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

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IN WORDS & MUSIC

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Musical Director:
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Christus factus est - Bruckner
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God so loved the world - Chilcott
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Ave verum - Byrd
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A New Commandment - Shephard
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Civitas Sancti Tui - Byrd
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Crucifixus - Lotti
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Tantum ergo - Laloux
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Were you there? - arr. Trant
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Passion Chorale - Bach
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Stabat Mater - Plainchant

FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2024
at 7.00 P.M.



Presbytery Office Hours:

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Friends,

We continue our Lenten journey under the patronage of Saint Joseph. The month of March is traditionally dedicated to him.

Today and for this whole week, I would like to encourage you on two particular points linked to the figure of Saint Joseph: his **silence** and his **trust**. Saint Joseph receives his missions in his sleep; he sleeps soundly! In fact, his heart knows no anxiety, because all his trust is in God. Let us often renew our acts of trust in this anxiety-filled world. Saint Joseph doesn't talk much, and that's nothing to sneeze at! Let us cultivate in our homes, and *a fortiori* in our churches, a great atmosphere of recollection. Silence is not a luxury in a noisy world; it is a necessary disposition for recollection and prayer. There is no true prayer without silence. A taste for silence is not innate, and therefore comes from a firm and loving education. We all need to rediscover and deepen it.

This week we celebrate Saint Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of our Institute and a teacher of wisdom and holiness. I commend to you our Sisters who will be making their first profession in Naples on Thursday.

We'll be in Gricigliano for a few days with the candidates for the priesthood, so please pray for our vocations. God bless you all!

In Christ the King,
Your Rector

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Third Sunday of Lent

Lesson from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Eph 5:1-9

Brethren: Be imitators of God, as very dear children and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and delivered Himself up for us an offering and a sacrifice to God to ascend in fragrant odor. But immorality and every uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becomes saints; or obscenity or foolish talk or scurrility, which are out of place; but rather thanksgiving. For know this and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean person, or covetous one - for that is idolatry - has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one lead you astray with empty words; for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience. Do not, then, become partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk, then, as children of light, for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and justice and truth.

Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 11:14-28

At that time, Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb; and when He had cast out the devil, the dumb man spoke. And the crowds marveled. But some of them said, By Beelzebub, the prince of devils, He casts out devils. And others, to test Him, demanded from Him a sign from heaven. But He, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and house will fall upon house. If, then, Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that I cast out devils by Beelzebub. Now, if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When the strong man, fully armed, guards his courtyard, his property is undisturbed. But if a stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he will take away all his weapons that he relied upon, and will divide his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters. When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he roams through waterless places in search of rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house which I left.' And when he has come to it, he finds the place swept. Then he goes and takes seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. Now it came to pass as He was saying these things, that a certain woman from the crowd lifted up her voice and said to Him, Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts that nursed You. But He said, Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

Liturgy Corner:

Sacred Ministers. At the Solemn Mass, the celebrating priest is assisted by a deacon and subdeacon. Spiritually, the subdeacon represents Christ hidden in the Old Testament, the deacon is Christ in his historic appearance in the gospels and the priest/celebrant is Christ entered into heaven, or Christ "Yesterday, today and forever". Thus, the subdeacon gives the first reading and the deacon chants the gospel. The subdeacon holds the Evangelarium (gospel-book) because the Old Testament is the foundation of the New. During the Canon of the Mass, the Subdeacon holds the paten veiled before his eyes, representing the veil over the Messiah's identity in the Old Testament or, likewise, the Seraphim who cover their eyes in the presence of God Almighty.

Ordo	Daily Schedule: Mass, Offices, Confessions, Events	Mass Intentions
Sunday 3/III Third Sunday of Lent	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
Monday 4/III Feria of Lent (St Casimir)	7.30 Lauds SW 17:30pm Vespers 8:30 Mass SW 18:00 Confessions SW 12:00 Mass EM & Adoration 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: M-A Andreucetti RIP Canon Post: St Joseph-Anonymous Canon Ducret: Catherine Sibert
Tuesday 5/III Feria of Lent	7.30 Lauds SW 17:30 Vespers 8:30 Mass SW 18:00 Confessions SW 12:00 Mass EM & Adoration 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Fr Philip Gregory Canon Post: St Joseph-Farrell/Williams Canon Ducret: Catherine Sibert
Wednesday 6/III Feria of Lent (Ss Perpetua & Felicity)	8:30 Mass SW *No Evening Services* 12:00 Mass SW	Canon Cristofoli: Fr Andrew Ursworth Canon Post: St Joseph-John Horrigan Canon Ducret: Canon Post
Thursday 7/III St Thomas Aquinas	7.30 Lauds SW 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-Fr. Csizmar Canon Ducret: Anthony Sibert
Friday 8/III Feria of Lent (St John of God)	7.30 Lauds SW ***19:00 Stations of the Cross 8:30 Mass SW **Passion Music with Octavius 12:00 Mass EM ***& Confession available SW	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Post: St Joseph-Anthony Dickinson Canon Ducret: Hervé Ducret RIP
Saturday 9/III Feria of Lent (St Frances of Rome)	7.30 Lauds SW 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-Mark O’Kane Canon Ducret: Private intention (TA)
Sunday 10/III Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)	8:00am Lauds SW 10:30 High Mass SW 9:00 Low Mass EM 17:30 Vespers & Benediction 10:00 Confessions SW 18:30pm Low Mass SW	Canon Cristofoli: Geraldine Trevaskis Canon Post: St Joseph-Benedict R. Canon Ducret: Pauline (Polkey) RIP

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



Announcements

A note about children at Mass: Saint Walburge's is immensely blessed to have a young vibrant congregation with many little children. If you give your small children toys to play with during Mass, please make sure that they are **soft/quiet toys** (avoid keys, hard blocks, rattles, things with wheels, etc.). In consideration of our hard-working church cleaning volunteers, **please refrain from giving children food** (milk for infants is an obvious exception). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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.

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.

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. 2nd Class: God, Father and Creator 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: £610.44 Bank transfers £350.00 Donations: £440.00 EM: £98.82

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