




# FROM THE SPIRE




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

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*Ceilidh 15th March 2025*  
*St Walburge's Hall*  
*7pm*  
*Adult £12.50*



*Children £8*

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## First Sunday of Lent

Dear friends,

A most joyful and fervent Lent to you all! I pray that you may thirst for the Living Water, be enkindled by the Fire, and that your Salt may never lose its savour.

I have received news from Gricigliano, where our candidates are currently staying—they are in excellent spirits and have been joyfully reunited with all our former candidates. Please continue to pray earnestly for our vocations.

During this holy season of Lent, we are offering two retreats to help you deepen your spiritual life—please do take the time to consult your newsletter for further details.

Canon Poucin will be absent until 21st March. I am most grateful for your patience, which not only aids souls in purgatory but also enables you to share in our missionary work. Whenever we must be away on a mission, your prayers, support, and forbearance provide a firm foundation for our ministry.

In your almsgiving, I would be profoundly grateful if you could support our community, our Sisters, and our work of Christian education to the best of your ability—these are most difficult times. The very survival of St Walburge's is a daily miracle, and we rely upon your generosity.

Once again, I wish you all a most fervent, joyful, and blessed Lent. May the grace of God bring about our conversion through the tender and motherly hands of Our Lady.

God bless you! Your Rector

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2025

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# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Quinquagesima

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### Epistle - 2 Cor. 6:1-10

Brethren: We entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation! We give no offense to anyone, that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, let us conduct ourselves in all circumstances as God's ministers, in much patience; in tribulations, in hardships, in distresses; in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults; in labors, in sleepless nights, in fastings; in innocence, in knowledge, in long-sufferings; in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unaffected love; in the word of truth, in the power of God; with the armor of justice on the right hand and on the left; in honor and dishonor, in evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet truthful, as unknown and yet well known, as dying, and behold, we live, as chastised but not killed, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet enriching many, as having nothing yet possessing all things.

### Gospel - Matt 4:1-11

At that time, Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread. But He answered and said, It is written, 'Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.' Then the devil took Him into the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He has given His angels charge concerning You; and upon their hands they shall bear You up, lest You dash Your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, It is written further, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them. And he said to Him, All these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, Begone, Satan, for it is written, 'The Lord your God shall you worship and Him only shall you serve.' Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

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### 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.

Let's keep praying for the Holy Father.

Pope's intention for March - for families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each others gifts, even in their differences.



### Diocese of Lancaster : Centenary Prayer

God our Father, we thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed on our Diocese since its foundation one hundred years ago on ground made fertile by the blood of the martyrs. Nourished by your Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacraments, and led by your Holy Spirit, may we move forward with hope and trust, helping future generations to discover the "pearl of great price" which will bring them eternal life. And when time shall be no more, may our Diocese rejoice as the "mother of countless children", and be given her place in heavenly glory. This we ask of you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

St Cuthbert, pray for us.

Holy Martyrs of our Diocese, pray for us.

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 9/III First Sunday in Lent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.00am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10.00am Confessions 10.30am High Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5.30pm Vespers &amp; Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass (no Confessions)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 10/III Feria of Lent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Low Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5.30pm Vespers 6.00pm Adoration and Confessions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Ian Peter Williams <i>(gregorian masses)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 11/III Feria of Lent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Low Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5.30pm Vespers 6.00pm Adoration and Confessions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Laetitia Giard</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 12/III Ember Wednesday of Lent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.30am Low Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Church closed from 9.30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Benefactors House of discernment</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 13/III Feria of Lent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Low Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5.30pm Vespers 6.00pm Adoration and Confessions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Ernest Hebblethwaite RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 14/III Ember Friday of Lent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Low Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5.30pm Vespers 6.00pm Adoration and Confessions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Jean O'Connor RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 15/III Ember Saturday of Lent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Low Mass 9.15am Confessions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5.30pm Vespers 6.00pm Adoration <i>(No confessions)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Mabel Hebblethwaite RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 16/III Second in Lent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.00am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10.00am Confessions 10.30am High Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5.30pm Vespers &amp; Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass (no Confessions)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Arnaud de Lestang (gregorian masses) <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Stewart Rushton</p>

### March: The Month of St. Joseph

On March 19th, we honour the solemnity of St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Traditionally, the entire month of March is dedicated to seeking the intercession of this remarkable saint. St. Joseph holds a significant role in the history of salvation, serving as the protector of the Holy Family during their trials in Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Egypt. His litany presents a wealth of titles that highlight his numerous virtues and qualities for us to emulate. This month, consider taking some time to learn about this saint, the guardian of family life, and ask for his intercession.



# Announcements

**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! We will have a raffle with amazing prizes! **The bar and raffle are cash only.** Bring your friends, spread the word, and share the news! Thank you very much!

**We won't have a Guild Sunday in March but we would like to invite you for a Lenten recollection:**

**Gentlemen: Saturday 15th March and Ladies: Saturday 5th April**

12 noon Holy Mass, 12.45pm-4pm Rice bowl, bread and water, Instruction, Guided meditation and quiet prayer, confessions.

**Sunday 23rd March 3pm: The Way of the Cross in Words & Music by Octavius Choir.**

**Monday 24th March 7.30pm:** Gregorian Chant Class at St Benedict's. Contact & info: Canon Poucin.

**Saturday 29th March - 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.

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

**Last week's collection:** £808.42 - Bank Transfers £707.00 - Donations £300.00

**Thank You very much for your continuous generosity!**

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## Holy Year 2025 - Pilgrimage to Rome with the Institute

If you are interested to travel and stay with the French Province organisation please contact:  
jubile2025@odeia.fr

**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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**Thank you very much to our supporters!**

