



# FROM THE SPIRE



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



Rorate Mass yesterday (photo MD)

## Presbytery Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday and Saturday  
9:30-12 and 2-5

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Friends,

Next Sunday will be Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday of joy in anticipation of Christmas, and a Sunday of joy and consolation because of the Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion of one of the faithful at our Shrines. Let's pray for her!

Tuesday it will also be the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe... and we'll be thinking in particular of Abbe Schroettner and Canon Post, since Our Lady of Guadalupe is Empress of the Americas. Fewer people know that Our Lady of Guadalupe is also the protector of the fight for life. Our world obeys deadly ideologies and attacks human life and dignity ever further (but to where?...). Let us oppose this satanic revolt against God's plan of love with the strength of our prayer. This year we will also have a second collection at the end of Gaudete Mass, all of which will be donated to Life UK, a charity that courageously fights for life. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wishing you a happy feast and blessed Advent, God bless you!  
Your Rector

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

#### Rom 15:4-13

Brethren: Whatever things have been written have been written for our instruction, that through the patience and the consolation afforded by the Scriptures we may have hope. May then the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Jesus Christ; that, one in spirit, you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, even as Christ has received you to the honor of God. For I say that Christ Jesus has been a minister of the circumcision in order to show God's fidelity in confirming the promises made to our fathers, but that the Gentiles glorify God because of His mercy, as it is written, Therefore will I praise You among the Gentiles, and will sing to Your name. And again He says, Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people. And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; and sing His praises, all you peoples. And again Isaias says, There shall be the root of Jesse, and He Who shall arise to rule the Gentiles... in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

#### Matt 11:2-10

At that time, when John had heard in prison of the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples to say to Him, Are You He Who is to come, or shall we look for another? And Jesus answering said to them, Go and report to John what you have heard and seen: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not scandalized in Me. Then, as they went away, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, those who wear soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before Your face, who shall make ready Your way before You.'

### 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.

Please in your charity, pray for Bernadette  
Lindsay who passed away recently RIP.

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.



While preparing the creche this week, we found this unusual animal in the company of the donkey and the ox in the sacristy...



Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 10/XII Second Sunday of Advent	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Confessions: 10am SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Kathleen Kellett RIP Canon Ducret: Michel Rebillard RIP
Monday 11/XII St Damasus	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6:00 SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Dorothy Pimley RIP Canon Ducret: Michel Rebillard RIP
Tuesday 12/XII Advent Feria	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6:00 SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Intentions of R. Pinto Canon Ducret: Novena private intention
Wednesday 13/XII St Lucy	8:30 Mass SW <b>*12 noon <u>SW</u>*</b>	*No evening services*	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Dorothy Pimley RIP Canon Ducret: Novena private intention
Thursday 14/XII Advent Feria	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6:00 SW	7.30am Lauds <b>*9:15-6:15pm Adoration*</b> 5:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Pro Defunctis Canon Ducret: Novena private intention
Friday 15/XII Advent Feria	8:30 Low Mass SW 12:00 Sung Mass EM Confessions: 6pm SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Walther family intentions Canon Ducret: Novena private intention
Saturday 16/XII St Eusebius	8:30 SW 12:00 SW Confessions 9:15 SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm Adoration 7:00pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Amy Poulson Canon Ducret: Novena private intention
Sunday 17/XII Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW No confession	8:00am Lauds <b>*9:45am Baptism and Confirmation (SW)**</b> 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Novena for conversion Canon Ducret: Novena private intention



# Announcements

**Saint Walburge's Guilds/Catechism Sundays:** Our family Sundays will resume in January (14th and 28th). Bring a packed lunch to the church hall following High Mass. Catechetical talks for children of all ages and adults begin at 1pm.

**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. Children who are singing should arrive **at least** 15 minutes early.

**English Martyrs "Big Clean":** Next Saturday, 16 December at 2pm, the Sisters are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning and tidying of English Martyrs Church. May God bless your zeal for his house!

**Gaudete Sunday:** Sunday, 17th December. We look forward with joy to the baptism, confirmation and first communion of Amy Poulson! The baptism and confirmation will begin at 9:45am at SW. Several young people will also make their first communion during the Mass. Please keep them in your prayers! Deo Gratias.

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

**Last week's collections:** SW: £591.45 Bank transfers: £3,096.50 Donations: £650.00 EM: £85.29



## **Christmas Schedule: Sunday, 24 December (Vigil of Christmas)**

**\*\*\*NO 6:30pm Evening Mass.\*\*\***

8:30pm Matins service at Saint Walburge's.

11:15pm Traditional English Christmas Carols (SW).

## **Monday, 25 December (The Holy Nativity of Our Lord):**

12am Solemn Mass of Midnight (SW).

8:30am Low Mass (2nd Mass of Christmas—Mass of the Dawn)  
at Saint Walburge's.

10:30am Solemn Mass (3rd Mass of Christmas—Mass of the Day)  
at Saint Walburge's.

5:30pm Solemn Second Vespers of the Nativity at SW.

See ICKSP website for full listings.

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