



FROM THE SPIRE



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

Prayer to Saint Walburga

St. Walburga, by your blessed life of love, God blessed you with the power to heal, to make whole the soul as well as the body. Beg for us what we cannot obtain for ourselves, and heal our world of sickness and sorrow. May God hear you, who lived so graciously for His glory, and send us the healing grace we need, through your powerful intercession. Amen.



Presbytery Office Hours:

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

Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Dear Faithful,

Today's Gospel account brings us into the heart of Lent, with the story of Our Lord's temptations in the wilderness. We must pray and work to become more firm in our resistance to evil. Jesus does not toy with the devil's proposals, but opposes them each time with the eternal Word of God. Thus He teaches us to overcome the "concupiscence of the flesh, and the concupiscence of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:16).

There are a few things that are important to note for this week. Saint Benedict's will be on half term holidays and our beloved Canon Ducret will be on retreat at our convent in Loisy, France. Please keep him in your prayers. Canon Post will also disappear for a mini-retreat from Monday to Wednesday. **Thus, there are no noon Masses from Monday to Wednesday.** Thursday through Saturday the noon Mass will be at Saint Walburga's.

In the newsletter, you will find an insert with important information about offertory envelopes & bank transfers. Please take the time to sign up for Gift Aid if you have not already!

We have also begun our novena to Saint Walburga, patroness of the church. Each morning after Mass, until her feast day, we will say prayers for her intercession. Her feast is transferred this year to Monday, 26th February, due to the intervening 2nd Sunday of Lent.

May you have a fruitful and blessed Lent!
Your Canons



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

First Sunday in Lent

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

2 Cor. 6:1-10

Brethren: We entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation! We give no offense to anyone, that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, let us conduct ourselves in all circumstances as God's ministers, in much patience; in tribulations, in hardships, in distresses; in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults; in labors, in sleepless nights, in fastings; in innocence, in knowledge, in long-sufferings; in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unaffected love; in the word of truth, in the power of God; with the armor of justice on the right hand and on the left; in honor and dishonor, in evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet truthful, as unknown and yet well known, as dying, and behold, we live, as chastised but not killed, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet enriching many, as having nothing yet possessing all things

Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matt 4:1-11

At that time, Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread. But He answered and said, It is written, 'Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.' Then the devil took Him into the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He has given His angels charge concerning You; and upon their hands they shall bear You up, lest You dash Your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, It is written further, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them. And he said to Him, All these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, Begone, Satan, for it is written, 'The Lord your God shall you worship and Him only shall you serve.' Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.



**Saint
Walburga**

"Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever."

Prayer Intentions:

Please remember in your prayers

Bob Latin, who continues his convalescence.

Arthur Frankland, who recently suffered
a stroke.

Baby Daisy and all of our sick and
suffering faithful.

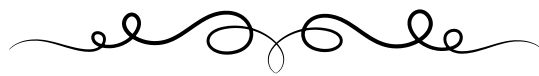
For the repose of the soul of Ronaldo, the
father of Clarence O'Kane (Orag).

For the grandmother of Canon Montjean,
Rosm  e de Robillard, recently deceased.

Requiescant in pace!

