



FROM THE SPIRE

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



Sanctæ Familiæ Jesu Mariæ Joseph ~ II. classis

“Through devotion, your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.”

Saint Francis de Sales

Open Day at St Benedict's Saturday 17th January.

Register Now: saintbenedicts@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
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TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

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Epistle -Col 3:12-17

Brethren: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience. Bear with one another and forgive one another, if anyone has a grievance against any other; even as the Lord has forgiven you, so also do you forgive. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; unto that peace, indeed, you were called in one body. Show yourselves thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly: in all wisdom teach and admonish one another by psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing in your hearts to God by His grace. Whatever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel-Luke 2:42-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning, the Boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents did not know it. But thinking that He was in the caravan, they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. And it came to pass after three days, that they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him, they were astonished. And His Mother said to Him, Son, why have You done so to us? Behold, in sorrow Your father and I have been seeking You. And He said to them, How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they did not understand the word that He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and His Mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

How to Bless Your Door with Blessed Chalk?

To bless your door with blessed chalk, follow these steps:

1/Gather your supplies: blessed chalk, holy water, or Epiphany water.

2/Gather your family/friends/neighbours and pray together.

3/Mark the door with the inscription: 20 + C + M + B + 26.

4/Let family members add parts of the inscription!

5/Sprinkle holy water on the doorframe.

This tradition is a beautiful way to invite Christ's blessing into your home and lives, symbolising faith, protection, and hospitality. It is a powerful reminder to open our hearts to the blessings and responsibilities of faith, hospitality, and love.

Prayer Intentions

Please keep in your prayers Arthur and Maxine Frankland, Bob and Jane Latin, Anita, Denis and Margaret Smith, Dennis Brophy, 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, Samin, Sarah.

Please in your charity could you pray especially for Terry Carradice.

Please pray for special intentions.

Mass settings: Kyrie VIII and Credo III

Recessional: 212 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Ordo	Daily Schedule:		Mass Intentions
Sunday 11/01 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction (no confessions) 6.30pm Low Mass	Canon Cristofoli: Julia Carr RIP Canon Heppelle: Special Intention Canon Bunnens: Nicole's Special Intention
Monday 12/01 Feria Mass as Sunday IV Classis	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 7.30pm Choir Practice	Canon Cristofoli: William Woodbridge RIP Canon Heppelle: Special Intention Canon Bunnens: Nicole's Special Intention
Tuesday 13/01 Baptism of Our Lord II Classis	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: Philomena Maddaford RIP Canon Heppelle: Michael Barry RIP Canon Bunnens: G. Klanenik's Special Intention
Wednesday 14/01 St Hilary III Classis	8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	(Church closed at 1pm)	Canon Cristofoli: Peter Bignell RIP Canon Heppelle: Darragh Roche Canon Bunnens: G. Klanenik's Special Intention
Thursday 15/01 St Paul 1 st Hermit III Classis	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass 9.15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament All Day Adoration 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline 7.30pm Choir Practice	Canon Cristofoli: Andrew Bignell RIP Canon Heppelle: Anthony Sibert Canon Bunnens: G. Klanenik's Special Intention
Friday 16/01 St Marcellus I III Classis	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: Leon RIP Canon Heppelle: Catherine Mannix RIP Canon Bunnens: G. Klanenik's Special Intention
Saturday 17/01 St Anthony and Our Lady of Pontmain	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass 9:15-9.45am Confessions 10am Sung Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 4-7pm Spire at Night Event	Canon Cristofoli: Paule RIP Canon Heppelle: Special Intention Canon Bunnens: G. Klanenik's Special Intention
Sunday 18/01 2nd Sunday after Epiphany	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction (no confessions) 6.30pm Low Mass	Canon Cristofoli: Janet Roberts RIP Canon Heppelle: Special Intention Canon Bunnens: G. Klanenik's Special Intention

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



For your diary

⌘ **Catechism about Sacred Liturgy:** 6th February, 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: 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: 18th January

⌘ **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 Friday 16th January 7.10pm

⌘ **Catechumens catechism:** Saturday 24th January 10:30-11:30am at St Walburge's Presbytery

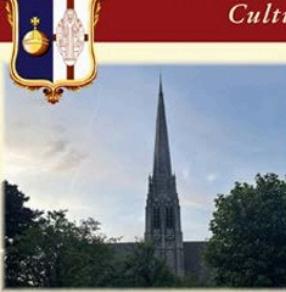
⌘ **St Margaret Mary Girls' youth club:** The convent of the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart is open for an afternoon of fun, activities and faith from 2.00pm-5.15pm. The event is open to young girls of 13-18 years old.

Please see Sister Isabel-Marie for further details.

Next opportunities are: 31st January, 21st February, 14th March, 18th April.

Would you like to join our Choir? Contact Rev Canon Bunnens chn.bunnens@icrsp.org

**SAINT BENEDICT'S
Cultural Centre**



Open Day:
Saturday 17th January 2026

10am: Sung Mass at Saint Walburge's Church with the Sister Adorers

11am: Tour of the campus of Saint Walburge's and SBCC

11.30am: Short talk on Catholic education with Canon Post

Noon: Question and answer session

12.15pm: Meet the clergy and teachers, refreshments at SBCC

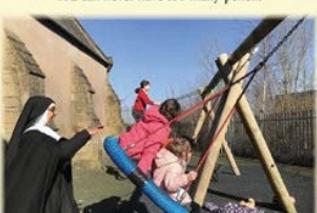
1.00pm: Finish



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⌘ For Life Matters and helplines:
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For pro-life helpline
<https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk>

For abortion recovery
<https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

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