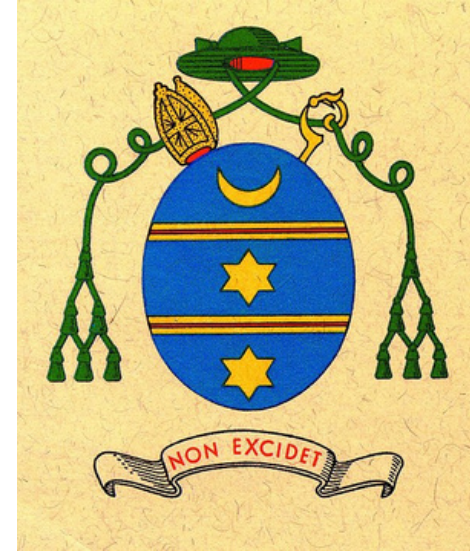




FROM THE SPIRE



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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SOLEMNITY OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

Dear Friends,

We look forward to our annual Saint Francis de Sales lunch today! Our saint is the Doctor of Charity, and one of the most important ways to strengthen charity is by sharing a meal together. Our Lord taught many of His greatest lessons during meals or using the banquet as an image.

This is true of the spiritual family, but of course of the natural family too. How does your family spend meal time? Do you eat together? Do you pray together? Is everyone encouraged to participate, but also to keep silent and listen to other members of the family. Surely this is also important for married couples. It is amazing to see in a restaurant two young lovers sharing a table and both are looking at their phones! Apparently, they do not find each other very interesting! By the way, a good challenge is to try to have a conversation with another human being while waiting in a public place, rather than watching videos of cats fighting snakes on YouTube.

On Monday evening, we will have the joy to receive Ross Manserg into the Church and to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep him in your prayers along with our other catechumens (learners) and neophytes (recent converts).

If you are not Catholic, have you ever thought of joining the Catholic Church? Don't be afraid of approaching one of the priests. Take a leap of faith! If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.

In Christ the King, Canon Post

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Solemnity of Saint Francis de Sales

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

Eph 3:7-21

I am made a minister (of the Gospel) according to the gift of the grace of God, which is given unto me according to the operation of His power. Unto me, the least of all the Saints, is given the grace to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ: and to enlighten all men, that they may see what is the dispensation of the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God, Who created all things: that the manifold wisdom of God may be made known to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the Church, according to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord: in Whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom all paternity in Heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened by His Spirit with might unto the inward man, that Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts: that being rooted and grounded in charity, you may be able to comprehend with all the Saints, what is the breadth and length, and height and depth: to know also the charity of Christ which surpasseth all knowledge that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand according to the power that worketh in us: To him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, world without end. Amen.

Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matt 5:13-19

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out, and be trodden on by men. You are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, Who is in heaven. Do not think that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For amen I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall not pass of the law, till all be fulfilled. He therefore that shall break one of these least commandments, and so shall teach men, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but he that shall do and teach, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Banns of Marriage

The Holy Sacrament of Matrimony is scheduled to be celebrated between

**Mr Mark Andrew O’Kane
& Miss Clarence Rhea Orag**

In Saint Walburge’s Church on
Saturday, 10th February, 2024 at 1pm.
*If anyone is aware of a canonical impediment
to this marriage, he is bound to inform the
Rector, Canon G. Cristofoli
within the shortest possible delay.*

What are Vespers and Compline?

In addition to daily Mass, the secular canons of the Institute of Christ the King celebrate each day the divine office or liturgy of the hours.

Vespers (also known as evensong) is the evening prayer of the Church, sung around sunset.

Most evenings it is celebrated at 5:30pm in S.W.

Vespers consists essentially of five psalms, a liturgical hymn, the Magnificat of Our Lady and the collect of the day’s feast.

Compline is the night prayer of the Church, sung most days at 7pm in S.W. It includes three psalms, the Canticle of Simeon and other invocations for a holy and peaceful conclusion to the day.

