



FROM THE SPIRE



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

Forty Hours
Devotion
Adoration
Sunday 2nd
March
12noon-6pm



Monday 3rd March
9.15am-7pm
Tuesday 4th March
9.15-6pm
6pm Sung Mass of
Conclusion, procession
and Benediction

Presbytery Office

Hours:

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

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Sexagesima

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness.

This sentence excerpted from today's Epistle should become the beginning of any good work and thanksgiving. It is the acknowledgement of our miseries, and of the power of the grace, with which we accomplish all our duties. The great doctor of the Love of God, following the teaching of the Apostle, commented:

"We must subject nature to grace, and not be at all surprised at the difficulties we encounter; for we must always make a point of beginning to annihilate ourselves, persevering in this exercise until the end of our life, at which point we will find our work done, if we persevere, but no sooner; For we must put together our perfection piece by piece, because there is no such thing as a ready-made perfection, except that, by a miraculous grace, Our Lord can give a habit in an instant, as he did to Saint Paul.

This great Saint, after so many ravishments, often experienced the misery of our nature, when he wrote: 'O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?' (*Rm., 7, 24-25*) Finally, we must not be astonished or weary of our infirmities and instabilities; but, humbling ourselves gently and quietly, we must lift up our hearts to God and pursue our holy undertaking, trusting and relying on Our Lord, for he wants to provide everything necessary for the execution, asking nothing of us but our consent and fidelity."

(St Francis de Sales, anonymous letter, no date)

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TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Sexagesima

Epistle - 2 Cor. 11: 19-33; 12: 1-9

Brethren: You gladly put up with fools, because you are wise yourselves! For you suffer it if a man enslaves you, if a man devours you, if a man takes from you, if a man is arrogant, if a man slaps your face! I speak to my own shame, as though we had been weak. But wherein any man is bold - I am speaking foolishly - I also am bold. Are they Hebrews? So am I! Are they Israelites? So am I! Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I! Are they ministers of Christ? I - to speak as a fool - am more: in many more labors, in prisons more frequently, in lashes above measure, often exposed to death. From the Jews five times I received forty lashes less one. Thrice I was scourged, once I was stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I was adrift on the sea; in journeyings often, in perils from floods, in perils from robbers, in perils from my own nation, in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils from false brethren; in labor and hardships, in many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those outer things, there is my daily pressing anxiety, the care of all the churches! Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not inflamed? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, Who is blessed forevermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to arrest me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. If I must boast - it is not indeed expedient to do so - but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows that he was caught up into paradise and heard secret words that man may not repeat. Of such a man I will boast; but of myself I will glory in nothing save in my infirmities. For if I do wish to boast, I shall not be foolish; for I shall be speaking the truth. But I forbear, lest any man should reckon me beyond what he sees in me or hears from me. And lest the greatness of the revelations should puff me up, there was given me a thorn for the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to buffet me. Concerning this I thrice besought the Lord that it might leave me. And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness. Gladly therefore I will glory in my infirmities, that the strength of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel - Luke 8: 4-15

At that time, when a very great crowd was gathering together and men from every town were resorting to Jesus. He said in a parable: The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other seed fell upon the rock, and as soon as it had sprung up it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. And other seed fell upon good ground, and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundredfold. As He said these things He cried out, He who has ears to hear, let him hear! But His disciples then began to ask Him what this parable meant, He said to them, To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. And those by the wayside are they who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they who have heard, and as they go their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen. But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience.

Prayer Intentions

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

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of

Margaret Farrel

Who passed away Wednesday 12th February blessed with the sacraments of the Holy Mother Church.

