

FROM THE SPIRE

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

Palm Sunday

Holy Week 2025 at St Walburge's

Presbytery Office

Hours:

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

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Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday

8.30am: Low Mass
10.30am: Blessing of Palms, Procession and Solemn High Mass
5.30pm: Vespers & Benediction
6.30pm: Low Mass

Spy Wednesday 16th April

5.30pm: Office of Tenebrae (anticipated)

Thursday 17th April: Maundy Thursday

5pm: Washing of the feet, followed by Solemn High Mass, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altars & all-night Adoration

Friday 18th April: Good Friday

8:30am: Office of Tenebrae
3pm: Mass of the Pre-Sanctified followed by Vespers
6.30pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 19th April: Holy Saturday

8.30am: Office of Tenebrae
6pm: Solemn Easter Vigil & Baptism

Sunday 20th April, Easter Sunday

8.30am: Low Mass
10.30am: Solemn High Mass followed by the blessing of Easter eggs and of the Easter lamb
5.30pm: Vespers & Benediction & 6.30pm Low Mass

Confessions:

Monday 14th April: 6.00-6.45pm
Tuesday 15th April: 6.00-6.45pm
Wednesday 16th April: 9.30-10.30
Thursday 17th April: 4.15-4.45pm
Friday 18th April: 2.00-2.45pm and 6.30-7.15pm
Saturday 19th April : 11.00-12.00



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Palm Sunday

Please see Palm Sunday booklet for all the translations

Some explanation/meditations about some lesser known liturgies of Holy Week

Our Divine Master “humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross”(Phil. 2, 8).

Tenebræ is on Wednesday night, Friday and Saturday mornings.

It is dark and sombre, to signify the sadness of the Church during these days of mourning.

Note:

- the triangular candlestick with fifteen candles. Lights are extinguished because the darkness which is commemorated during these three nights remembers both the three hours of darkness during which Christ hung upon the cross, as well as the three nights on which He was in the tomb.
- The loud noise represents the talk (the plotting) of the traitor Judas and the uproar of the cohort armed with swords and staves which Judas brought to capture Christ. It reminds us also of the terror which seized the Apostles and the earthquake.

Holy Thursday: The stripping of the Altars after High Mass

This mournful rite announces the suspension of the Sacrifice. The altar must remain naked and stripped. Our Lord is in the hands of the Jews, who will strip Him of his clothes, as we strip his altar. He will be exposed naked to the outrages of the entire people. The Church accompanies this sad ceremony with the chant of Psalm 21, showing the Roman soldiers dividing his garments at the foot of the cross.

The cloths and ornaments of the altar symbolise the Apostles. The altar is therefore stripped, because at their flight, Christ was left alone, as the Gospel says: “Then the disciples all leaving him, fled.” The altar is covered again on the third day, since after His resurrection, the Apostles returned to Him.

The stripping of the altar represents also that Christ, on the cross, was stripped of his garments, showing that he was also stripped of the glory of His divinity, hence the Psalmist’s cry: “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

The image of desolation is everywhere. The tabernacle itself has lost its Divine Guest. All is silent, all is frozen in the holy temple. The majesty of our God has withdrawn to the remote sanctuary where the universal Victim lies.

Prayer Intentions

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

Let’s keep praying for the Holy Father.

Please in your charity, pray for the soul of Peter Greenwood who passed away on 2nd March 2025 and also for his wife, Elizabeth who passed away on 4th October 1997.

RIP

Pope’s intention for April - for the use of the new technologies Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
Sunday 13/IV Palm Sunday	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am Blessing of the Palms, Procession & Solemn High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass (no Confessions)	Canon Cristofoli: Jillian Russell-Young & Paule Malcouronne RIP Canon Poucin: For a grace of reconciliation
Monday 14/IV Monday in Holy Week	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Paule Malcouronne RIP Canon Poucin: For a grace of reconciliation
Tuesday 15/IV Tuesday in Holy Week	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Doris Woodbridge RIP Canon Poucin: For a grace of reconciliation
Wednesday 16/IV Wednesday in Holy Week	8.30am Low Mass 9.30-10.30am Confessions	5.30pm <i>anticipated</i> Office of Tenebrae <i>(Gregorian Chant)</i>	Canon Cristofoli: Alan Durkin RIP Canon Poucin: For a grace of reconciliation
Thursday 17/IV Maundy Thursday		4.15-4.45pm Confessions 5pm Washing of the feet, Solemn High Mass of the Lord's Supper, Procession, Vespers & Stripping of the altars All-night Adoration	Canon Cristofoli: For all the priests of the ICKSP <i>only one mass can be celebrated</i>
Friday 18/IV Good Friday	8.30am Office of Tenebrae <i>(Gregorian Chant)</i>	2-2.45pm Confessions 3pm Solemn High Mass of the Presanctified 6.30pm Stations of the Cross and Confessions	No Mass
Saturday 19/IV Holy Saturday	8.30am Office of Tenebrae <i>(Gregorian Chant)</i> 11am-12 Confessions	6pm Solemn Easter vigil & Adult Baptism <i>(this mass doesn't fulfil your Sunday obligation)</i>	Canon Cristofoli: For our catechumens, candidates and neophytes
Sunday 20/IV Easter Sunday	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am Solemn High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass (no Confessions)	Canon Cristofoli: Msgr Wach Canon Poucin: Lin Russell



Announcements

Monday 14th April 7.30pm: Gregorian Chant Class at St Benedict's.

Theme: Holy Week through the Gregorian melodies of the Triduum. Contact & info: Canon Poucin.

Saturday 26th April: Youth group walk in the Lakes. 8.30am: Mass at St Walburge's. Meeting point and start of the walk at 11am at Coniston Tourist Information Centre (Ruskin Ave, Coniston LA21 8EH). 4-5 hours.

Saturday 26th April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm: SPUC Pro-Life Chain

Please join us for a silent act of witness against assisted suicide/euthanasia. 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.

Sunday 11th May: Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of WW2 Armistice, Te Deum after the 10.30am Mass and inauguration of our plaque for WW2 with the names of our parishioners who died for the Country.

Saturday 17th May 6.30pm: Quiz Night at St Walburge's Hall

Sunday 15th June 12-4pm: Summer Fair

Piety Shop: Easter cards and St Andrew missals are now in stock!

Offertory envelopes

***** Any existing envelope users who have not yet received their new box of envelopes, please contact one of your Canons.*****

We still have a few spare boxes of envelopes if anyone wishes to make their weekly offering in this manner. Envelope request forms can be found in the church porch; please complete one and return it to the presbytery. Thank you.

Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer, please consider signing up for Gift Aid; your gifts are worth 25% more at no cost to you.

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

Last week's collection: £770.32 - Bank Transfers £2082.00 - Donations £120.00

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:
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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