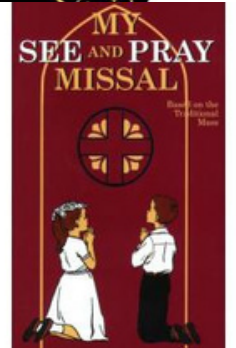
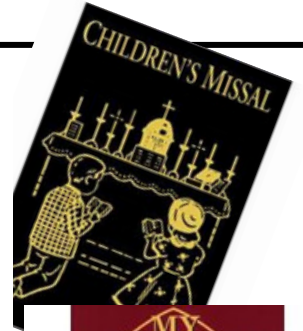
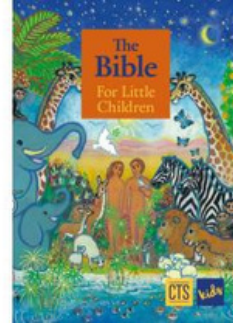
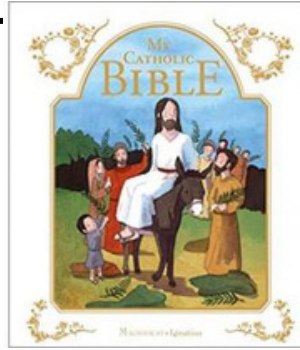
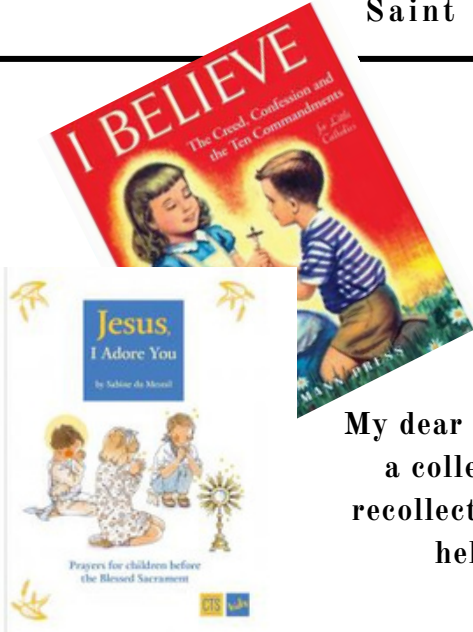




FROM THE SPIRE



News & updates from our Shrine Church of Saint Walbuge in Preston, Lancashire.



My dear friends, I would like to fundraise in order to buy a collection of good books to help our children to be recollected and prayerful in church. If you would like to help, please contact me directly. Thank you!

Canon Cristofoli

Presbytery Office Hours:

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

Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre

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Holy Name of Jesus and Epiphany

Dear parishioners and friends of St Walbuge's,

As we step into the New Year, Saint Walbuge's community gathers to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, a feast rich with tradition and meaning. Observed on January 6th, the Epiphany commemorates the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi who journeyed to Bethlehem, guided by a star.

This feast invites us to reflect on themes of light, guidance, and generosity. The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh offered by the Magi remind us of the significance of offering our talents and treasures to God and those around us.

Epiphany traditions vary across cultures. In some, chalk is blessed and used to inscribe "20+C+M+B+MMXXV" above doorways, symbolizing the blessing of homes for the year ahead. The letters also stand for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," meaning "May Christ bless this house." In others, special pastries like the "King Cake" are enjoyed, often hiding a token within to crown the finder as the "king" or "queen" for the day.

Another cherished tradition is the blessing of Epiphany Water, a powerful sacramental used for protection and spiritual renewal. This water is blessed with a special rite invoking the intercession of the Magi and the power of Christ revealed to the nations. Parishioners are encouraged to take Epiphany Water home to bless their families and living spaces, inviting God's grace and peace into their daily lives.

At Saint Walbuge's, we encourage all to embrace the spirit of the Epiphany, letting the light of Christ guide our lives and actions. Let us also be inspired by the Magi's journey of faith, seeking Christ in our daily lives and sharing His love with the world.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyful Epiphany!

In Christ, G.Cristofoli, your Rector

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Holy Name of Jesus and Epiphany

Lesson from the Acts of Apostles

Acts 4:8-12

In those days, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, Rulers of the people and elders, if we are on trial today about a good work done to a cripple, as to how this man has been cured, be it known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, Whom God has raised from the dead, even in this Name does he stand here before you, sound. This is 'The stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.' Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Gospel

St Luke 2:21

At that time, when eight days were fulfilled for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given Him by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Lesson from the book of Isaiah

Isa 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, O Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears His glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Madian and Ephraim; all from Saba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi came from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him. But when King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and so was all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and Scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. And they said to him, In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet, 'And you, Bethlehem, of the land of Juda, are by no means least among the princes of Juda; for from you shall come forth a leader who shall rule My people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the Magi secretly, and carefully ascertained from them the time when the star had appeared to them. And sending them to Bethlehem, he said, Go and make careful inquiry concerning the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may go and worship Him. Now they, having heard the king, went their way. And behold, the star that they had seen in the East went before them, until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. And when they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly. And entering the house, they found the Child with Mary His Mother, genuflect and falling down they worshipped Him. And opening their treasures they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another way.

