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FROM THE SPIRE

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Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest
Diocese of Lancaster



Dominica Sanctissimæ Trinitatis ~ I. classis

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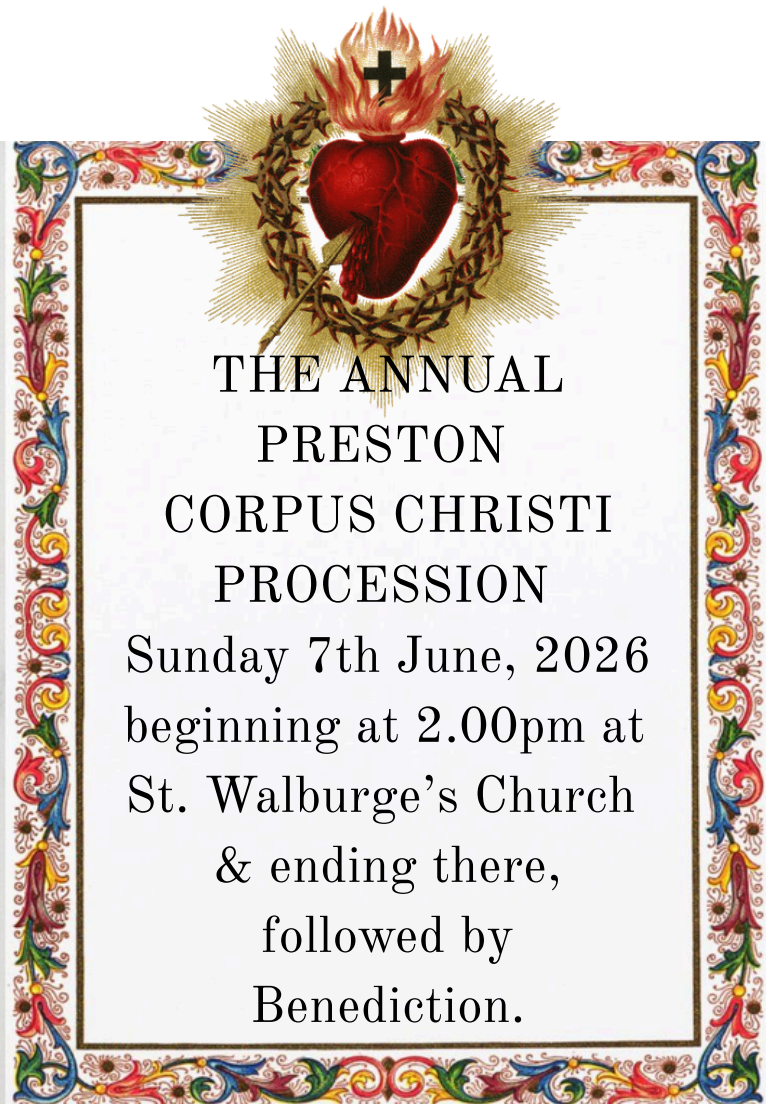
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Monday 1st June will be the
transferred feast of St Magdalen
Sophie Barrat, one of our dear
Sisters' patroness; we will have a
Solemn Mass at 8.30am



TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Dominica Pentecostes ~ I. classis

Epistle - Rom 11:33-36.

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible and His judgments and how unsearchable His ways! For Who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counsellor? Or who has first given to Him, that recompense should be made him? For from Him and through Him and unto Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever, amen.

Gospel - Matt 28:18-20.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world.

Known as the “Apostle to Germany” but born in England, this Friday 6th June we celebrate the feast of St Boniface. Born Wynfrid sometime around 675, he showed a talent for learning and a desire to pursue the religious life early on in his life and eventually joined the Benedictines.

However a deep calling to the missionary state led him to seek permission to evangelise the Germans- which was eventually granted to him. Over the next two decades, Boniface worked tirelessly to organise the Church in Germany covering lots of German territory including:
Bavaria, Thuringia, Frisia and Hesse.

One of the earliest programmes undertaken by Wynfrid was the introduction of English nuns to Germany to support his growing apostolates and religious houses. He believed that, even though cloistered, these sisters could set an admirable example of Catholic devotional life among the new German converts. One of the nuns whom he brought to Germany was his niece, Sister Walburga, the patron of our shrine. Walburga and some of her companions were brought to the diocese of Eichstatt in 748, where they established a house of nuns where she was appointed the first Abbess. A fervent superior, she converted many in the region and built a flourishing religious house, working numerous miracles in the area.

