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# FROM THE SPIRE

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

### 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Join us for St. Benedict's Open Day - October 23rd!

Dear parents,

In a time when the truths of the Faith and the beauty of the natural moral law are so often challenged, St. Benedict's is a place of hope for Catholic homeschooling families.

Our mission is to support parents who desire to give their children a truly complete Catholic education at home — one that forms both the mind and the soul, in full fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church.

Come and discover the inspiring work of our devoted Sisters and lay teachers, who faithfully assist families in their noble vocation of Catholic homeschooling.

Come and see! Spaces are limited — please register soon and join us on October 23rd for a day of faith, learning, and joyful community.



## Presbytery Office

#### **Hours:**

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

# Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre

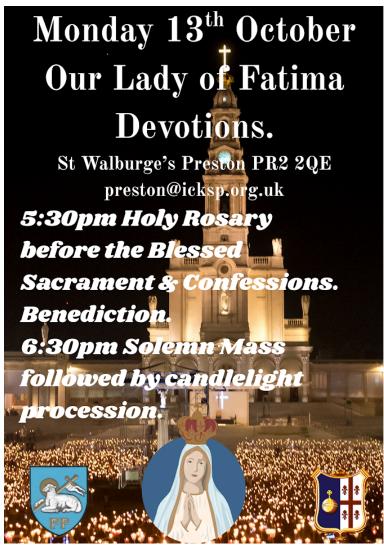
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# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle -1 Cor. 1:4-8.

Brethren: I give thanks to my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, because in everything you have been enriched in Him, in all utterance and in all knowledge; even as the witness to the Christ has been made so firm in you that you lack no grace, while awaiting the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will also keep you secure unto the end, unimpeachable in the day of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Gospel-Matt 9:1-8.

At that time, Jesus, getting into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a pallet. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven you. And behold, some of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemes. And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Why do you harbor evil thoughts in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins, - then He said to the paralytic - Arise, take up your pallet and go to your house. And he arose, and went away to his house. But when the crowds saw it, they were struck with fear, and glorified God Who had given such power to men.

# During the month of October, the Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament exposed every day at 6pm except Wednesday and Sunday.

#### **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, Mark MacKay, and the residents of Swansea Terrace Care Home.

Please Pray for Mrs Vanini. Please pray for Katherine.

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



Special prayers for our Sisters: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, novices will receive the Holy Habit Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, in the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

> Sister Benedicta-Marie Sister Veronique-Marie Sister Gabriella-Marie Sister Jean-Marie-Francois Will pronounce their vows.

### Mass settings: Kyrie XII and Credo I Recessional:

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
Sunday 12/X 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Guild Sunday.	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass	Canon Cristofoli: Paule RIP Canon Heppelle: Philomena RIP
Monday 13/X St Edward	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm-6:15pm Adoration, Rosary and Confessions. 6:30pm High Mass followed by candlelight procession	Canon Cristofoli: Augustine Lawler Canon Heppelle: Special Intention
Tuesday 14/X St Callistus	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40 Adoration, Rosary and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Catherine Sibert RIP Canon Heppelle: Alex K
Wednesday 15/X St Teresa Of Avila	8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	Church closed	Canon Cristofoli: Stephen Rimmer RIP Canon Heppelle: Colum Tohill RIP
Thursday 16/X St Hedwig	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40 Adoration, Rosary (No Confessions) 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Abbe Dylan Garrat Canon Heppelle: Fr John Nevin
Friday 17/X St Margaret Mary	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Sung Mass 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40 Adoration, Rosary and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli:  Cardinal Burke 50th anniversary  Canon Heppelle:  James Morley
Saturday 18/X St Luke	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 9:15am Confessions 12noon Low Mass.	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40 Adoration, Rosary and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Rev Fr Francis Preston Canon Heppelle: Karolina Krzyak RIP
Sunday 19/X 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction (no confessions) 6.30pm Low Mass	Canon Cristofoli: Rev Fr Hugh Preston Canon Heppelle: Karolina Krzyak RIP

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

The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 1st December 2025.

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) will be having a collection on Sunday 19th October after the 8.30 and 10.30 Masses.



# For your diary

- \* Catechism about Sacred Liturgy: 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
- ₱ <u>Children's Eucharistic Adoration Society</u>, 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. 9/11, 14/12, 18/01
- ₹ St Joseph's Boys Club: Some of the fathers of the Shrine 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).
- ₹ Saturday 22nd November: 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.

Next opportunities are: 20th December, 24th January, 21st February, 14th March, 18th April.

#### Announcements

Dear Friends,

National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant Awarded to St. Walburge's!

We are thrilled to share the fantastic news that St. Walburge's Church has received a substantial grant of £245,380 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund! This is a great blessing that will help secure the future of our magnificent, Grade I listed church.

This grant will enable us to carry out urgent roof repairs over the Sanctuary, ensuring the interior is protected from the full force of the weather.

Our Rector, Canon Gwenael Cristofoli, expressed our gratitude, saying, "This grant is a blessing for our community," allowing us to protect the church's beauty while also preserving and sharing the richness of our spiritual and musical traditions.

The project will also preserve and catalogue our extensive parish archives, dating back to the 1850s, and safeguard our unique tradition of Gregorian chant.

Volunteer and Learn Valuable Skills!

A core part of this project is passing on vital conservation and heritage skills. We are looking for volunteers from the Shrine who would like to learn heritage research, cataloguing, and communication techniques through new workshops. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the legacy of St. Walburge's!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at: <a href="mailto:archivestw@icksp.org.uk">archivestw@icksp.org.uk</a>. We thank all National Lottery players for making this essential work possible!

Last week's collection:  $\pounds 968.39$  - Bank transfers:  $\pounds 1,517.00$ 

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