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FROM THE SPIRE



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

Sunday's Recessional Hymn # 468



Presbytery Office Hours:

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

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FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Today, Holy Providence clearly beckons us to pray for our beloved country! Firstly, 915 years ago today, Saint Anselm passed away in Canterbury, after being a holy monk in Normandy and shining with his theological knowledge. Saint Anselm came to illuminate our homeland with his wisdom and profound sanctity.

Today, we also have the opportunity to celebrate the external solemnity of Saint George, the patron saint of England. Furthermore, if you revisit the texts of the third Sunday after Easter this week, you will see that the apostle exhorts us to honor the King and provides us with a guideline for the life of the city: "I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, to abstain yourselves from carnal desires which war against the soul, having your conversation good among the Gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by the good works, which they shall behold in you, glorify God in the day of visitation."

Certainly, we all share quite different political views, but one thing unites us all: our love for Christ. Let us pray for our country, for His Majesty the King, and for his government. Let us pray that the social doctrine of the Church resonates in our civil life. Let us pray that the dignity of every human life is always respected. It is not naive or idealistic to desire the best for England; the best for England is evidently for her to return to Christ and His one Church. Let us start locally and humbly, wherever God has placed us, by being good subjects and good citizens. Let us not forget that our social life begins on our knees, in the public worship we all offer to the divine Majesty. Have a blessed week, and may God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Canon Cristofoli & Canon Post

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL Feast of Saint George (3rd Sunday after Easter)

Lesson from the book of Wisdom Wis 5:1-5

Then shall the just stand with great constancy against those that have afflicted them, and taken away their labours. These seeing it, shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the suddenness of their unexpected salvation. Saying within themselves, repenting, and groaning for anguish of spirit: These are they, whom we had some time in derision, and for a parable of reproach. We fools esteemed their life madness, and their end without honour. Behold how they are numbered among the children of God, and their lot is among the saints.

Continuation ♥ of the Holy Gospel according to John John 15:1-7

In that time, Jesus said to his disciples: I am the true vine; and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me, that beareth not fruit, he will take away: and every one that beareth fruit, he will purge it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now you are clean by reason of the word, which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine: you the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. If any one abide not in me, he shall be cast forth as a branch, and shall wither, and they shall gather him up, and cast him into the fire, and he burneth. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you.

Prayer Intentions

Please keep in your prayers Arthur and Maxine Frankland, Bob and Jane Latin, Anita, Denis and Margaret Smith, Denis Brophy, baby Daisy, baby Matthias and the residents of Swansea Terrace Care Home.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Catherine Sibert and Mr Randall who passed away this week.

May they rest in peace.

Liturgy Corner: Gradual, Tract, Alleluia and Sequence Throughout the year, two chants called the

gradual and alleluia are sung between the epistle and gospel. After Septuagesima, the alleluia is replaced by a chant called the tract. In the Easter Season, two chants of alleluia are sung in place of the gradual and tract. Certain feasts of great importance have an additional chant called the sequence. At Easter, the sequence "Victimae Paschali Laudes" is sung. Pentecost has the "Veni Creator" and Corpus Christi the "Lauda Sion."

Another well-known sequence is the "Dies Irae" of the Requiem Mass.

Ordo Sunday 21/IV Solemnity of St George (3rd after Easter)	Daily Schedule: Mass, Offices, Confessions, Eve	
	9:00 Low Mass EM 10:00 Confessions SW 10:30 High Mass SW	17:30 Vesp Benedictio 18:30 Low M
Monday 22/IV Saints Soter and Caius	7:30 Lauds 8:30 Mass SW 12:00 Mass SW	17:30 Ve 18:00 Conf & Adora 19:00 Con
Tuesday 23/IV Feast of Saint George	7:30 Lauds 8:30 Mass SW	17:30 Ve 18:00 Conf & Adora

12:00 Mass SW

8:30 Mass SW

No noon Mass

7:30 Lauds

8:30 Mass SW 9:15 Exposition

12:00 Mass SW

fessions, Events	Mass Intentions
17:30 Vespers & Benediction SW 18:30 Low Mass SW	Can Cristofoli: Francis Maria RIP Can Post: Maria Doherty
17:30 Vespers 18:00 Confessions & Adoration 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Francis Maria RIP Canon Post: Jean O'Connor RIP
17:30 Vespers 18:00 Confessions & Adoration 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Francis Maria RIP Canon Post: Leo Doherty
No evening services Church closed	Canon Cristofoli: Francis Maria RIP Canon Post: St Joseph Intentions
17:30 Vespers 18:00 Confessions 18:45 Benediction 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Francis Maria RIP Canon Post: Nichola Pope
17:30 Vespers 18:00 Confessions & Adoration 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Francis Maria RIP Canon Post: Private Intention

Friday 26/IV Ss Cletus and Marcellinus

(Patron of England)

Wednesday 24/IV

Saint Fidelis of

Sigmaringen

Thursday 25/IV

Saint Mark

7:30 Lauds 8:30 Mass SW 12:00 Mass SW

Saturday 27/IV Saint Peter Canisius 7:30 Lauds 8:30 Mass SW 9:15 Confessions 12:00 Mass SW

17:30 Vespers 18:00 Adoration 19:00 Compline

Canon Cristofoli: Francis Maria RIP Canon Post: Vitus Huonder RIP

Mass Intentions

Sunday 28/IV 4th Sunday after Easter 8:00 Lauds 9:00 Low Mass EM 10:00 Confessions SW 10:30 High Mass SW

17:30 Vespers & Benediction SW 18:30 Low Mass SW

Canon Cristofoli: Francis Maria RIP Canon Post: Vitus Huonder RIP



Announcements

Saint Walburge's Guilds/Catechism Sundays: Upcoming family Sundays 14/4, 28/4, 12/5, 26/5, 9/6. Join us in the hall for a social and packed lunch after High Mass. Catechism for all ages at 1pm.

<u>Wednesday noon Mass:</u> Please note that there will be no noon Mass on Wednesday this week, nor on subsequent Wednesdays until further notice. Apologies for any inconvenience!

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. Next Class, 3rd May. He suffered under Pontius Pilate: The Redemptive Passion and Death of Our Lord-- talk given by Canon Cristofoli. Future dates: 17/5, 31/5, 14/6, 28/6.

<u>Collection for the Seminary (to be held on Pentecost Sunday)</u>: Please support our annual special collection for the formation of priests and the International Seminary of Saint Philip Neri (ICKSP Italy). Thanks be to God, the province of Great Britain now has a growing number of priests and seminarians. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

<u>SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 27 th April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm:</u> Please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info tel 01772 723094.

<u>English Martyrs pilgrimage: Saturday, 4th May, 10:30am.</u> Join us at Saint Walburge's for devotions in honour of the English Martyrs. We will then go in procession to English Martyrs where the Solemn Mass will be celebrated upon arrival.

Quiz night: Saturday, 25th May, 7pm: Family ticket £20 Adults 7, child 3, bar available!

<u>Summer Fair:</u> Our annual summer fair will be Sunday 23rd June this year. Volunteers to help with planning are more than welcome!

<u>Our Safeguarding Representative:</u> Mr. Peter Dilworth--postmaster@dilworth49.plus.com

<u>Last week's collections:</u> St Walburge: £510.00 Bank transfers: £110.00 English Martyrs: £70.10

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