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



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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Dearly beloved faithful,

"The harvest indeed is great, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest" [St Matthew 9:37-38].

Today's first Solemn Mass of Canon McCowen at Saint Walburge's is an occasion to consider, promote and celebrate vocations. Thanks be to God, our Institute has an ever-growing number of priests, oblates (clerical brothers), sisters and seminarians. With the opening of the discernment house of Preston, many of the vocations now come from these isles.

Let us first of all obey Our Lord's precept: pray for vocations! May they be greater in number and in holiness. While we may be doing relatively well for the times, we will need many more generous young men and women to respond to the call for the work to come.

If you are a young man or woman discerning the vocation, do not dawdle. Do not put off responding to God for tomorrow! You may or may not be called, but regardless, it is necessary to take concrete, tangible steps to discern the will of God and act upon it: "Today, if you hear His voice, harden not your hearts..."

In Christ the King,
Canon Post

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

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Collect Prayer

O God, from Whom all good things do come, grant to us thy humble servants that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guidance may perform the same. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Lesson from the letter of St James the Apostle

Jas 1:22-27

Dearly beloved: But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if a man be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he shall be compared to a man beholding his own countenance in a glass. For he beheld himself, and went his way, and presently forgot what manner of man he was. But he that hath looked into the perfect law of liberty, and hath continued therein, not becoming a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work; this man shall be blessed in his deed. And if any man think himself to be religious, not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion clean and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation: and to keep one's self unspotted from this world.

Continuation ☩ of the Holy Gospel according to John

John 16:23-30

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Amen, amen I say to you: if you ask the Father any thing in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto you have not asked any thing in my name. Ask, and you shall receive; that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in proverbs. The hour cometh, when I will no more speak to you in proverbs, but will shew you plainly of the Father. In that day you shall ask in my name; and I say not to you, that I will ask the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and I go to the Father. His disciples say to him: Behold, now thou speakest plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now we know that thou knowest all things, and thou needest not that any man should ask thee. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

Communion

Ps 95:2

Sing ye to the Lord and bless his name: shew forth his salvation from day to day, allelúja, allelúja.

Publication of the Banns

We look forward to the wedding of
Mr. Martin McClintock and Miss Rebecca Harrison on
Saturday, 3rd June at 11am. If you are aware of any
canonical impediment to this marriage,
please notify Canon Post.

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.
and for the residents of Swansea Terrace.
**For Bernard Williams, deceased this 6th May--
Requiescat in pace!

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 14/05 5th Sunday after Easter	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Conf: 10-10:30 SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Hazel Ellis RIP Canon Post: Lin and Phil Russell Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
Monday 15/05 St John Baptist de la Salle	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Conf: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Bob Latin Canon Post: Edmund Osbaldeston RIP Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
Tuesday 16/05 Rogation Mass (Saint Ubald)	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Conf: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Pat and Maeve RIP Canon Post: Dr. David Hoyle Canon Ducret: Edmund Osbaldeston RIP
Wednesday 17/05 Vigil of the Ascension	8:30 SW **No noon Mass**	Mass Only Church closes 7pm	Canon Cristofoli: Mongan Canon Post: Edmund Osbaldeston RIP Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
Thursday 18/05 The Ascension of Our Lord <i>*Mass of obligation*</i>	8:30 SW (Low) 12 noon EM (Low) 6:30 pm SW (High) Conf: 6:15pm	9:30-6pm Adoration 5:30pm Solemn Vespers	Canon Cristofoli: Mary Fabili RIP Canon Post: Edmund Osbaldeston RIP Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
Friday 19/05 St Peter Celestine	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Conf: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Leon Canon Post: Fr Martin Gallagher Canon Ducret: Edmund Osbaldeston RIP
Saturday 20/05 Saint Bernard	8:30 SW 12 noon SW 9:15 Confession	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Edmund Osbaldeston RIP Canon Post: Victoria and Chris Canon Ducret: Leo Doherty
Sunday 21/05 6th 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: Thierry Canon Post: For all my benefactors Canon Ducret: Edmund Osbaldeston RIP



Announcements

Guild Sundays: Packed lunch at noon; catechism at 1pm; activities at 1:45. Remaining Guild Sundays this year: 14 May (First Mass and Reception of Canon McCowen), 28 May, 11 June (Corpus Christi Procession).

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. There will be a festive reception in the hall afterwards. Don't miss it!

Thursday, 18 May--Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord: The Ascension is a Holy Day of obligation. In addition to the usual 8:30 and noon Low Masses, there will be Solemn Vespers at 5:30pm and High Mass at 6:30pm (SW).

Consider sanctifying the day as well through Eucharistic Adoration. Our Lord will be exposed for worship on the altar from 9:30am until Benediction following Vespers.

Saturday, 27 May--Vigil of Pentecost: The High Mass for the ancient Vigil of Pentecost will be celebrated at Saint Walburge's 11am. Please pray for our catechumen, Nathan Harrison, who will be baptised on this day!

Sunday, 11 June--Deanery Corpus Christi Procession: Profess the faith in Our Eucharistic Lord publicly with the churches of Preston Deanery. The Procession begins at 2pm.

Sunday, 25 June--Shrine Summer Fair: The fair will be held this year at the end of June. We are looking for volunteer helpers and organisers. Please approach Canon Cristofoli or Canon Post if you are able and willing!

Summer Schedule: There will be **NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS (6:30pm)** during the months of July and August. Please plan accordingly.

2-6 July--Ordinations of the ICKSP in Italy: Get to know the Institute of Christ the King better while experiencing the grace of the sacrament of holy orders! Join us in beautiful Tuscany for this extraordinary event. See Canon Cristofoli for further details.

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

Last Week's Collections: SW Collection £653.85. Bank transfers £963.00. Plant sale £50.00.
SW Total 1666.85 EM Collection £112.35

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