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
Sunday 5/I The Most Holy Name of Jesus.	8:00 Confessions 8:30 Low Mass 10:00 Confessions 10:30 Sung Mass	17:30 Blessing of Epiphany Water 18:30 Low Mass (no Confessions)	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Poucin: Ann Rosalind Swettenham RIP
Monday 6/I Epiphany Our Lord Jesus Christ Obligation	8:30 Low Mass 18:30 High Mass	17:30pm Vespers	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Poucin: Dominique Poucin de Wouilt
Tuesday 7/I Feria Mass of Epiphany	8:30 Low Mass ** no 11:45 Mass **	17:30pm Vespers 18:00 Adoration and Confessions 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Poucin: Family
Wednesday 8/I Feria	8:30 Low Mass ** no 11:45 Mass **	Church closed *No evening services*	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Poucin: Alexandra Carroll RIP
Thursday 9/I Feria	8:30 Low Mass 10:30 Funeral John Livesey Requiem Mass	14:00-18:45 Adoration 17:30pm Vespers 18:00 Confessions 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Poucin: John Livesey RIP
Friday 10/I Feria	8:30 Requiem Mass for HH Pope Benedict XVI ** no 11:45 Mass **	18:00 Adoration & Confessions 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Benedict XVI RIP Canon Poucin: Peter T Farrell RIP
Saturday 11/I Our Lady on Saturday	8:30 Low Mass 9:15 Confessions	17:30pm Vespers 18:00 Adoration (no Confessions) 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Teresa Robinson Canon Poucin: Private Intention
Sunday 12/I Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Guild Sunday	8:00 Confessions 8:30 Low Mass 10:00 Confessions 10:30 High Mass	17:30 Vespers & Benediction 18:30 Low Mass (no Confessions)	Canon Cristofoli: Thierry Canon Poucin: Ted & Karen Case



Announcements

All-Day Adoration on Thursday 9th January: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 2pm and remain on the altar until evening Benediction at 6:45pm. **Come let us worship!**

Our next Guild Sunday will be on 13th January after the 10:30am service. Packed lunch, followed by doctrinal teaching at 1pm for all ages and levels!

Saturday 18th January 3pm-5pm (with optional vespers and adoration at 5:30pm) Meeting of the Society of the Sacred Heart, the lay branch of the Institute, a sanctification movement rooted in Roman devotion and Salesian spirituality. Contact one of your priests if you are interested!

Saturday 25th January - Ladies' Afternoon: The convent of the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart is open for an afternoon of fun, activities and faith from 2:00pm-5:15pm. The event is open to young ladies of 13-18 years old. Please see Sister Jean-Marie for further details.

Friday 24th January 7:30pm: Catechism evening for catechumens and neophytes at St. Walburge's Presbytery.

Sunday 26th January 12:30pm: Community Lunch in honour of St Francis de Sales

Join us for lunch to celebrate the feast of st. francis de sales Sunday 26th January 2025 at 12:30pm In St. Walburge's Hall Main course: Hot-pot with red cabbage & beetroot or Butter pie (vegetarian option) with red cabbage & beetroot Dessert: Apple pie & cream Cost: Adults £7.50 per head Children (11 years and under) £6.00 The bar will be open to purchase drinks. **Return your form asap please!**

Saturday 15th March 7pm Ceilidh Dance in St Walburge's Hall in honour of Saint Patrick. Accompanied by a live orchestra.

Our Safeguarding Representative: Mr. Peter Dilworth--postmaster@dilworth49.plus.com

Last week's collections: £677.45 - Bank Transfers £932.00

Thank You very much for your continuous generosity!

Prayer Intentions

*Please keep in your prayers Arthur and Maxine Frankland, Bob and Jane Latin, Anita, Denis and Margaret Smith, Denis Brophy, Terry Carradice, Margaret F, Livia Almeida, Jean Harris, Christopher Moloney, the residents of Swansea Terrace Care Home.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Livesey

*Please pray for Nichole and her baby Samson born last Friday.

*Please pray for Ross and Trevor, for a prompt and good recovery

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