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 18/II First Sunday of Lent	9:00 Low Mass EM 10:00am Confessions 10:30 High Mass SW 6:30pm Low Mass SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Solemn Vespers & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Margaret Simpson Canon Post: St Joseph-Margaret Simpson Canon Ducret: Tracey Bignell
Monday 19/II Feria of Lent	8:30 Mass SW *No Noon Mass* 6:00 Confessions SW	5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Margaret Bryndal Canon Post: St Joseph-Sonya Hilton Canon Ducret: Tessie Jeffs
Tuesday 20/II Feria of Lent	8:30 Mass SW *No Noon Mass* 6:00 Confessions SW	5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Thompson family Canon Post: St Joseph-Massey family Canon Ducret: Hervé Ducret RIP
Wednesday 21/II Ember Day of Lent	8:30 Mass SW *No Noon Mass*	*No Evening Services*	Canon Cristofoli: Peter Dilworth Canon Post: St Joseph-Sister Adorers Canon Ducret: Hervé Ducret RIP
Thursday 22/II Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch	8:30 Mass SW *12:00 Mass SW* 6:00pm Confessions	*9:15am-6:45pm* *Adoration* 5:30pm Vespers 6:45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Peter Durkin Canon Post: St Joseph-Bignell Intentions Canon Ducret: Hervé Ducret RIP
Friday 23/II Ember Day of Lent	8:30 Mass SW *12:00 Mass SW* 6:00pm Confessions	5:30pm Vespers *6pm Way of the Cross* 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: David Maddaford Canon Post: St Joseph-Sean Kerr Canon Ducret: Patricia Whelan
Saturday 24/II Ember Day of Lent	8:30 Mass SW 9:15 Confessions SW 12:00 Mass SW	5:30pm Vespers 6-7pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Elsie and Richard Wilson RIP Canon Post: St Joseph-Laura Canon Ducret: Barbara Hustwick
Sunday 18/II Second Sunday of Lent	9:00 Low Mass EM 10:00am Confessions 10:30 High Mass SW 6:30pm Low Mass SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Solemn Vespers & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Thksgv. for parishioners Canon Post: St Joseph-Jakub Kuba Canon Ducret: Liam Joseph Corless

Liturgy Corner: Ember Days. In the traditional Roman calendar, there are four sets of Ember Days, corresponding to the four seasons. These days always fall on a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. They were days of more rigorous fast and abstinence intended to sanctify the times of the year. Ember Saturdays were also the normal day for priestly ordinations--the seven readings of the Mass were distributed between the collation of the seven orders of the priesthood. The liturgy in ancient times was celebrated as a late Vigil on Saturday night, thus the Gospel is the same as that of Sunday. In present canon law, there is no provision for the Ember Days, so the penitential practices of the faithful are not obligatory (except Friday, which is already a day of abstinence!)





Announcements

Saint Walburge's Guilds/Catechism Sundays: Upcoming family Sundays, 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.

Half term holidays: Please note carefully that there will be **no noon Masses at English Martyrs** during the week of 19-24 February, due to the holidays of SBCC. There will also be **no noon Mass at Saint Walburge's** on Monday to Wednesday. 12:00 Masses will be offered at **Saint Walburge's** from Thursday to Saturday.

16 February--19 March: 33-day consecration to Saint Joseph. Spiritual conference to be given to the Spire Men's Club on Monday, 18th March, following the evening prayers. ***33 Masses for Saint Joseph! From 16/2 to 19/3, 33 Masses will be offered to entrust our collective intentions to Saint Joseph. Bring your prayer intentions to Canon Post. All Mass offerings will be donated to Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre.

Saint Walburga Novena: Following the morning Mass at SW each day, we will pray a novena to our patroness, Saint Walburga, from the 17th to the 25th of February. The feast is transferred to **Monday, 26th February**. The Solemn Mass for the feast will be at 6:30pm.

New Class for Catechumens and Neophytes! Are you a recent convert (within the last three years)? Are you interested in being received into the Catholic Church or learning more about the faith. Join us twice per month on Friday evenings at 7:30. First class: The Sources of Revelation with Canon Cristofoli, **1st March**. 2nd Class: Topic to be announced with Canon Post, **15th March**.

Friday, March 8th. Musical Stations of the Cross: Octavius will join us at 7pm for a special musical program during the Stations of the Cross. Confessors will also be available.

Saturday, 9th March. Young ladies afternoon at the convent. See Sister Jean-Marie for further details.

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

Last week's collections: SW: £628.24 Bank transfers £435.00 Donations: £45 EM: £99.50

Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre: Do you have a child between 5-16 years old? Would you like him or her to attend classes in a thoroughly Catholic environment, following the spirit of Salesian education? Arrange a visit today! Contact Dr. Margaret Bryndal at administrator.sbcc@icksp.org.uk.



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