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



25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Dear faithful,

At the end of my recent retreat at the convent of Maria Engelport in Germany, I was reminded by other canons of a sad fact: in many apostolates, in many countries, there are very few children. Thanks be to God, this is not the case at Saint Walburge's! It is fitting to take the opportunity to express gratitude to God and our families for the gift of life. The moral choice of our married couples to refuse artificial contraception, which is gravely sinful, is a heroic and counter-cultural act of witness to our contemporaries.

“Out of the mouth of infants and of sucklings thou hast perfected praise” (Ps 8:3). In the sometimes noisy ambiance of our church, I would invite everyone to remember this and to have it at heart to pray for and support our families. Regrettably, no matter how charming our children are, they do not come with a convenient on/off switch, so it can be a real struggle sometimes for parents at Mass. I would highly encourage people to read the recent article of Dr Joseph Shaw from LMS, which, from the perspective of a layman, offers altogether practical advice to render the task of parents a little easier: <https://onepeterfive.com/children-mass-practical-considerations/>

Four points I would like to highlight: 1) Please, no food in the church! 2) Small children may be given toys, but please avoid hard items and rattles that make extra noise. Little by little, set aside toys, images or activities specific to church so that children learn that it is different from normal ‘play time’. 3) Seek to inculcate reverence for the church, to teach children to speak softly, not to run up and down the aisles. This will not happen over night, nor do we expect it, but it is something to foster with time, effort and patience. 4) As children grow older, try to engage them gradually in the Mass itself. Move up front. Challenge children to spot things: What colour are the vestments? How many servers? How many candles? When are the bells rung? When is there incense? When does Jesus come to us?

Your priests appreciate the difficult sacrifices you make as families. I sincerely hope these modest considerations will help grow the mustard seed of faith in our children's hearts.

Yours in Christ, Canon Post

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (6th after Epiphany)

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

1 Thess. 1:2-10

Brethren: We give thanks to God always for you all, continually making a remembrance of you in our prayers; being mindful before God our Father of your work of faith, and labor, and charity, and your enduring hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brethren, beloved of God, how you were chosen. For our Gospel was not delivered to you in word only, but in power also, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much fullness, as indeed you know what manner of men we have been among you for your sakes. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great tribulation, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became a pattern to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has been spread abroad, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we need say nothing further. For they themselves report concerning us how we entered among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God, and to await from heaven Jesus, His Son, Whom He raised from the dead, Who has delivered us from the wrath to come.

Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Matt 13:31-35

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to the crowds: The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. This indeed is the smallest of all the seeds; but when it grows up it is larger than any herb and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in its branches. He told them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and buried in three measures of flour, until all of it was leavened. All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and without parables he did not speak to them; that what was spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled, I will open My mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Our prayer intentions

this week:

For our sick members:

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Anita.

Mark and Ligaya McKay,

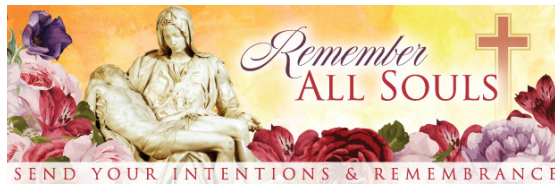
Peter, Bob, Will

Arthur and Maxine Frankland,

William, Fleur Williams.

For the residents of
Swansea Terrace and
Moor Park House.

For deceased friends, family
and benefactors of the
Institute. For members of the
Society of the Sacred Heart.



Pious List Novena

A novena of Masses will be offered
for the Holy Souls from
22nd to 30th November.

Fill out your pious list in advance and
turn it in to one of the canons.

Psalm CXXIX

For the Poor Souls

Out of the depths I have cried to
thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the
voice of my supplication. If thou, O
Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord,
who shall stand it? For with thee
there is merciful forgiveness: and
by reason of thy law, I have waited
for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word:
My soul hath hoped in the Lord.
From the morning watch even until
night, let Israel hope in the Lord.
Because with the Lord there is
mercy: and with him plentiful
redemption. And he shall redeem
Israel from all his iniquities.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O
Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them.



Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 19/XI 25th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Confessions: 10am SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Thierry Canon Post: Mr and Mrs de Poncharra Canon Ducret: Owen Ashcroft
Monday 20/XI St Felix of Valois	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6pm SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Leon RIP Canon Post: Msgr Bacque RIP Canon Ducret: Anna Ashcroft
Tuesday 21/XI The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6pm SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Paule RIP Canon Post: Caroline Hogan Canon Ducret: Private intention
Wednesday 22/XI St Cecilia	8:30 Mass SW *12 noon <u>SW</u>*	*No evening offices*	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: David Kiely Canon Ducret: Eva & Alfonso
Thursday 23/XI St Clement I	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6pm SW	7.30am Lauds *9:15-6:45pm Adoration* 5:30pm Vespers 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: Jordan and Tammy P. Canon Ducret: Joyce's birthday
Friday 24/XI St John of the Cross	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM (Sung) Confessions: 6pm SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: Rob Kellner Canon Ducret: Madam Bignell
Saturday 25/XI St Catherine of Alexandria	8:30 SW *12 noon <u>SW</u>* <u>Wedding Dennis and Ann</u> Confessions 9:15 SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: St Vincent DP RIP Canon Ducret: T.A intentions
Sunday 26/XI 26th and final Sunday after Pentecost.	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 Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: St Vincent DP RIP Canon Ducret: Joyce and Jim Lyons



Announcements

Saint Walburge's Guilds/Catechism Sundays: 26th November. **No Guilds in December.** Bring a packed lunch to the church hall following High Mass. Catechetical talks for children of all ages and adults begin at 1pm.

Youth Group: Friday, 24 November, 6pm at Saint Walburge's Church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, followed by a spiritual conference by Canon Post on the topic "Finding a Catholic Spouse" and a festive fish and chips.

Nuptial Mass of Dennis and Ann: This Saturday, 12 noon at Saint Walburge's. You are invited to join us on Saturday for the wedding and nuptial Mass of Dennis and Ann or to unite with them by your prayers.

Men's Club: Monday, 27 November, 7:30pm at Saint Walburge's Presbytery. Social for the gentlemen with a conference by Canon Cristofoli on the spirit of Christian fatherhood.

Novena to the Immaculate Conception: 29th November--7th December. 5:30pm Vespers followed by a sermon in honour of Our Lady by guest preachers and solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This year's theme: Devotions and prayers in honour of the Blessed Virgin.

Rorate Caeli Mass: Saturday, 9th December 6:30am. A traditional Advent Mass by candlelight in honour of Our Lady.

Christmas Bazaar: Sunday 10th December. Volunteers are needed to run stalls! Please contact one of the canons. We are also seeking goods for the bazaar: bottles, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, toys. Please bring to the presbytery as soon as possible.

Christmas Carol Concert: Friday, 15th December, 6pm. You are invited to join us for this highlight event and to help promote it within the community.

Piety shop: Now in stock: Christmas cards and tree decorations, advent candles, calendars and more!

Our Safeguarding Representative: Mr. Peter Dilworth--peter.dilworth@icksp.org.uk. See Church notice board for further safeguarding information.

Last week's collections: SW: £764.42 Bank transfers: £305.00 Donations: £40.00 EM: £84.03
All Saints (late): £112.10

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