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
<p>Sunday 28/I Solemnity of St Francis de Sales Catechism & Lunch</p>	<p>9:00 Low Mass EM 10:00am Confessions 10:30 High Mass SW 6:30pm Low Mass SW</p>	<p>12:00 Catechism 1:00 SFDS Lunch 5:30pm Solemn Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Hilda intentions Canon Post: David Kiely Intentions Canon Ducret: Jim Aherne RIP (91's birthday)</p>
<p>Monday 29/I Feast of St Francis de Sales Patron ICKSP</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW 12:00 Mass EM 6:00 Confessions SW 6:30 Solemn Mass</p>	<p>5:30 Reception into the Church & Confirmation</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Guillaume de Penguern Canon Post: Ross Manserg Canon Ducret: Cardinal Burke</p>
<p>Tuesday 30/I Saint Martina</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW 12:00 Mass EM 6:00 Confessions SW</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration 7pm Compline</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Guillaume de Penguern Canon Post: Remlin Family Canon Ducret: Canon Cristofoli</p>
<p>Wednesday 31/I Saint John Bosco</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW *12:00 Mass SW*</p>	<p>*No evening services*</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Arthur de Penguern Canon Post: Canon Heppelle Canon Ducret: Canon Post</p>
<p>Thursday 1/II 1st Thursday Votive of Jesus Christ Sovereign Priest</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW 12:00 Mass EM 6:00pm Confessions</p>	<p>*9:15am-6:45pm* *Adoration* 5:30pm Vespers 6:45 Benediction 7pm Compline</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Thierry Canon Post: Monsignor Wach Canon Ducret: Canon Tanner</p>
<p>Friday 2/II Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Candlemas)</p>	<p>8:30 Low Mass SW 12:00 Low Mass EM 6:15pm Procession & Solemn Mass</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Domitille de R RIP Canon Post: Cardinal Burke Canon Ducret: Amy Poulson</p>
<p>Saturday 3/II 1st Saturday Mass of the Immaculate Heart</p>	<p>8:30 Mass SW 9:15 Confessions SW 12:00 Mass SW</p>	<p>5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration 7pm Compline</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Godefroy de Penguern Canon Post: David, by the Holy Face Canon Ducret: Margaret-Mary Jordan</p>
<p>Sunday 4/I Sexagesima Sunday</p>	<p>9:00 Low Mass EM 10:00am Confessions 10:30 High Mass SW 6:30pm Low Mass SW</p>	<p>12:00 Catechism 1:00 SFDS Lunch 5:30pm Solemn Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>Canon Cristofoli: Hilda intentions Canon Post: Gerry Lyons, RIP Canon Ducret: Private intention</p>

Liturgy Corner: The 2nd of February, the Presentation of Our Lord and Purification of Our Lady (also known as Candlemas), is exactly forty days after Christmas and marks the end of its liturgical season. The Marian Hymn “Alma Redemptoris” is replaced by the “Ave Regina Caelorum” until Easter.





Announcements

Saint Walburge's Guilds/Catechism Sundays: Upcoming family Sundays 28th January (catechism at noon), 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 Communion is planned for Easter Sunday.

Septuagesima: This Sunday is the beginning of the Septuagesima season of pre-Lent. This consists of the three Sundays prior to Ash Wednesday. At first Vespers, the chant of "Alleluia" is made for the last time, not to be repeated again until the Easter Vigil. At Sunday Masses, the gradual is followed by a chant called the tract in place of the alleluia.

Today, Sunday 28th January 1pm: Festive lunch in the church hall to celebrate the Feast of St Francis de Sales. Guild catechisms will be given at 12 noon prior to lunch.

Feast of Saint Francis de Sales: On Sunday, 28th January, we will celebrate as a Solemnity the feast of our Institute's spiritual patron, Saint Francis de Sales. Monday, the 29th, is his actual feast day. On this day, a plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions for assisting Mass at a church of our Institute.

Friday, 2nd February--Candlemas: 8:30 SW and 12:00 EM Low Masses. 6:15pm SW Blessing and procession with candles followed by Solemn Mass. Candlemas closes the 40-day liturgical cycle of Christmas.

Society of the Sacred Heart: Meeting next Saturday, 3rd February, following the 12 noon Mass. See Canon Ducret for further information.

Sunday, 11th February (6pm)--Tuesday, 13th February (10am)--Forty Hours Devotion! Prepare a good and holy season of Lent by spending time before our Eucharistic Lord. Please sign up for a time of adoration!

16 February--19 March: Men's 33-day consecration to Saint Joseph. Follow in the footsteps of our great patriarch and champion. Suggested guidebook "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" by Fr. Calloway MIC. See Canon Cristofoli or Canon Post for details.

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

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