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# FROM THE SPIRE

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



# 19th Sunday after Pentecost



Children's Eucharistic
Adoration Society.
Wednesday 22nd
October 2-4pm.
Guided adoration by
the Canons and the
Sisters: craft, games,
and afternoon tea.
Please bring your children
to the church hall.

## Presbytery Office Hours:

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

#### Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre

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Editorial - Children Adorers: Learning to Pray with the Heart

"You don't need so many words to pray well. We know that the Good Lord is there, in the holy tabernacle. We open our hearts to Him, we take delight in His presence. That is the best prayer," said Saint John Vianney, the Curé of Ars.

This simple yet profound wisdom reminds us that true prayer is not about eloquence or intellect—it is about love. Eucharistic adoration is not reserved for theologians or pious adults; it is open to everyone, especially to the little ones whose hearts are pure and sincere. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God," says Jesus in the Beatitudes. Children, perhaps more than anyone, have this capacity for simple and trusting love before the Lord.

This is the spirit behind the "Children Adorers" movement—an initiative that helps children discover the beauty of Eucharistic adoration. It is, in a sense, a school of prayer, where children learn to recognise Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and to speak to Him as to a friend.

How does a gathering of child adorers work in practice? Usually, it brings together children between the ages of 4 and 12, once a month, in a chapel or church. The time of adoration lasts about twenty minutes—short enough to suit their attention span, yet long enough for grace to touch their hearts.

The priest exposes the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. The children kneel before Jesus, alternating moments of silence with songs. The encounter begins with an opening prayer and a brief reading, perhaps followed by a short reflection. Then, the children are guided through a familiar rhythm of prayer: "Thank you – Sorry – Please."

They thank Jesus for His love, ask His forgiveness for their faults, and entrust to Him their intentions—family, friends, school, and the needs of the world. Before leaving, each child is invited to make a small resolution—a concrete way to live out what they have received. The time of adoration ends with a closing prayer, and the children depart in peace, hearts filled with joy and light.

In these simple gatherings, something profound happens: children encounter the living God. They learn that prayer is not complicated, that Jesus is truly present, waiting quietly for their love. And through them, entire families and communities are renewed in faith, hope, and adoration.

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Epistle -Eph 4:23-28**

Brethren: Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, which has been created according to God in justice and holiness of truth. Wherefore, put away lying and speak truth each one with his neighbour, because we are members of one another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down upon your anger; do not give place to the devil. He who was wont to steal, let him steal no longer; but rather let him labour, working with his hands at what is good, that he may have something to share with him who suffers need.

#### **Gospel-Matt 22:1-14**

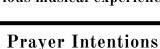
At that time, Jesus spoke to the chief priests and the Pharisees in parables, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a king who made a marriage feast for his son. And he sent his servants to call in those invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come. Again he sent out other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatlings are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast." But they made light of it, and went off, one to his farm, and another to his business; and the rest laid hold of his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it, he was angry; and he sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burnt their city. Then he said to his servants, "The marriage feast indeed is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy; go therefore to the crossroads, and invite to the marriage feast whomever you shall find." And his servants went out into the roads, and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; and the marriage feast was filled with guests. Now the king went in to see the guests, and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?" But he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind his hands and feet and cast him forth into the darkness outside, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.



#### Choir Practice - All are Welcome!

For anyone interested in learning to sing polyphony, the first choir practice will take place on Monday, Oct.20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the church.

No previous musical experience is necessary!



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 Jason Walker Please pray for Katherine. Please pray for Nicola Ogden

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

## Mass settings: Kyrie XIII and Credo III Recessional: 430b

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
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 6.30pm Low Mass	Canon Cristofoli: Paule RIP Canon Heppelle: Gregorian Karolina K
Monday 20/X St John Cantius	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: Damian Bignell Canon Heppelle: Gregorian Karolina K
Tuesday 21/X St Hilarion and St Ursula	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: Thierry Canon Heppelle: Gregorian Karolina K
Wednesday 22/X Votive Mass St Joseph.	8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	Children's Eucharistic Adoration Society 2-4pm	Canon Cristofoli: Domitille RIP Canon Heppelle: Gregorian Karolina K
Thursday 23/X St Anthony Mary Claret	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: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Gregorian Karolina K
Friday 24/X St Raphael	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: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Gregorian Karolina K
Saturday 25/X Our Lady on Saturday	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: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Gregorian Karolina K
Sunday 26/X Christ the King	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction (no confessions) 6.30pm Low Mass	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Gregorian Karolina K

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.



# 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. Please bring children to the church hall.
- # 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). Next Meeting: 14th November 6:45pm
- \* 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

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) will be having a collection TODAY after the 8.30 and 10.30 Masses.

\*Invitation from SPUC: Letters to the Lords gathering

Join Us in Making a Difference

You're warmly invited to our friendly letter-writing gathering! We'll be handwriting letters to members of the House of Lords to encourage them to vote agains the Assisted Suicide and Abortion up to Birth bills. Come along on Saturday, 1 November at 15:00 to:

The Lancaster Room, St Joseph's Church, Skeffington Road, Preston, Preston, PR1 5UQ

Everyone is most welcome! We will have stationary, stamps, and letter templates ready for you to use or personalise.

For more info, contact Nicola on 07523 183758 or email spucpreston@gmail.com

# <u>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October, feast of Christ the King, plenary indulgence with usual</u> conditions, second collection in support of our international seminary after every Mass

Last week's collection: £766.90 - Bank transfers: £312.00

Ceilidh: £582.65

Soup & cake sale in aid of St. Benedict's: £95.00

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