



FROM THE SPIRE

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



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Monday, Tuesday,
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My dear friends,

A period of interregnum between two pontificates is always a delicate and difficult time. It shows just how Roman we are. We find ourselves orphans, and the liturgy accentuates this emptiness, this absence, by emphasising this period of Sede Vacante in its prayers. The Supreme Pontiff was buried yesterday and we are praying for the repose of his soul.

On Tuesday morning we will have a Requiem Mass said for him. Let us pray very, very much for the Church and for the conclave. Allow me to suggest this prayer written by Bishop Schneider. Let's pray that God will give us a pope after his own heart:

Kyrie Eleison! Christe Eleison! Kyrie Eleison! Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd! With Your almighty hand You guide Your pilgrim Church through the storms of each age. Adorn the Holy See with holy popes who neither fear the powerful of this world nor compromise with the spirit of the age, but preserve, strengthen, and defend the Catholic Faith unto the shedding of their blood, and observe, protect, and hand on the venerable liturgy of the Roman Church.

O Lord, return to us through holy popes who, inflamed with the zeal of the Apostles, proclaim to the whole world: "Salvation is found in no other than in Jesus Christ. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which they should be saved" (see Acts 4:10-12).

Through an era of holy popes, may the Holy See—which is home to all who promote the Catholic and Apostolic Faith— always shine as the cathedra of truth for the whole world. Hear us, O Lord, and through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Church, grant us holy Popes, grant us many holy Popes! Have mercy on us and hear us! Amen.



Sunday 27th April - Quasimodo Sunday
10.30am Solemn High Mass - Guest preacher: Abbé Joseph McCowen
At the end of all masses: second collection to support
our international Seminary of Gricigliano.
Thank you very much in advance for your generosity!



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Quasimodo Sunday

Epistle: 1 John 5:4-10

Dearly beloved, Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory, which overcometh the world, our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit which testifieth that Christ is the truth. And there are three who give testimony in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that give testimony on earth: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three are one. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater: for this is the testimony of God, which is greater, because He hath testified of His Son. He that believeth in the Son of God hath the testimony of God in himself.

Gospel: John 20. 19-31

At that time, when it was late that same day, the first of the week, and the doors were shut, where the disciples were gathered together for fear of the Jews, Jesus came, and stood in the midst and said to them: Peace be to you. And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord. He said therefore to them again: Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent Me, I also send you. When He had said this, He breathed on them, and He said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, who is called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him: We have seen the Lord. But he said to them: Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. And after eight days, again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said: Peace be to you. Then He saith to Thomas: Put in thy finger hither, and see My hands, and bring hither thy hand, and put into My side; and be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said to Him: my Lord and my God. Jesus saith to him: Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed. Many other signs also did Jesus in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, you may have life in His Name.

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.

We pray for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father Francis 1st, and that the Holy Ghost illuminates the cardinals, who will soon gather in conclave to elect his successor.

O Lord, with suppliant humility, we entreat Thee, that in Thy boundless mercy Thou wouldst grant the most Holy Roman Church a pontiff, who by his zeal for us, may be pleasing to Thee, and by his good government may be ever honored by Thy people for the glory of Thy name. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son who with Thee livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
<p align="center">Sunday 27/IV Quasimodo Sunday</p>	<p align="center">8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am Solemn High Mass</p>	<p align="center">5.30pm Vespers & Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass (no Confessions)</p>	<p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Francis Pope RIP & Jim Aherne RIP Canon Poucin: Liam Corless</p>
<p align="center">Monday 28/IV St Georges <i>transferred from 23rd April</i></p>	<p align="center">8.30am Low Mass</p>	<p align="center">5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions 7pm Compline</p>	<p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Marco Lunatti Canon Poucin: Emilia Fenikova RIP</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 29/IV Requiem Pope Francis 1st</p>	<p align="center">7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Sung Mass</p>	<p align="center">5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions 7pm Compline</p>	<p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Monica Hitchford Canon Poucin: Francis 1st RIP</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 30/IV St Catherine of Sienna</p>	<p align="center">8.30am Low Mass</p>	<p align="center">12noon Church closed</p>	<p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Margaret Farrel RIP Canon Poucin: Vianney Decotignie RIP</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 1/V St Joseph the worker</p>	<p align="center">7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Sung Mass</p>	<p align="center">5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions</p>	<p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Poucin: Benefactors House Discernment</p>
<p align="center">Friday 2/V Sacred Heart</p>	<p align="center">7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Sung Mass</p>	<p align="center">5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions</p>	<p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Poucin: Leanne</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 3/V Votive Mass for the Election of the future Pope</p>	<p align="center">8.30am Low Mass 9.30am Confessions</p>	<p align="center">5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration (No confessions) 7pm Compline</p>	<p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Poucin: Sabine Morin R.I.P.</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 4/V Good Shepherd Sunday</p>	<p align="center">8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am Sung Mass</p>	<p align="center">5.30pm Vespers & Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass (no Confessions)</p>	<p align="center">Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Poucin: Leanne</p>

Hymn for Sunday: God oh Mercy and Compassion (#189)



Announcements

Every Thursday: All-Day Adoration The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 9.15am and remain on the altar until evening Benediction at 6.45pm. Come let us worship!

Every Monday, 7.30pm: Gregorian chant class at St Benedict's. Contact & info: Canon Poucin. Next dates: 28th April, 5th May, 12th May.

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.

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Last week's collection

Thank You very much for your continuous generosity!

St Benedict's Easter raffle

Congratulation to our winners: Rose Asch, Sean Kerr, Joanna Ptak and Jacqui McGarhey
Thank you to all the generous participants!

Thank you very much to our supporters!

