



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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SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Dearly beloved faithful,

As 2023 comes to a close, there are a few beautiful Catholic traditions of which we would like to remind you.

First, we will continue to offer an hour of Adoration at 11pm on New Year's Eve, concluding with a *Te Deum* and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a remarkable way to give God thanks for the good we have received.

New Year's Day is the conclusion of the Octave of Christmas--the 8th day on which Our Lord was circumcised according to the Gospel accounts. We will have a Sung Mass at noon, prior to which the *Veni Creator Spiritus* will be sung. As we begin a new year, it is important to invoke the Holy Ghost for all of the graces that we will need to sanctify our time. Saturday, 6 January is the Feast of Epiphany--the 12th day from Christmas. If we have a deep faith, we cannot help but love this feast, which celebrates God manifesting Himself to us in three particular ways: by the star appearing to the Magi, through the divine theophany at Our Lord's Baptism and in the first miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana.

May God bless you in the year to come!

Your Canons



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

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

Gal 4:1-7

Brethren: As long as the heir is a child, he differs in no way from a slave, though he is the master of all; but he is under guardians and stewards until the time set by his father. So we too, when we were children, were enslaved under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. So that He is no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, an heir also through God.

Continuation ✕ of the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 2:33-40

At that time, Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus were marvelling at the things spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. And your own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. There was also Anna, a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her maidenhood, and by herself as a widow to eighty-four years. She never left the temple, with fastings and prayers worshipping night and day. And coming up at that very hour, she began to give praise to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had fulfilled all things as prescribed in the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, into their own town of Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong. He was full of wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him.

1st January: The Octave Day of Christmas (The Circumcision of Our Lord)

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

Titus 2:11-15

Beloved: The grace of God our Saviour has appeared to all men, instructing us, in order that, rejecting ungodliness and worldly lusts, we may live temperately and justly and piously in this world; looking for the blessed hope and glorious coming of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and cleanse for Himself an acceptable people, pursuing good works. Thus speak, and exhort, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Continuation + of the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 2:21

At that time, when eight days were fulfilled for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given Him by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.



Epiphany Water Blessing

Bring your holy water bottles to have them
solemnly blessed on the eve of the Epiphany

Friday, 5th January, 6pm

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
<p align="center">Sunday 31/XII Sunday in the Octave of Christmas</p>	<p>9:00 Low Mass EM 10:00am Confessions 10:30 High Mass SW 6:30pm Low Mass SW</p>	<p>5:30pm Solemn Vespers & Benediction 11:00pm Adoration & Te Deum</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Canon Tanner Canon Post: Fr Sam Ofia Canon Ducret: Thanksgiving</p>
<p align="center">Monday 1/I The Octave Day of Christmas</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW *12 noon (Sung) SW* 6:00 Confessions SW</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Msgr Wach/ICKSP Canon Post: Msgr Wach Canon Ducret: Cardinal Burke</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 2/I The Most Holy Name of Jesus</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW *12 noon SW* 6:00 Confessions SW</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Novena of G.Z. Canon Post: Jim and Joyce Lyons Canon Ducret: Msgr Wach</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 3/I Feria of Christmastide</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW *12:00 Mass SW*</p>	<p align="center">*No evening services*</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Novena of G.Z. Canon Post: Walther family intentions Canon Ducret: Catherine Sibert</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 4/I Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Sovereign Priest</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW *12:00 Mass SW* 6:00pm Confessions</p>	<p align="center">***9:15am-11:30am*** *Morning Adoration* 5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Evening Adoration</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Novena of G.Z. Canon Post: Walther family intentions Canon Ducret: Irene Sheridan (RIP)</p>
<p align="center">Friday 5/I Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart (First Friday)</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW *12:00 Mass SW* 6:00pm Confessions</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers **6pm Blessing of Epiphany Water**</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Novena of G.Z. Canon Post: Sister Adorers Canon Ducret: Edward Sheridan</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 6/I The Holy Epiphany of Our Lord</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW 9:15 Confessions SW 12:00 Sung Mass SW</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Novena of G.Z. Canon Post: Tobin family Canon Ducret: Benefactors</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 7/I Feast of the Holy Family</p>	<p>9:00 Low Mass EM 10:00am Confessions 10:30 High Mass SW 6:30pm Low Mass SW</p>	<p align="center">5:30pm Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Novena of G.Z. Canon Post: Gerard Rogerson Canon Ducret: Barbara Worrell</p>



Announcements

Saint Walburge's Guilds/Catechism Sundays: Upcoming family Sundays 14th and 28th January, 11th and 25th February, 3rd and 17th March (the March dates are advanced by a week to avoid Mother's Day and Palm Sunday).
*****First communion preparation:** children of approximately 7 years old and up should attend catechism on Guild Sundays to prepare for their first Holy Communion. Our next first Communions are planned for Easter Sunday.

Holiday Mass Schedule: Please consult the newsletter carefully for Mass times and location. 8:30am and noon Mass will be celebrated as usual. All Masses on weekdays are at Saint Walburge's.

****Adoration Thursday, 4 January.** Adoration hours will be slightly reduced this week: morning adoration between 8:30 and noon Mass. Evening Adoration at the usual time (6pm).

New Year's Eve: This evening, Sunday 31st December, we will have our usual Sunday schedule, plus a holy hour of adoration starting at 11pm. Te Deum and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be at Midnight. Afterwards, there will be a small festive celebration in the upper room of the church hall.

Feast of the Epiphany: In England and Wales, the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord (6 January) is normally a holy day of obligation. However, in the new calendar, the feast is transferred to Sunday this year. At Saint Walburge's, the Epiphany Masses will still take place on Saturday, 6 January. The following Sunday, 7 January, is the feast of the Holy Family in the old calendar.

****Epiphany Water will be blessed after 1st Vespers, Friday, 5th January at 6pm.**

Men's Club: Next meeting will be the 15th of January 7.30pm in Saint Walburge's Hall. See Canon Cristofoli for more details.

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>

Saturday, 27 January: Second afternoon for young ladies with the Sister Adorers. For more information, please see Sister Jean-Marie.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 28th January 1pm. Festive lunch in the church hall to celebrate the Feast of St Francis de Sales. Guild catechisms will be given prior to lunch at 12 noon. More information and booking form in next week's newsletter.

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

Last week's collections: SW: £701.58 Bank transfers £715.00. EM: £103.70

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