

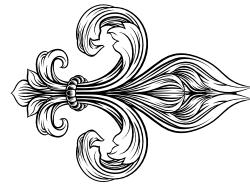
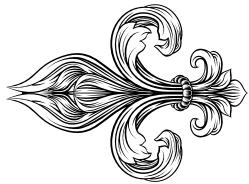
# FROM THE SPIRE

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



## Dominica IV Adventus ~ I. classis

**“Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed.” St Francis de Sales**



### Presbytery Office

#### Hours:

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

### Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre

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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\*\***

**All of the Saint Walburge's community,  
our Sisters, Saint Benedict's staff and  
students, and of course Toffee wish you  
a very Merry Christmas and a blessed  
Octave. Christ is born for us!**



# TRANSLATION OF THE GOSPEL

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## Gospel Dominica IV Adventus ~ I. classis - Luke 3:1-6

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of the district of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'

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## Gospel In Nativitate Domini in nocte ~ I. classis Luke 2:1-14

At that time, there went forth a decree from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register. And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem - because he was of the house and family of David - to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, Who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will.

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## Gospel In Nativitatis Domini in aurora ~ I. classis Luke 2:15-20

At that time, the shepherds were saying to one another, Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us. So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this Child. And all who heard marveled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

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## Gospel In die Nativitatis Domini ~ I. classis John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was made nothing that has been made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him He gave the power of becoming sons of God; to those who believe in His name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh Genuflect, and dwelt among us. And we saw His glory - glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father - full of grace and of truth.

## 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.

# Mass settings: Kyrie XVII and Credo III

## Recessional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel 397

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
<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 Ewa <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Eileen Byrne <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> John Anthony Hilton RIP
<b>Monday 22/12</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> Liz Fenton <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Daniel Basynet-Steingold <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Essertel Family
<b>Tuesday 23/12</b> <b>Feria</b>	7.30am Lauds & meditation 8.30am Low Mass 10am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Audrey Montgomery RIP <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Roberta Heppelle <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Bulteau Family
<b>Wednesday 24/12</b> <b>Vigil of Christmas</b>	8.30am Low Mass 9:15-10am Confessions 11-11:45am Confessions 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 9:45pm Christmas Carols 10:30pm Midnight Mass	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Marie Noelle Cristofoli <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Tommy Roche <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Sr Jean-Marie
<b>Thursday 25/12</b> <b>Christmas</b>	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass at Dawn 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass of the Day	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction (no confessions)	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Christmas Novena <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> ICKSP <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Thanksgiving AD.2025
<b>Friday 26/12</b> <b>St Stephen</b>	12noon Low Mass 6pm Low Mass	No evening devotions	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Christmas Novena <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Rosarin O'Riordan <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Jean-Paul Bunnens RIP
<b>Saturday 27/12</b> <b>St John the Evangelist</b>	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	<b>Canon Cristofoli:</b> Christmas Novena <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Thanksgiving Leo <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Marie-Thérèse Bunnens RIP
<b>Sunday 28/12</b> <b>Sunday in the Octave of Christmas</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> Christmas Novena <b>Canon Heppelle:</b> Paddy O'Riordan <b>Canon Bunnens:</b> Souls in Purgatory

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

The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 29th 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:** 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: 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
- \* **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). Meeting dates for 2026 will be available soon

## **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: 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



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

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