



FROM THE SPIRE



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



Photo: our Lord (Eucharist) in the car, going to the sick members of the community.

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PART 1 APOSTOLIC LETTER, ROME, SAINT JOHN LATERAN, 28.12. 2022
TOTUM AMORIS EST
OF THE HOLY FATHER
FRANCIS
ON THE FOURTH CENTENARY OF THE DEATH
OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

“EVERYTHING PERTAINS TO LOVE”.

THESE WORDS SUMMARIZE THE SPIRITUAL LEGACY LEFT TO US BY SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, WHO DIED FOUR CENTURIES AGO, ON 28 DECEMBER 1622, IN LYON. SLIGHTLY MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS OF AGE, HE HAD BEEN THE “EXILED” BISHOP AND PRINCE OF GENEVA FOR SOME TWO DECADES, AND HAD COME TO LYON ON WHAT WAS TO BE HIS LAST DIPLOMATIC MISSION. THE DUKE OF SAVOY HAD ASKED HIM TO ACCOMPANY CARDINAL MAURICE OF SAVOY TO AVIGNON, WHERE THEY WERE TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE YOUNG KING LOUIS XIII, THEN RETURNING TO PARIS THROUGH THE RHÔNE VALLEY FOLLOWING A VICTORIOUS MILITARY CAMPAIGN IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE. EXHAUSTED AND IN POOR HEALTH, FRANCIS HAD UNDERTAKEN THE JOURNEY IN A PURE SPIRIT OF SERVICE. “WERE IT NOT MOST HELPFUL TO THEM FOR ME TO MAKE THIS TRIP, I WOULD SURELY HAVE MANY GOOD REASONS TO EXCUSE MYSELF. YET IF I CAN BE OF HELP, ALIVE OR DEAD, I WILL NOT REFUSE, BUT GO OR LET MYSELF BE DRAGGED THERE”.

THAT WAS HIS TEMPERAMENT. UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN LYON, HE STAYED AT THE MONASTERY OF THE VISITATION SISTERS, IN THE GARDENER’S LODGE, SO AS NOT TO BE A BURDEN AND TO BE FREE TO MEET WITH ANYONE WHO SO DESIRED.

LONG DISENCHANTED BY THE “FLEETING GLORIES OF THE COURT”, HE SPENT THOSE FINAL DAYS EXERCISING HIS PASTORAL MINISTRY AMID A FLURRY OF APPOINTMENTS: CONFESSIONS, CONVERSATIONS, CONFERENCES, SERMONS, AND, OF COURSE, LETTERS OF SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP. THE DEEPEST REASON FOR SUCH A WAY OF LIFE, COMPLETELY CENTRED ON GOD, HAD BECOME CLEARER TO HIM OVER TIME. HE EXPLAINED IT WITH SIMPLICITY AND PRECISION IN HIS CELEBRATED TREATISE ON THE LOVE OF GOD: “AT THE VERY THOUGHT OF GOD, ONE IMMEDIATELY FEELS A CERTAIN DELIGHTFUL EMOTION OF THE HEART, WHICH TESTIFIES THAT GOD IS GOD OF THE HUMAN HEART”. THESE WORDS ARE A PERFECT SYNTHESIS OF HIS THOUGHT. AN EXPERIENCE OF GOD IS INTRINSIC TO THE HUMAN HEART. FAR FROM A MENTAL CONSTRUCT, IT IS A RECOGNITION, FILLED WITH AWE AND GRATITUDE, OF GOD’S SELF-MANIFESTATION.

IN THE HEART AND THROUGH THE HEART, THERE COMES ABOUT A SUBTLE, INTENSE AND UNIFYING PROCESS IN WHICH WE COME TO KNOW GOD AND, AT THE SAME TIME, OURSELVES, OUR OWN ORIGINS AND DEPTHS, AND OUR FULFILMENT IN THE CALL TO LOVE. WE DISCOVER THAT FAITH IS NO BLIND EMOTION, BUT PRIMARILY AN ATTITUDE OF THE HEART, WHEREBY WE ENTRUST OURSELVES TO A TRUTH THAT APPEALS TO OUR CONSCIOUSNESS AS A “SWEET EMOTION” AND AWAKENS IN RESPONSE, AS HE WAS WONT TO SAY, AN ENDURING BENEVOLENCE TOWARDS ALL OF CREATION.

