30 Mass. There will be a selection of fruit, vegetable and flower plants. If you have any plants to sell please bring them along as well.

**Saturday, 7 May, King's Coronation Party:** Join us after the 10:30 High Mass (see flyer for more information)

**Sunday, 14 May:** First Solemn Mass of Canon Michael McCowen at Saint Walburge's 10:30 am. Join us for this very special occasion and receive the blessing of a new priest following the Mass. They will be a festive reception in the hall afterwards. Don't miss it!

**Chartres Pilgrimage 2023 Pentecost Weekend 26-30 May 2023:** For additional information about the UK chapter and travel arrangements please approach our chaplain, Canon Ducret: 07878 170587

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

**Last Week's Collections:** SW Collection £658.08. Bank transfers £425.00. Donations £80.00. Total £1163.08 EM Collection £88.55. Easter raffle: £150.00. Holy Sepulchre collection: £108.52.

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