



# FROM THE SPIRE

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



## 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**  
**in Heaven**

**Holy day of obligation in England**  
**and Wales**

- **Low Mass at 8.30am**
- **Solemn High Mass & Procession at 6pm**

### **Presbytery Office**

#### **Hours:**

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

### **Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre**

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#### **Donations:**

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Today the Gospel shows us Our Lord weeping over Jerusalem and her crimes, because she refused to repent herself from her past faults and crimes; because she persecuted the prophets and saints that God, in His merciful bounty sent her, to lead her again upon the right path of salvation.

Eighteen centuries later, Our Lady appeared to two young shepherds in the Alps. She was crying over the sins of men, who didn't not repent even after all the terrible sufferings Her Divine Son endured for them. She said that she could not hold any longer the arm of Her Son who justly desired justice and punishment for these crimes. For sure, all the various wars and calamities we endure since were the fulfilment of God's just wrath against us.

But we can also visibly see that Our Lady's intercession never stopped, and continually protected her children, despite their infidelities. This week, We celebrate the triumph of Our Mother in Heaven, when she received the privilege of being taken to Heaven with Her body and soul, enjoying the eternal reward of the resurrection of the bodies before anyone.

Let's grab the opportunity to praise publicly her in thanksgiving for all the graces of protection she obtained, and will obtain on our behalf from Her Son. We might fear His divine justice; let's go to Her maternal Immaculate Heart, and choose her as our Mother and Mistress. Let's consecrate to Her our body and soul, our goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all our good actions, past, present and future; leaving to Her the entire and full right of disposing of us, and all that belongs to us, without exception, according to Her good pleasure, for the greater glory of God in time and in eternity.

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Epistle: Corinthians 10. 6-13

Brethren, let us not covet evil things, as they also coveted. Neither become ye idolaters, as some of them: as it is written: The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed fornication, and there fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them tempted, and perished by the serpents. Neither do you murmur, as some of them murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them in figure, and they are written for our correction, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore he that thinketh himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall. Let no temptation take hold on you, but such as is human: and God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able; but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it.

### Gospel: Luke 19. 41-47

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jerusalem, seeing the city, He wept over it saying: If thou also hadst known, and that in this day, the things that are to thy peace: but now they are hidden from thy eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, and thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and straiten thee on every side; and beat thee flat to the ground, and thy children who are in thee; and they shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone, because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation. And entering into the temple, He began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought, saying to them: It is written, My house is the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves. And He was teaching daily in the temple.



ST WALBURGE'S  
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YOUTH GROUP

Walk in the Lake District

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
8:30am Holy Mass in St Walburge's.  
10:45am Start at meeting point in Cumbria.  
Stickle Ghyll Car Park LA22 9JU

18-35 years old

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**Preston Lancashire PR2 2QE**

### Prayer Intentions

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

Please pray for our catechumens, Luke, David, Alexis, Luca, Scot, Linda, Michael, another David.

# Mass settings: Kyrie XII and Credo I

## Recessional: 231 Holy virgin by God's decree

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 10/VIII</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> GM Margaret Farrel RIP <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Liam Carroll & John Paul and Maria Tobin
Monday 11/VIII St Philomena	7.30 Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> GM Margaret Farrel RIP <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Alexandra Carroll RIP
Tuesday 12/VIII St Clare of Assisi	7.30 Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> GM Margaret Farrel RIP <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Claire Poucin de Wouilt
Wednesday 13/VIII Ss Hippolytus and Cassian	8.30am Low Mass	Church closed	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> GM Margaret Farrel RIP <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Barbara Hustwick RIP
Thursday 14/VIII Vigil of the Assumption of Our Lady	7.30 Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> GM Margaret Farrel RIP <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Hans-Dieter Luke and family RIP
Friday 15/VIII Assumption of Our Lady <i>Holy day of obligation</i>	7.30 Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.15pm Vespers <b>6pm Solemn High Mass and procession</b>	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> GM Margaret Farrel RIP <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Stanislas de Prat & John Dewaney RIP
Saturday 16/VIII St Joachim	8.30am Low Mass 9:15 Confessions	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> GM Margaret Farrel RIP <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Novena GZ
<b>Sunday 17/VIII</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> GM Margaret Farrel RIP <b>Canon Poucin:</b> Novena GZ & Jo and William Tobin

Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)

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Any Catholic may offer up the Mass which he or she attends for any good intention. At Mass you are free to associate your prayer with the intention of the priest, or you are free to offer up participation at the Mass for any number of personal intentions.

Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priests. It is a donation, but our diocese recommends a minimum of £10. If you want to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, you may use the Mass Offering envelope (available in the church porch). Write name(living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon.

The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: **20<sup>th</sup> December.**





## For your diary

- ✠ **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, Assumption of our Lady, 6pm Sung Mass**, followed by a Marian procession and a Pimm's celebration in the garden of the rectory afterwards.
- ✠ **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August: Walk in the Lake District for the Youth Group**. See page 2
- ✠ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am: First Solemn Mass of Canon Joseph McCowen**. We will be honoured by the presence of Msgr Gilles Wach, Prior General of ICKSP.
- ✠ **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 8.30am: Solemnity of the Dedication of our church**.
- ✠ **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September: St Margaret Mary Girls' youth club**: 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 girls of 13-18 years old. Please see Sister Jean-Marie for further details.
- ✠ **Catechism about Sacred Liturgy**: 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March; 7pm at St Walburge's Rectory
- ✠ **Children's Eucharistic Adoration Society**, one Wednesday/month, 2-4pm Guided adoration by the canons and the sisters, craft and games, afternoon tea: 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- ✠ **Guild Sundays**: 10:30 High Mass, 12noon packed lunch, 12.30 Conferences for all. 12/10, 9/11, 14/12

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## Announcements

- ✠ **From Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August inclusive**: no 6.30pm Sunday Mass at St Walburge's.
- ✠ **During the Summer, a Canon will remain available to you**. We will give priority to our visits to the sick and instruction to our catechumens. Every evening from 6pm except Wednesday we will be in the confessional for the Sacrament of Penance or brief questions of spiritual direction.

- ✠ **Does Saint Walburge's have your details?**

Please give your name and address to one the Canons, if in the last 18 months you have:

- changed your address
- started to attend St Walburge's
- started to give your collection, or make donations by bank transfer

If we don't know who you are, we can't thank you or keep in touch with you.

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Last week's collection: £969.18 - Bank transfers: £572.00

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

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- ✠ For Life Matters and helplines: see <https://lifecharity.org.uk>;  
for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and  
for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

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