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| <p align="center">Sunday 23/II Sexagesima Sunday</p> | <p align="center">8.00am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10.00am Confessions 10.30am High Mass</p> | <p align="center">5.30pm Vespers & Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass (no Confessions)</p> | <p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Suffering of OLJC in the garden Canon Poucin: Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p> |
| <p align="center">Monday 24/II St Matthias</p> | <p align="center">7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass</p> | <p align="center">5.30pm Vespers 6.00pm Adoration and Confessions 7.00pm Compline</p> | <p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: F-M Pain Canon Poucin: Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p> |
| <p align="center">Tuesday 25/II St Walburge</p> | <p align="center">7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass</p> | <p align="center">5.30pm Vespers 6.30pm Sung mass</p> | <p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Bignell Family Canon Poucin: Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p> |
| <p align="center">Wednesday 26/II Feria</p> | <p align="center">8.30am Low Mass</p> | <p align="center">Church closed *No evening services*</p> | <p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Domitille de Rambures RIP Canon Poucin: Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p> |
| <p align="center">Thursday 27/II St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows</p> | <p align="center">7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass</p> | <p align="center">All day adoration 5.30pm Vespers 6.00pm Adoration and Confessions 7.00pm Compline</p> | <p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Lucy Johnson Canon Poucin: Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p> |
| <p align="center">Friday 28/II Votive Mass of the Holy Cross</p> | <p align="center">7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass</p> | <p align="center">5.30pm Vespers 6.00pm Adoration and Confessions 7.00pm Compline</p> | <p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Thanksgiving Canon Poucin: Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p> |
| <p align="center">Saturday 1/III Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart <i>1st Saturday</i></p> | <p align="center">7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Sung Mass 9.25am meditation 9.45am Rosary and Confessions</p> | <p align="center">5.30pm Vespers 6.00pm Adoration <i>(No confessions)</i> 7.00pm Compline</p> | <p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) Canon Poucin: Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p> |
| <p align="center">Sunday 2/III Quinquagesima Sunday <i>Forty hours devotions</i></p> | <p align="center">8.00am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10.00am Confessions 10.30am High Mass</p> | <p align="center">from 12noon Adoration of the blessed Sacrament 5.30pm Vespers & Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass (no Confessions)</p> | <p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) Canon Poucin: Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p> |



Announcements

Sunday 23rd February after the 10:30am Mass: Guild Sunday. Packed lunch, followed by doctrinal teaching at 1pm for all ages and levels!

Monday 24th February 7.30pm: Gregorian Chant Class at St Benedict's. Contact & infos: Canon Poucin. Following one: Monday 24th March. Watch this space!

Tuesday 25th February: Feast of Saint Walburge: 8.30am Low Mass, 5.30pm Vespers and Benediction, 6.30pm Sung Mass

All-Day Adoration on Thursday 27th February: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9.15am and remain on the altar until evening Benediction at 6.45pm. **Come let us worship!**

Friday 28th February 7.30pm: Catechism evening for catechumens and neophytes at St. Walburge's Presbytery.

5th March: Ash Wednesday: Blessing, imposition of ashes and Holy Mass 8:30am and 6pm. Confessions 8-8.20am and 5-5.40pm

Friday 7th March: St Thomas Aquinas: 8.30am Low Mass, 5.30pm Vespers and Benediction, 6.30 Sung Mass

Saturday 15th March 7pm: Ceilidh Dance in St Walburge's Hall in honour of Saint Patrick. We will have the joy of welcoming a live band with caller from Chorley Cakes Folk to lead us in wonderful traditional and family-friendly dances. Ticket prices: £12.50 for adults, £8 for children. (minimum age of 6 years please) All under 18s have to be accompanied by a responsible adult. We are fundraising for phase 2 of our church roof works! The bar will, of course, be open! The bar is cash only. We will have a raffle with amazing prizes! Bring your friends, spread the word, and share the news! Thank you very much!

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

Last week's collection: £741.30 - Bank Transfers £1,187.00 - Donations £325.00

Thank You very much for your continuous generosity!

Holy Year 2025 - Pilgrimage to Rome with the Institute

If you are interested to travel and stay with the French Province organisation please contact:
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Thursday 8th May 2pm Pontifical Mass in St Maria Maggiore.

Friday 9th May 5.30pm Procession to Saint Peter and Benediction in St Peter's Basilica of the Vatican.

Saturday 10th May 4pm Holy Mass in St Paul outside the walls.

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