



FROM THE SPIRE

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

Dominica II Adventus ~ I. classis

Enrol your family and loved ones in the Christmas Novena of Masses

From the 24th of December to the 1st of January, one of your canons will offer a Novena of masses for all the intentions that you will entrust to us.

*Take one (or more) of the packages, each containing a gift envelope, a Christmas card and a white envelope.

*Enrol the person(s) by writing their name on the card and on the gift envelope.

*Pass the gift envelope with your offering inside to one of your canons

*Send the card in the white envelope to the person you have enrolled. They will be very pleased to know your thoughtfulness and very precious Christmas gift.



Presbytery Office

Hours:

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

Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre

saintbenedicts@icks.org.uk
www.icks.org.uk/saintbenedicts

Donations:

Institute of Christ the King/St
Walburge Charity number: 1144783

Donations via Bank Transfer:

Name: ICKSP;

Sort Code: 40-10-22;

Account Number: 52347733

Gift Aid forms and offertory
envelopes

can be obtained at the Presbytery.

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Christmas Schedule

Wednesday 24 December (Vigil of Christmas)

*5:30pm First Vespers

*9:45pm Traditional English Christmas Carols.

*10:30pm Solemn High Midnight Mass

Thursday, 25 December

(Nativity of Our Lord)

*8:30am Low Mass at Dawn

*10:30am Solemn High Mass of the Day

*5:30pm Solemn Second Vespers of the Nativity.

no mass at 6:30pm



After 8 years in Preston, our dear Sister Jean Marie de l'Incarnation et du Sacerdoce has been called to another mission in Naples. She will help Rev Mother in the formation of the Novices.

Dear Sister, on behalf of all the Walburgians, we would like to express our deep gratitude and our prayers for your new apostolate. You will remain a Walburgian in your heart.

We are very blessed to have Sister Isabel Marie as a new superior of the Sisters Adorers in Preston.
The Canons & Candidates

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

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Epistle -Rom 15:4-13

Brethren: Whatever things have been written have been written for our instruction, that through the patience and the consolation afforded by the Scriptures we may have hope. May then the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Jesus Christ; that, one in spirit, you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, even as Christ has received you to the honour of God. For I say that Christ Jesus has been a minister of the circumcision in order to show God's fidelity in confirming the promises made to our fathers, but that the Gentiles glorify God because of His mercy, as it is written, Therefore will I praise You among the Gentiles, and will sing to Your name. And again He says, Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people. And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; and sing His praises, all you peoples. And again Isaias says, There shall be the root of Jesse, and He Who shall arise to rule the Gentiles... in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel-Matt 11:2-10

At that time, when John had heard in prison of the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples to say to Him, Are You He Who is to come, or shall we look for another? And Jesus answering said to them, Go and report to John what you have heard and seen: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not scandalised in Me. Then, as they went away, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, those who wear soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before Your face, who shall make ready Your way before You.'



St Walburge's Christmas Fair today in the Hall!



Friday 12th December, Christmas Carol Recital
by schools and families from Preston and around!

Come and sing!

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

Please pray for our first communicants: Elisabeth, Inigo, Mary-Rose, Miracle Eze, Francis, Tobias

Congratulations to Aedith Downs who was baptised today in St Walburge's

Mass settings: Kyrie XVII and Credo III

Recessional: On Jordan's Banks 444

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
Sunday 7/12 Second Sunday in Advent	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.00pm Vespers 5:30pm Novena Immaculate Conception and Benediction (no confessions) 6.30pm Low Mass	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Tanner & Amy Carlile Canon Bunnens: Can. Malinowski
Monday 8/12 Immaculate Conception	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6:30pm-Solemn Mass 7:45pm Choir Practice	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Carol Larmot RIP Canon Bunnens: Can. J. McCowen
Tuesday 9/12 Feria	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Gus Ziegler RIP Canon Bunnens: Can. Sulkowski
Wednesday 10/12 Feria St Melchiades PM	8.30am Low Mass	Church closed at 9:30am	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Canon L Canon Heppelle: Isaac Watts Canon Bunnens: Can. D'Oyen-Gebert
Thursday 11/12 St Damasus PC	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass All day Adoration 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Canon L Canon Heppelle: Tim Watts Canon Bunnens: Can. Vignaud
Friday 12/12 Feria	8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	6pm Christmas Carol Service in the Church followed by refreshments in the Hall	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Canon L Canon Heppelle: Edward Stephenson Canon Bunnens: Can. Marchadier
Saturday 13/12 St Lucy VM	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 9:15am Confessions 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Canon L Canon Heppelle: Wilhelmina Ziegler Canon Bunnens: Edmond Weber
Sunday 14/12 III Sunday in Advent Gaudete	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 Canon L Canon Heppelle: Beatrice Stephenson Canon Bunnens: Edmond Weber

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

The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 24th 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:** 9th January, 6th February and 6th 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: **17th December**, 28th January, 25th February, 25th March, 29th April. Please bring children to the church hall.
- ✿ **Guild Sundays:** 10:30 High Mass, 12noon packed lunch, 12.30 Conferences for all. Next Guild: 18/01
Dear Walburgians, **our Guild next Sunday 14th December is cancelled, we will have a small party** to say thank you to Sister Jean Marie, and a fraternal farewell.
- ✿ **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: 19th December 6:45pm
- ✿ **Catechumens catechism Saturday 13rd December 10:30-11:30am at St Walburge's Presbytery**
- ✿ **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.
- ✿ **First Holy Communion service on Gaudete Sunday 14th December 2025.**
THIS Sunday 7th we will have a special catechism at 12 noon after the high Mass.
Saturday 13th December 2-4pm we will have a retreat and confessions for our first communicants
Please register now: canon.cristofoli@icksp.org.uk

Announcements

Piety shop:

Please support the piety shop - all proceeds go to St Walburge's Church. Christmas cards & gifts, rosaries, medals, scapulars, books, other religious items, and more!

**Now available:
St Benedict's recipe book, free with a donation of £10.
All proceeds for St Benedict's Cultural Centre.**



Last week's collection: £770.57 Bank transfers: £372.00

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