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# FROM THE SPIRE

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



### 11th Sunday after Pentecost







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Dear Friends,

As our community of St. Walburge's continues to grow in faith and in the beauty of the traditional liturgy, it is good, from time to time, to lift our eyes towards the origin of our vocation and mission. It is in Tuscany, just a few miles from Florence, that the heart of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest beats: the seminary of Gricigliano.

Housed in an old Florentine villa surrounded by peaceful hills, Gricigliano is much more than a place of formation. It is a true spiritual home where young seminarians from all over the world receive an intellectual, liturgical, and human formation deeply rooted in the Tradition of the Church. For seven years, they prepare for the priesthood in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales, under the protection of Christ the King and the Immaculate Conception.

It is there that the priests who now serve our apostolates — here in Preston and throughout the world — are formed. This place is the cradle of our spirituality and the forge of a life entirely dedicated to the service of Christ and His Church.

This afternoon, we will depart for our annual Chapter week, a time of spiritual renewal at the Motherhouse. During this time, we will receive our mission for the coming year — and we already know that three of us will be assigned to serve you here in Preston.

This means we will once again be able to offer a Solemn High Mass every Sunday at 10:30 am, and we will also have the grace of welcoming an excellent organist, fully trained in the spirit of our Institute.

Wishing you all a good week, and see you on Friday — ready to serve you always as best we can. We will celebrate as well His Eminence's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood, please pray for him! Your Rector

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Epistle - 1 Cor. 15:1-10

Brethren: I recall to your minds the Gospel that I preached to you, which also you received, wherein also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold it fast, as I preached it to you - unless you have believed to no purpose. For I delivered to you first of all, what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, and after that to the Eleven. Then He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are with us still, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by the Apostles. And last of all, as by one born out of due time, He was seen also by me. For I am the least of the Apostles, and am not worthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace in me has not been fruitless.

#### Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

At that time, Jesus departing from the district of Tyre came by way of Sidon to the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the district of Decapolis. And they brought to Him one deaf and dumb, and entreated Him to lay His hand upon him. And taking him aside from the crowd, He put His fingers into the man's ears, and spitting, He touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, Ephpheta, that is, Be opened. And his ears were at once opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak correctly. And He charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, so much the more did they continue to publish it. And so much the more did they wonder, saying, He has done all things well. He has made both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak





6<sup>th</sup>
September
10:30
First
Solemn
Mass of
Canon
Joseph
McCowen



A letter for us from Rev Mother

#### **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 the repose of the soul of James Delaney, RIP, James's funeral will be celebrated at St Walburge's Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 11am.

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

## Mass settings: Kyrie XI and Credo I Recessional: 256 Immaculate Mary

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
Sunday 24/VIII 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	No evening offices	Canon Cristofoli: GM Margaret Farrel RIP Canon Poucin: Novena GZ
Monday 25/VIII St Louis	No Mass or Offices Church opened for private prayer		Canon Cristofoli: GM Margaret Farrel RIP Canon Poucin: Canon Louis Poucin de Wouilt
Tuesday 26/VIII St Zephyrinus	No Mass or Offices Church opened for private prayer		Canon Cristofoli: GM Margaret Farrel RIP Canon Poucin: Msgr Wach
Wednesday 27/VIII St Joseph Calasanctius	No Mass Church opened for private prayer	Church closed	Canon Cristofoli: GM Margaret Farrel RIP Canon Poucin: Fr. Peter Sibert RIP
Thursday 28/VIII St Augustine	No Mass or Offices Church opened for private prayer		Canon Cristofoli: GM Margaret Farrel RIP Canon Poucin: Holy Souls
Friday 29/VIII Beheading of St John the Baptist	No Mass or Offices Church opened for private prayer		Canon Cristofoli: GM Margaret Farrel RIP Canon Poucin: Alfred G Bignell RIP
Saturday 30/VIII St Rose of Lima	8.30am Low Mass 9.15am Confessions	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration and Confessions	Canon Cristofoli: GM Margaret Farrel RIP Canon Poucin: Novena GZ
Sunday 31/VIII 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Elaine and Damian Bignell Canon Poucin: Novena GZ

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

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: 20th December.



# For your diary

- ₹ 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 27<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.
- ₹ Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October Barn Dance. More details to come.
- **Example 2** <u>Catechism about Sacred Liturgy:</u> 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

#### **Announcements**

- From Sunday 6th July to Sunday 31st August inclusive: no 6.30pm Sunday Mass at St Walburge's.
- # This week, confessions in St Wilfrid, every day 11.50am-12.10
- **¥** St Joseph's Boys Club

Some of the fathers of the parish are looking to set up a regular event in the evening for fathers and sons to gather together and learn about valuable life skills, such as map reading, team building exercises, camping expedition preparations and much more. The meetings will run for approximately 1 hour. It is strictly for fathers to participate with their sons (7-18 years of age).

If this is something you would be interested in, Canon and Kevin Russell-Young will be hosting a meeting with the fathers to run through further details at the rectory Tuesday  $2^{nd}$  September 7.15pm.



Last week's collection: £836.70 - Bank transfers: £329.00 Thank You very much for your continuous generosity!

♣ 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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