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



## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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My dear Friends,

Welcome back to our dear Sisters and young Canons! What a joy to see them back in Preston.

Let's start preparing for the great feast of the Assumption of Our Lady (preparatory novena below).

I'm leaving you today for a family holiday, and I'll be delighted to see my 3 nieces again this year.

During the first week, I'll be completely cutting off my telephone, so don't hesitate to contact the Vice Prior or Canon Ducret.

Thank you to the generous benefactors (almost a dozen already) who came forward in response to my appeal to help heat the church and presbytery.

God bless you all and see you soon!

Your Rector.

Novena to Our Lady of the Assumption

August 6-14 / Feast Day: August 15

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: (Mention your request).

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. Amen

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Transfiguration of the Lord

### Lesson from the second letter of St. Peter the Apostle

2 Pet. 1:16-19

Beloved: We were not following fictitious tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of His grandeur. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when from out the majestic glory a voice came down to Him, speaking thus: This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. And this voice we ourselves heard borne from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mount. And we have the word of prophecy, surer still, to which you do well to attend, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts

### Continuation ✠ of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Matt 17:1-9**

At that time, Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves, and was transfigured before them. And His face shone as the sun, and His garments became white as snow. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking together with Him. Then Peter addressed Jesus, saying, Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You will, let us set up three tents here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elias. As he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear Him. And on hearing it the disciples fell on their faces and were exceedingly afraid. And Jesus came near and touched them, and said to them, Arise, and do not be afraid. But lifting up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus cautioned them, saying, Tell the vision to no one, till the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

### Part 3 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”.

The criterion of love

By experience, Francis had come to realize that desire is at the root of all true spiritual life, but also the cause of its debasement. Drawing abundantly from the spiritual tradition that had preceded him, he recognized the importance of constantly testing desire through the exercise of discernment. He found the ultimate criterion for this assessment in love. In that final conference in Lyon, on the feast of Saint Stephen, two days before his death, he had said: “It is love that grants perfection to our works. I will tell you much more. Take a person who suffers martyrdom for God with an ounce of love; that person merits much, since he could give nothing greater than his own life. Yet another person who has only suffered a scratch with two ounces of love will have much more merit, because it is charity and love that give value to our works”.

With remarkable realism, Francis went on to speak of the complex relationship between contemplation and action: “You know, or you should know, that contemplation is in itself better than activity and the active life; nonetheless, if one finds greater union [with God] in the active life, then that is better. If a Sister in the kitchen holding a pan over the fire has greater love and charity than another Sister, that material fire will not hold her back but instead help her to become more pleasing to God. It frequently happens that people are united to God as much in activity as in solitude; in the end, it always comes back to the question of where the greatest love is to be found”. This, then, is the truly important thing, more important than any kind of useless rigidity or self-absorption: to keep asking at every moment, in every decision, in every situation in life, where the greatest love is to be found. Not by chance, Saint John Paul II would call Francis de Sales the “Doctor of Divine Love”, not simply because he had written a weighty Treatise on that subject, but first and foremost because he was an outstanding witness to that love. His writings were no theory concocted behind a desk, far from the concerns of ordinary people. His teachings were the fruit of a great sensitivity to experience. He merely translated into doctrine what, enlightened by the Spirit, he had experienced and learned in the course of his remarkably innovative pastoral activity. We find it summed up in the Preface to the Treatise on the Love of God: “In Holy Church, everything pertains to love, lives in love, is done for love and comes from love”.



GUILD OF ST. CLARE

Discover the Guild of Saint  
Clare  
next 30th September  
10.30am

### Our prayer intentions this week:

For our sick members:  
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Anita.  
Mark and Ligaya McKay,  
Arthur and Maxine Frankland,  
William. For our young Maria D.  
and for the residents of Swansea  
Terrace.  
Recovery of Bob Latin who suffered  
a stroke  
and for his wife Jane.

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 06/08 Transfiguration of the Lord	9:00 EM 10:30 SW ***NO EVENING MASS***	Confessions from 10 am at SW 5:30pm Vespers & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
Monday 07/08 St Cajetan	8:30 SW Confessions: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration	Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
Tuesday 08/08 St John Mary Vianney	8:30 SW Confessions: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration	Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Novena
Wednesday 09/08 Vigil of Saint Laurence	8:30 Mass SW 12 Noon Mass SW	<b>No evening devotions Church closed at 12noon.</b>	Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Novena
Thursday 10/08 Saint Laurence	8:30 SW 12 Noon Mass SW Confessions: 6pm	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Novena
Friday 11/08 Saint Tiburtius and Susanna	8:30 SW 12 Noon Mass SW Confessions: 6pm	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Novena
Saturday 12/08 Saint Clare	8:30 SW 12 Noon Mass SW 9:15 Confession	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Novena
11th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 EM 10:30 SW <u>***NO EVENING MASS***</u>	5:30pm Vespers & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Canon Ducret: Novena



# 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.

\*\*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](mailto:saintbenedicts@icksp.org.uk)

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

**Spire in Summer:** Please tell your family & friends! August 12/13 & 19/20 2pm-5pm. Book at [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Assumption Flowers collection:** We will hold a second collection today and next Sunday, show your love for Our Lady!

**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](mailto:peter.dilworth@icksp.org.uk). See Church notice board for further safeguarding information.

**Last week's collections:** SW:£543.13 Bank transfers:£190.00 Donation:£10.00 EM:£108.05

## **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

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