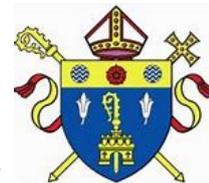




# FROM THE SPIRE

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



## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

**“Do everything calmly and peacefully. Do as much as you can as well as you can. Strive to see God in all things without exception, and consent to His will joyously. Do everything for God, uniting yourself to him in word and deed. Walk very simply with the Cross of the Lord and be at peace with yourself.” St Francis de Sales**

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

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# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

### Epistle - Phil 3:17-21; 4:1-3

Brethren: Be imitators of me, and mark those who walk after the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the Cross of Christ. Their end is ruin, their god is the belly, their glory is in their shame, they mind the things of earth. But our citizenship is in heaven from which also we eagerly await a Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will refashion the body of our lowliness, conforming it to the body of His glory by exerting the power by which He is able also to subject all things to Himself. So then, my brethren, beloved and longed for, my joy and my crown, stand fast thus in the Lord, beloved. I entreat Evodia and I exhort Syntyche to be of one mind in the Lord. And I beseech you also, my loyal comrade, help them, for they have toiled with me in the gospel, as have Clement and the rest of my fellow-workers whose names are in the book of life.

### Gospel-John-Matt 9:18-26

At that time, as Jesus was speaking to the crowds, behold, a ruler came up and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, my daughter has just now died; but come and lay Your hand upon her, and she will return to life." And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples. Now a woman who for twelve years had been suffering from hemorrhage, came up behind him and touched the tassel of His cloak saying to herself, "If I touch but His cloak I shall be saved." But Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, "Take courage, daughter; your faith has saved you." And the woman was restored to health from that moment. And when Jesus came to the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the crowd making a din, He said, "Begone, the girl is asleep, not dead." And they laughed Him to scorn. But when the crowd had been put out, He went in and took her by the hand; and the girl arose. And the report of this spread throughout all that district.



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**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 21ST**  
1 PM - 3 PM

St Walbuge's Rectory, Weston Street,  
Preston, Lancashire, PR2 2QE.  
Register:  
[canon.cristofoli@icksp.org.uk](mailto:canon.cristofoli@icksp.org.uk)

**Mass settings: Kyrie XI and Credo III**  
**Recessional: As I kneel before you #39**

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November XXIII after Pentecost</b>	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction 6.30pm Low Mass	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Terrence Pacey RIP & Clive and Pauline. <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Gregorian Karolina K
Monday 17/11 St Gregory Thaumaturgus	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45pm Benediction 7pm Compline	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Mr Charles Thompson Happy Birthday <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Msgr Gilles Wach
Tuesday 18/11 Basilica of SS Peter & Paul	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45pm Benediction 7pm Compline	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Pauline Reese RIP <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> McBurney family
Wednesday 19/11 St Elisabeth of Hungary	8.30am Low Mass	1pm Church Closed	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Raymond Reese RIP <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Christina Murtha
Thursday 20/11 St Felix of Valois	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass All day Adoration 12noon Low Mass	All day Adoration 5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40 Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Elsie and Jimmy Duffly RIP <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Kathleen Toner RIP
Friday 21/11 Presentation of Our Lady	<b><u>6.30am Low Mass</u></b> 7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45pm Benediction 7pm Compline	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Rev Fr James Duffly RIP <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Patrick Johnston
Saturday 22/11 St Cecilia	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 9:15am Confessions	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45pm Benediction 7pm Compline	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena Holy Souls <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Patrick Johnston
Sunday 23/11 Last 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	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena Holy Souls <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Special Intention

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

The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 21st December 2025.

✂ 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>



# For your diary

✠ **Catechism about Sacred Liturgy:** 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: 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. 14/12, 18/01

✠ **St Joseph's Boys Club:** 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 run for approximately 1 hour. It is strictly for fathers to participate with their sons (7-18 years of age).

Next Meeting: 21st 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, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> April.

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## Announcements

**Piety shop:** New stock has arrived!

Christmas cards & gifts, rosaries, medals, scapulars, books, other religious items, and more!

**\*\*Pious List Novena\*\*:** A novena of Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November. Envelopes are available at the back of church. Fill out your pious list in advance!

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## 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 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.

Last week's collection: £1,034.32 - Bank transfers: £5,927.00 - Donations: £760.00

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