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson from the letter of St. Paul the Apostle to the Romans

Rom 8:12-17

Brethren: We are debtors, not to the flesh, that we should live according to the flesh, for if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the flesh, you will live. For whoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Now you have not received a spirit of bondage so as to be again in fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons, by virtue of which we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit Himself gives testimony to our spirit that we are sons of God. But if we are sons, we are heirs also: heirs indeed of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Continuation ☩ of the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 16:1-9

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: There was a certain rich man who had a steward, who was reported to him as squandering his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear of you? Make an accounting of your stewardship, for you can be steward no longer.' And the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do, seeing that my master is taking away the stewardship from me? To dig I am not able; to beg I am ashamed. I know what I shall do, that when I am removed from my stewardship they may receive me into their houses.' And he summoned each of his master's debtors and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' And he said, 'A hundred jars of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bond and sit down at once and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred kors of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bond and write eighty.' And the master commended the unjust steward, in that he had acted prudently; for the children of this world, in relation to their own generation, are more prudent than the children of the light. And I say to you, make friends for yourselves with the mammon of wickedness, so that when you fail they may receive you into the everlasting dwellings.

Our prayer intentions this week:

For our sick members: Mr. and Mrs.
Smith, Anita.

Mark and Ligaya McKay,
Arthur and Maxine Frankland, William.
and for the residents of Swansea
Terrace.

Recovery of Bob Latin who suffered a
stroke
and for his wife Jane.



We will have the great joy and honour to welcome Rev Canon William Hudson this Sunday. Canon celebrates the 10.30am Mass and will give us the sermon. After the Holy Mass, we will enjoy a social together and some drinks will be offered to welcome Canon W. Hudson.

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
<p>Sunday 23/07</p> <p>8th after Pentecost</p>	<p>9:00 EM 10:30 SW ***NO EVENING MASS*** Conf: 10-10:20 SW</p>	<p>5:30pm Rosary & Benediction</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Kenneth Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: David Maurice Longbottom RIP</p>
<p>Monday 24/07</p> <p>St Christina VM</p>	<p>8:30 SW **NO NOON MASS** Confessions: 6pm</p>	<p>6pm Adoration</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Kenneth Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Fr Robert Billing</p>
<p>Tuesday 25/07</p> <p>St James Apostle</p>	<p>8:30 SW **NO NOON MASS** Confessions: 6pm</p>	<p>6pm Adoration</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Kenneth Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Aidan Stevenson</p>
<p>Wednesday 26/07</p> <p>St Ann mother of BVM</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW **NO NOON MASS**</p>	<p>No evening devotions Church closed at 12noon.</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Kenneth Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Aidan Stevenson</p>
<p>Thursday 27/07</p> <p>St Pantaleon M</p>	<p>8:30 SW **NO NOON MASS** Confessions:6pm</p>	<p>6pm Benediction</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Kenneth Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Aidan Stevenson</p>
<p>Friday 28/07</p> <p>St Nazarius, Celsus, Victor & Innocent</p>	<p>8:30 SW **NO NOON MASS** Confessions: 6pm</p>	<p>6pm Adoration</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Kenneth Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Aidan Stevenson</p>
<p>Saturday 29/07</p> <p>St Martha</p>	<p>8:30 SW **NO NOON MASS** 9:15 Confession</p>	<p>6pm Adoration</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Kenneth Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory</p>
<p>Sunday 30/07</p> <p>9th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>9:00 EM 10:30 SW ***NO EVENING MASS*** Conf: no confessions before Mass.</p>	<p>5:30pm Rosary & Benediction</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Kenneth Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory</p>



Announcements



Connect with your fellow parishioners! If you would like to join one of our WhatsApp or Signal groups, please contact Canon Post at 07856 720900. Groups on Signal: *The Spire and the Martyrs*, *The Spire Men's Club* and *TheSpirePrayerGroup*. On WhatsApp: *St. Walburge's*.

Summer Schedule: There will be **NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS (6:30pm)** during the months of July and August. Please plan accordingly. The final evening Mass before autumn will be on **2 July**.
**Likewise, please note that all Masses during the week will be at Saint Walburge's, unless otherwise indicated in the newsletter.

Adoration in July: Our normal evening hour (6pm) of Adoration will be maintained throughout the month of July. Take advantage of this opportunity to receive many graces! On the other hand, the **all-day Thursday adoration will be temporarily suspended**. Consult the newsletter in August for resumption of this devotion.

The Saint Benedict Academy: Saint Benedict's opens its doors for academic year 2023-2024 on Thursday, 7 September. If you would like to enrol a child or get involved, please contact Canon Post at saintbenedicts@icksp.org.uk

Visit our new website and share it! <https://www.saintbenedictspreston.com/>

Our Safeguarding Representative: Mr. Peter Dilworth--**please note a change in the email address**, all safeguarding concerns should now be reported to: peter.dilworth@icksp.org.uk. See Church notice board for further safeguarding information.

Last week's collections: SW:£642.59 Bank transfers: £85.00 EM:£86.67

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