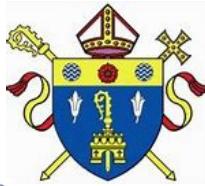




# FROM THE SPIRE

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



## Dominica III Adventus Gaudete ~ I. classis

May your soul, like a mystical bee, never abandon the Little King and may everything within it be for Him.

– St. Francis de sales

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1pm Christmas festivities for our Volunteers**  
**Please register before Wednesday 17/12/25: canon.cristofoli@icks.org.uk**

### 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\*\***



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**January, Epiphany  
of the Lord, Holy  
Day of Obligation.  
Mass at 8:30am and  
6:30pm at St  
Walburge's**

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

## Dominica III Adventus ~ I. classis

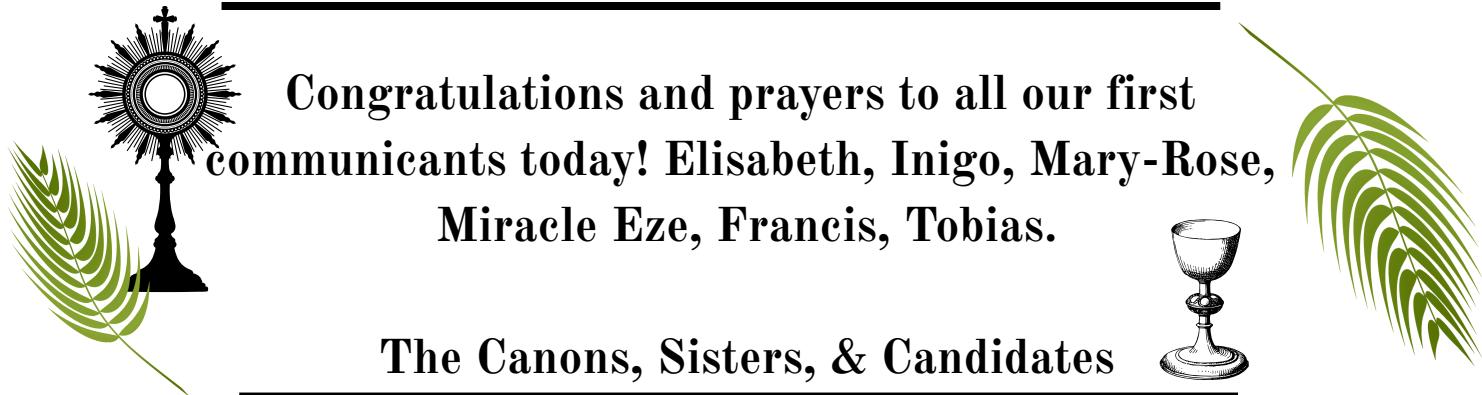
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### Epistle -Phil 4:4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

### Gospel-John 1:19-28

At that time, the Jews sent to John from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who are you? And he acknowledged and did not deny; and he acknowledged, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Are you Elias? And he said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No. They therefore said to him, Who are you? that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say of yourself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as said Isaías the prophet. And they who had been sent were from among the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him, Why, then, do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John said to them in answer, I baptize with water; but in the midst of you there has stood One Whom you do not know. He it is Who is to come after me, Who has been set above me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to loose. These things took place at Bethany, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



**Congratulations and prayers to all our first  
communicants today! Elisabeth, Inigo, Mary-Rose,  
Miracle Eze, Francis, Tobias.**

**The Canons, Sisters, & Candidates**

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

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

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**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.



**Mass settings: Kyrie XVII and Credo I**  
**Recessional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel 397**

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 14/12</b> <b>III Sunday in Advent</b> <b>Gaudete</b>	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 Canon L <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Beatrice Stephenson <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Edmond Weber
<b>Monday 15/12</b> <b>Feria</b>	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena Canon L <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Sr Jean Marie <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Edmond Weber
<b>Tuesday 16/12</b> <b>St Eusebius</b>	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 10am Low Mass	No evening offices Tuesday (Deanery Conference)	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena Canon L <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Canon Amoury Montjean <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Goddefroy Family
<b>Wednesday 17/12</b> <b>Ember Wednesday of Advent.</b>	8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	2-4pm Children's Eucharistic Adoration Society	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena Canon L <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Mary Turner <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Merlevede Family
<b>Thursday 18/12</b> <b>Feria</b>	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	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Novena Canon L <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Gabriel Russel-Young <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Anthony Baxter
<b>Friday 19/12</b> <b>Ember Friday of Advent</b>	8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline 7:10pm St J's Boys Club	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Msgr Kevin Hale <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Canon Philippe Mora <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Thomas Lecocq
<b>Saturday 20/12</b> <b>Ember Saturday of Advent</b>	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 9:15am Confessions 12noon Low Mass	2.00pm-5.15pm St MM Girls' youth club 5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Paul Hiscock <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Aidan Stephenson <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Thomas Lecocq
<b>Sunday 21/12</b> <b>IV Sunday in Advent</b>	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> Thanksgiving Ewd <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Eileen Byrne <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Essertel Family

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.

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⌘ 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:** 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: **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. **Next Guild: 18/01**  
Dear Walburgians, Today our **Guild Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December is cancelled; we will have a small party** to say thank you and a fraternal farewell to Sister Jean-Marie.
- \* **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 19:10pm**
- \* **Catechumens catechism: Saturday 10th January 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 Isabel-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.
- \* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 10:30pm with Confessions available, Benediction at Midnight Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January AD 2026 followed by refreshments, the best way to start the year!**

## 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: £803.97 - Bank transfers: £947.00 - Donations £690.00  
Christmas Fair: £1,836.26.

**Thank You very much for your continuous generosity!**

**Thank you very much to our supporters!**



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