



FROM THE SPIRE



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



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

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE

Dearly Beloved Faithful,

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! The exhortation of Saint Paul touches us today on Gaudete Sunday with all the vehemence and ardour characteristic of the Apostle to the Gentiles.

We have every reason to rejoice--in our community, the Baptist's call to conversion finds an answer in the life-giving sacraments received today: Holy Baptism, Sacred Chrismation, First Holy Communion.

Let us be fully convinced of the teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas: the salvation of a single human soul is a greater work than the creation of the entire material universe.

Why? Everything in the physical order is limited in goodness and duration. It comes to be and it will have an end. A soul which is united to the Holy Trinity by grace, then glorified in the beatific vision, enters into the Infinite--the eternal life of God Himself: "Now this is eternal life: That they may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

As we rapidly approach Christmas, may our joy be firmly rooted in the spiritual gifts we have received.



Canon Post

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

3rd Sunday of Advent--Gaudete!

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

Phil 4:4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Continuation ✕ of the Holy Gospel according to John

John 1:19-28

At that time, the Jews sent to John from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who are you? And he acknowledged and did not deny; and he acknowledged, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Are you Elias? And he said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No. They therefore said to him, Who are you? that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say of yourself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as said Isaias the prophet. And they who had been sent were from among the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him, Why, then, do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John said to them in answer, I baptize with water; but in the midst of you there has stood One Whom you do not know. He it is Who is to come after me, Who has been set above me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to loose. These things took place at Bethany, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Our prayer intentions this week:

For our sick members:

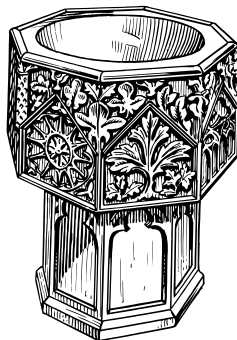
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Anita.

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.



Congratulations!

We give thanks to Almighty God for the
Baptism and Confirmation of
****Miss Amy Poulson****
Prior to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Amy will also make her
first Holy Communion alongside three young
members of our community

**Therese Lawler
Valerie Ezeani
& Mary Fetherston**

Please keep them all in your prayers!
May they ever remain united to
Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 17/XII Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Conversion of J Canon Ducret: Novena private intention
Monday 18/XII Advent Feria	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6:00 SW	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Conversion of J Canon Ducret: Novena private intention
Tuesday 19/XII Advent Feria	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6:00 SW	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Conversion of J Canon Ducret: Novena private intention
Wednesday 20/XII Ember Day of Advent	8:30 Mass SW *12 noon SW*	*No evening services*	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: Conversion of J Canon Ducret: Novena private intention
Thursday 21/XII St Thomas the Apostle	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6:00 SW	*9:15-6:45pm Adoration* 5:30pm Vespers 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Jim Pennington RIP Canon Post: Conversion of J Canon Ducret: Fr Ian Verrier
Friday 22/XII Ember Day of Advent	8:30 Low Mass SW 12:00 Sung Mass EM Confessions: 6pm SW	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Paule Canon Post: Conversion of J Canon Ducret: Basnyet family novena
Saturday 23/XII Ember Day of Advent	8:30 SW 12:00 SW Confessions 9:15 SW	5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm Adoration 7:00pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Bob and Jane thanksgiving Canon Post: Conversion of J Canon Ducret: Basnyet family novena
Sunday 24/XII Vigil of Christmas	9:00 Low Mass EM 10:00am Confessions 10:30 High Mass SW **No 6:30pm Mass**	8:00am Office of Prime 5:30pm 1st Solemn Vespers of Christmas 8:30pm Solemn Matins 11:15 Christmas Carols	Canon Cristofoli: Thierry Canon Post: Conversion of J Canon Ducret: Basnyet family novena
Monday 25/XII The Holy Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ **Christmas**	<u>All services at SW</u> Midnight Mass 8:30am Low Mass 10:30am Solemn Mass	Confessions: 10:00am 5:30pm Solemn Second Vespers of the Nativity & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: ICKSP/Msgr Wach Canon Post: Conversion of J Canon Ducret: Basnyet family novena



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.

Gaudete Sunday Reception: Please join us in the church hall after High Mass today to celebrate with Amy and with our young first communicants!

Second Collection for Life UK Charity: Today's second collection is to support the pro-life work of Life UK. Thank you for your generosity!

Winter Spire 2024--13th, 20th and 27th January (1-5pm): Climb the Spire and see Preston from a new perspective! £12 per person. <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stwalburgesshrinechurch/1082309>

Our Safeguarding Representative: Mr. Peter Dilworth--peter.dilworth@icksp.org.uk.

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.

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

--All services at Saint Walburge's--

12am Solemn Mass of Midnight (1st Mass of Christmas) .

8:30am Low Mass (2nd Mass of Christmas—Mass of the Dawn)

10:30am Solemn Mass (3rd Mass of Christmas—Mass of the Day)

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

See ICKSP website for full listings.

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