While gathering converts for Confirmation in 755, Boniface and somewhere between 35-52 companions were murdered by local pagans. His body was taken back for burial in Fulda, where it remains today.

Prayer Intentions

Please keep in your prayers Arthur and Maxine Frankland, Bob and Jane Latin, Denis and Margaret Smith, Dennis Brophy, Christopher Moloney, Mark MacKay, and the residents of Swansea Terrace Care Home.

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

St Boniface, Pray for us!

St Walburga, Pray for us!



Ordo	Daily Schedule		Mass Intentions
Sunday 24th May Dominica Sanctissimæ Trinitatis ~ I. classis	8-8.20am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10-10.20am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction (no confessions) 6.30pm Low Mass	Canon Cristofoli: William Tobin Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ
Monday 1 st June S. Magdalena Sophia Barrat ~ I. classis	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Solemn High Mass 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Solemn Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline 7.30pm Choir Practice	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Msgr Wach Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ
Tuesday 2 nd June Ss. Marcellini, Petri, atque Erasmi, Episcopi, Martyrum ~ 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	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Canon G Cristofoli Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ
Wednesday 3 rd June Feria Quarta infra Hebdomadam I post Octavam Pentecostes ~ IV. classis	8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	Church closed at 1pm	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ
Thursday 4 th June Festum Sanctissimi Corporis ~ Christi I. classis	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6.30pm Solemn Mass <i>Coram Sanctissimo</i> and eucharistic procession 7.30pm Choir Practice All night adoration	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ
Friday 5 th June S. Bonifatii Episcopi et Martyris ~ III. classis Uncle of St Walburga	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: Christopher Maloney Canon Bunnens: Rita Basnyet-Steingold
Saturday 6 th June S. Norberti Episcopi et Confessoris ~ III. classis	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	Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney Canon Bunnens: St Michael choir
Sunday 7th June Dominica II. Post Pentecosten ~ II. classis	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 GZ Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney Canon Bunnens: Robert Towers RIP

Any Catholic may offer up the Mass which he or she attends for any good intention. At Mass you are free to associate your prayer with the intention of the priest, or you are free to offer up participation at the Mass for any number of personal intentions. Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priests. It is a donation, but our diocese recommends a minimum of £10. If you want to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, you may use the Mass Offering envelope (available in the church porch). Write name(living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon.



For your diary

✂ **Children's Eucharistic Adoration Society:** Our society takes a break for the summer and will continue our sessions in September

✂ Today! Sunday 31st May
10.30am High Mass followed by Procession and May Crowning of our Lady

✂ **St Walburge's Summer Fair 14th June**
12 noon-3pm

✂ **Adult Catechism Class** – “The Liturgy”: One Friday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The next class will be held on Friday, 5th June at 7pm.

✂ Sunday 7th June, 2pm: Corpus Christi deanery procession. The hall will remain open after Mass, bring your packed lunch! Bring your own flower petals!

Summer schedule changes:

✂ **From 29th June to 5th July:** no Masses. (ordinations week). The Church will be open for private prayer.

✂ **From Sunday 5th July to Sunday 30th August included** no 6.30pm Sunday Mass at St Walburge's.

For Life Matters and helplines:

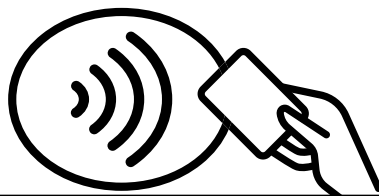
<https://lifecharity.org.uk>

For pro-life helpline:

<https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk>

For abortion recovery:

<https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>



Sunday 14th June 12-3pm:
Summer Fair in the hall in aid of
the church roof restoration
project. Lots of fun for all ages:
stalls, games, cakes, food,
tombola etc. Please come along
and invite your friends and
family. We are in need of quality
raffle prizes, bottles of any kind
for the tombola, unwanted gifts
and bric-a-brac. We also need
cakes on the day. If you would
like to help please contact
preston@icksp.org.uk
Raffle tickets will be on sale
from today onwards. Thank you
very much for your support.

*Join Bishop Swarbrick on the
London March for Life on September
5th 2026.*

SPUC Preston Branch want to
arrange a coach with a pick up in
Preston.

Please register your interest
by contacting the secretary
at spucpreston@gmail.com or
on 07523 183758



We are now taking card donations!
You can find the donation machine
at the back of the church by the
confessionals!

Last week's collection: £991.50 - Bank transfers: £334.50

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