



# FROM THE SPIRE



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



*The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord*



*Saint Walburga: Virgin & Abbess*

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

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Faithful,

On the second Sunday of Lent, Holy Mother Church places before us the scene of Our Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Thabor. She wishes us to have a vision of the Saviour's glory--we need to keep before our eyes the joy and power of Easter in order to live Lent and undertake penance in the right spirit, to remember the purpose of it all.

Monday, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Walburga, Patroness of our church. Please join us for the evening Solemn Mass if you are able. We should pray to Saint Walburga for all of our fellow parishioners and especially for the sick and suffering; her intercession is powerful to bring about healing.

My profound gratitude goes to all who have donated to Saint Benedict's for the St Joseph Masses. I hope that in the lead up to his great feast, our devotion to, and confidence in the Patron of the Universal Church will be much augmented. Please note that we will have Guild Catechisms two weeks in a row. The Guilds in March have been advance to avoid Mother's Day and Palm Sunday.

Finally, this Friday at 7:30pm will be our first group class for catechumens and neophytes, led by Canon Cristofoli. If you know of recent converts or people interested in enquiring more about the Catholic faith, please encourage them to come!



In Christ the King,  
Canon Post

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Lesson from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

#### 1 Thess. 4:1-7

Brethren: Even as you have learned from us how you ought to walk to please God - as indeed you are walking - we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus to make even greater progress. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that you abstain from immorality; that every one of you learn how to possess his vessel in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and overreach his brother in the matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before and have testified. For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

#### Matt 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves, and was transfigured before them. And His face shone as the sun, and His garments became white as snow. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking together with Him. Then Peter addressed Jesus, saying, Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You will, let us set up three tents here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elias. As he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear Him. And on hearing it the disciples fell on their faces and were exceedingly afraid. And Jesus came near and touched them, and said to them, Arise, and do not be afraid. But lifting up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus cautioned them, saying, Tell the vision to no one, till the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

#### 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 Renaldo, the  
father of Clarence O'Kane (Orag).  
For the grandmother of Canon Montjean,  
Rosm  e de Robillard, recently deceased.  
*Requiescant in pace!*

For the completion of building work on the  
new Saint Benedict's Campus at SW!  
Ite ad Joseph!

#### Feast of Saint Walburga

*Transferred to Monday, 26th February*

*5:30pm Solemn Vespers*

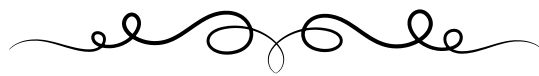
*6:30pm Solemn Mass*

*\*\*\*Veneration of the Relics\*\*\**

*Oh holy virgin, St. Walburga,  
mercifully you lead all the sick and helpless  
who implore your help to Jesus, your Divine  
Spouse. He is the Good Samaritan who will  
heal them all. Lead me also to Him, and ask  
for my deliverance from the troubles that  
afflict me;  
be my consoler and helper, for you can and  
will help me if it be God's will. Full of  
confidence I ask this favor, and when you  
have helped me I will not cease to thank you,  
O blessed St. Walburga*

Ordo	Daily Schedule: Mass, Offices, Confessions, Events	Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 25/II</b> <b>Second Sunday</b> <b>of Lent</b>	8:00am Lauds SW      12:00 Packed lunch SW 9:00 Low Mass EM      13:00 Guild Catechisms 10:00 Confessions SW      17:30 Vespers & Benediction 10:30 High Mass SW      18:30pm Low Mass SW	Canon Cristofoli: Thanksgiving Parish Canon Post: St Joseph-Jakob Kuba Canon Ducret: Liam Joseph Corless
<b>Monday 26/II</b> <b>Feast of</b> <b>Saint Walburga</b>	8:30 Mass SW      18:00 Confessions SW 12:00 Mass EM      18:30 Solemn Mass SW 17:30pm Vespers      & Veneration of the Relics	Canon Cristofoli: M-Ann Andreucetti RIP Canon Post: St Joseph-David K. Canon Ducret: Thanksgiving Mass in honor of S. Philomena
Tuesday 27/II Feria of Lent	8:30 Mass SW      18:00 Confessions SW 12:00 Mass EM      & Adoration 17:30 Vespers      19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Fr Philip Gregory Canon Post: St Joseph-Doherty family Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
Wednesday 28/II Feria of Lent (St Gabriel)	8:30 Mass SW      *No Evening Services* 12:00 Mass SW	Canon Cristofoli: Fr Andrew Ursworth Canon Post: St Joseph-Dorothy's Parents Canon Ducret: Thanksgiving
Thursday 29/II Feria of Lent	8:30 Mass SW      17:30 Vespers SW *9:15-18:45 Adoration*      18:00 Confessions 12:00 Mass EM      19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Fr Philip Gregory Canon Post: St Joseph-Parnell family Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
Friday 1/III First Friday (Sacred Heart)	8:30 Mass SW      18:00 Stations of the Cross 12:00 Mass EM      & Confession SW 17:30 Vespers SW      19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: St Joseph-Bob and Jane Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
Saturday 2/III First Saturday (Immaculate Heart)	8:30 Mass SW      17:30 Vespers SW 9:15 Confessions SW      18:00 Adoration 12:00 Mass SW      19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: St Joseph-J.A.H & E.A.F Canon Ducret: Souls in purgatory
<b>Sunday 3/III</b> <b>Third Sunday</b> <b>of Lent</b>	8:00am Lauds SW      12:00 Packed lunch SW 9:00 Low Mass EM      13:00 Guild Catechisms 10:00 Confessions SW      17:30 Vespers & Benediction 10:30 High Mass SW      18:30pm Low Mass SW	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: St Joseph-Wendy Howse Canon Ducret: Catherine Sibert

**Liturgy Corner: Folded chasubles.** At the Solemn Mass, the celebrating priest is assisted by a deacon and subdeacon. Normally, the sacred ministers are vested in dalmatic and tunicle, two vestments which take their origins in the clothing of the Roman aristocracy. In times of penance, it was considered unsuitable to wear dalmatic and tunicle, thus the deacon and subdeacon wore “folded chasubles”. These vestments had very large sleeves, which made it impractical to wear them when free hands were needed, thus the deacon and subdeacon would remove them to read or minister at the altar. The deacon wore the chasuble over his shoulder--this is the origin of the broad stole, now worn by the deacon from the Gospel until the Communion.





# Announcements

**Saint Walburge's Guilds/Catechism Sundays:** Upcoming family Sundays, 25/2, 3/3, 17/3 (the March dates are advanced by a week to avoid Mother's Day and Palm Sunday), 14/4, 28/4, 12/5, 26/5, 9/6 & 23/6.

\*\*\*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.

**End of half term holidays:** This week we renew our normal schedule of noon Masses at English Martyrs.

**16 February--19 March:** 33-day consecration to Saint Joseph. Follow in the footsteps of our great patriarch and champion. Next talk for the Spire Men's Club, **Monday, 18th March.** \*\*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.** Vespers of the feast at 5:30pm followed by Solemn Mass 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](mailto:peter.dilworth@icksp.org.uk).

**Last week's collections:** SW: £610.44 Bank transfers £350.00 Donations: £440.00 EM: £98.82

**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! [administrator.sbcc@icksp.org.uk](mailto:administrator.sbcc@icksp.org.uk)

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