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



11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Dearly beloved faithful,

After some misadventures with air travel in America, I have finally been able to rejoin His Majesty's realm (with a little help from our Canadian friends).

This Tuesday is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. We will have the regularly scheduled Low Masses at 8:30 and noon. Solemn Vespers will be celebrated at 5:30pm followed by the Solemn Mass and Procession at 6:30pm. All services are at Saint Walburge's Church.

Remember that processions are always an opportunity for evangelisation. I hope that as many of you will join us as possible and that you will sing Marian hymns with gusto, for the glory of God and Our Lady!

In Christ the King,
Canon Post

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 realise 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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson from the first letter of St. Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians

1 Cor. 15:1-10

Brethren: I recall to your minds the Gospel that I preached to you, which also you received, wherein also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold it fast, as I preached it to you - unless you have believed to no purpose. For I delivered to you first of all, what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, and after that to the Eleven. Then He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are with us still, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by the Apostles. And last of all, as by one born out of due time, He was seen also by me. For I am the least of the Apostles, and am not worthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace in me has not been fruitless.

Continuation ✠ of the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 7:31-37

At that time, Jesus departing from the district of Tyre came by way of Sidon to the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the district of Decapolis. And they brought to Him one deaf and dumb, and entreated Him to lay His hand upon him. And taking him aside from the crowd, He put His fingers into the man's ears, and spitting, He sighed, and said to him, Ephpheta, that is, Be opened. And his ears were at once opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak correctly. And He charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, so much the more did they continue to publish it. And so much the more did they wonder, saying, He has done all things well. He has made both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

Feast of the Assumption (Tuesday, 15 August)

Lesson from the book of Judith (13:22-25; 15:10)

The Lord has blessed you by His power, because by you He has brought our enemies to nought. Blessed are you, O daughter, by the Lord the Most High God, above all women upon the earth. Blessed be the Lord Who made heaven and earth, Who has directed you to the cutting off the head of the prince of our enemies, because He has so magnified your name this day, that your praise shall not depart out of the mouth of men, who shall be mindful of the power of the Lord forever; for you have not spared your life, by reason of the distress and tribulation of your people, but have prevented our ruin in the presence of our God. You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you are the honor of our people.

Continuation ✠ of the Holy Gospel according to Luke (1:41-50)

At that time, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out with a loud voice, saying, Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And how have I deserved that the Mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, the moment that the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who has believed, because the things promised her by the Lord shall be accomplished. And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; because He Who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him.



GUILD OF ST. CLARE

Discover the Guild of
Saint Clare
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
<p>Sunday 13/08 11th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>9:00 EM 10:30 SW ***NO EVENING MASS*** Confessions: 10am SW</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Abbe Gabriel Novena Canon Ducret: Novena</p>
<p>Monday 14/08 Vigil of the Assumption</p>	<p>8:30am SW 12 noon SW Confessions: 6pm</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Abbe Gabriel Novena Canon Ducret: Novena</p>
<p>Tuesday 15/08 Assumption of Our Lady (Day of Obligation)</p>	<p>8:30 am SW 12 noon SW 6:30 pm Solemn Mass followed by Procession</p>	<p>5:30pm Solemn Vespers</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Abbe Gabriel Novena Canon Ducret: Novena</p>
<p>Wednesday 16/08 St. Joachim</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW **No noon Mass**</p>	<p>No evening devotions Church closed at 12noon.</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Abbe Gabriel Novena Canon Ducret: Novena</p>
<p>Thursday 17/08 St. Hyacinth</p>	<p>8:30 SW 12 noon SW Confessions: 6pm</p>	<p>7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Abbe Gabriel Novena Canon Ducret: Novena</p>
<p>Friday 18/08 Mass of the Assumption (St. Agapitus)</p>	<p>8:30 SW 12 noon SW Confessions: 6pm</p>	<p>7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Private Intention Canon Ducret: Novena</p>
<p>Saturday 19/08 St. John Eudes</p>	<p>8:30 SW 12 noon SW 9:15 Confession</p>	<p>7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Marie Louise Hull Canon Ducret: Trish</p>
<p>Sunday 20/08 12th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>9:00 EM 10:30 SW ***NO EVENING MASS*** Confessions: 10am SW</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Greg Mass Edith Richardson Canon Post: Greg and Matthew Dugan Canon Ducret: Shane Scanlon</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 month of 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.

Wednesday Mass: Note carefully, this Wednesday there will be **no Mass at noon**. Remember to consult the newsletter throughout the summer for availability of daily Masses.

Thursday Adoration Returns! This Thursday (17 August) and next Thursday (24 August) we will resume all-day adoration. Please sign up for a time slot at the back of the Church. This is an important opportunity to present our needs to the Lord and give Him thanks for blessings received. There will be no adoration on the 31st due to the General Chapter of the ICKSP.

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/>

Assumption Flowers collection: We will hold a second collection today, 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. See Church notice board for further safeguarding information.

Last week's collections: SW:£711.10 Bank transfers:£1355.00 Donations:£310.00 EM:£127.10

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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