

FROM THE SPIRE

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

Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest
Diocese of Lancaster

Dominica IV. Post Pentecosten ~ II. classis

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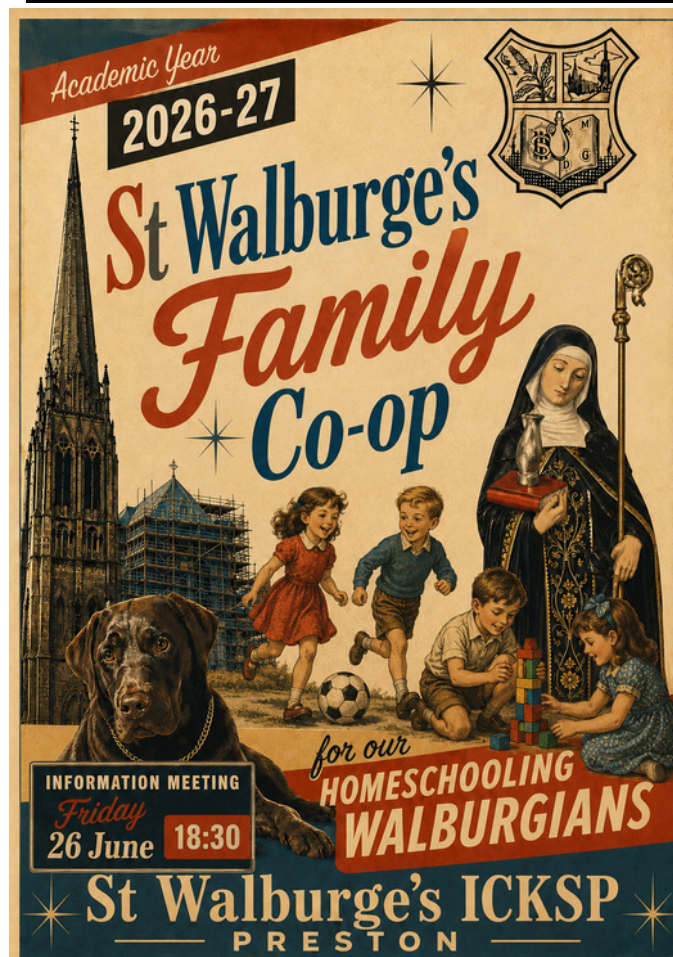
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Please take care at Communion, the floor is uneven from the ongoing works
in the Church



Academic Year
2026-27

**St Walbuge's
Family
Co-op**

for our
**HOMESCHOOLING
WALBURGIANS**

**St Walbuge's ICKSP
PRESTON**

INFORMATION MEETING
Friday
26 June 18:30

After many years of joy, sacrifice, and dedication of service in St Benedict's, we must now face the reality of enrolment numbers for the coming academic year. Despite all our efforts, including two open days and numerous individual visits, we have not been able to attract any new families for the academic year 2026/2027. We currently have only nine children registered, and it is simply not possible for us to continue operating St Benedict's with such low enrolment.

Our financial situation is difficult as well. Our insurance costs have risen a staggering 2000%, and these costs are set to remain high or even increase further. The Centre has operated with a significant loss for the last two years and would continue to do so next year and for the foreseeable future.

Furthermore, the present form of Saint Benedict's, which seeks to offer the greatest amount of academic support possible to our homeschooling families, requires a considerable amount of administrative work and has become increasingly demanding for our generous volunteers. Both in the classroom and behind the scenes, there are presently more people working to keep Saint Benedict's open than there are children who attend it.

After much prayer, reflection, and consultation, together with the other trustees of the charity Saint Benedict's (ICKSP), we have made the difficult decision not to continue after the end of the current academic year.

The regular presence of Canon Post in our community, who has served Saint Benedict's as Principal and tutor for eight years, also comes to an end with the closing of this chapter. He will continue his ministry full-time at New Brighton on the Wirral, where he was assigned in September 2024.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude for your trust, your support, your sacrifices, and the many beautiful years we have shared together. Saint Benedict's has been a source of countless blessings, friendships, and cherished memories, and for that we will always remain profoundly grateful. Although we are sad to turn the page, let us offer all that we have been able to accomplish at Saint Benedict's to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord. From the bottom of our hearts, we assure you of our prayers for each of your families, and we invoke God's blessing upon you and your children.

Following the closure of Saint Benedict's, your Canons are conscious that St Walbuge's homeschooling families may still need support, and to this end a Saint Walbuge's Family Co-op has been suggested.

The tentative format would be to meet one day a week, allowing families to continue bringing their children together whilst enabling us to provide the Catholic formation that remains at the heart of our mission.

The programme could include academic activities during the morning, Holy Mass together at midday, a packed lunch shared in fellowship, and music and singing activities during the afternoon. We fervently hope to develop a children's choir, fostering both musical education and the beauty of our Catholic tradition.

The co-op needs to be organised and run by our families; your Canons and Sister Adorers will provide spiritual and musical input.

Before the meeting on 26th, please chat to other families and discern how you can make this work.

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Dominica IV. Post Pentecosten ~ II. classis

Epistle -Rom 8:18-23

Brethren: I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us. For the eager longing of creation awaits the revelation of the sons of God. For creation was made subject to vanity - not by its own will but by reason of Him Who made it subject - in hope, because creation itself also will be delivered from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the sons of God. For we know that all creation groans and travails in pain until now. And not only it, but we ourselves also who have the first-fruits of the Spirit - we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption as sons of God, the redemption of our body, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel - Luke 5:1-11

At that time, while the crowds were pressing upon Jesus to hear the word of God, He was standing by Lake Genesareth. And He saw two boats moored by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, He began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when He had ceased speaking, He said to Simon, Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch. And Simon answered and said to Him, Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at Your word I will lower the net. And when they had done so, they enclosed a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they beckoned to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so were also James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Do not be afraid; henceforth you shall catch men. And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all and followed Him.

Prayer Intentions

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

Anniversaries

Please in your Charity, pray for the repose of the souls of
Jade Perry, Joyce Lyons and Domitille de Rambures

The banns of marriage are announced between: Miss Anna Latka, born 08.07.1984, daughter of Miroslawa and Zbigniew Latka and Mr Lukasz Zablotni, born 26.03.1992, son of Urszula and Krzysztof Zablotni 14.08.2026 at St. Bridget's Church in Gdansk Poland

This is the 1st publication of the banns.

If anyone knows of any reason why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, they are obliged to make it known to the Rector.

Ordo	Daily Schedule		Mass Intentions
Sunday 21st June Dominica IV. Post Pentecosten ~ II. 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: Malachy Finnegan RIP Canon Heppelle: Antoni Nieznalski Canon Bunnens: Gregorian Brendan Ribbens
Monday 22nd June S. Paulini Episcopi et Confessoris. III. classis	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	Canon Cristofoli: Leon RIP Canon Heppelle: Christian Canon Bunnens: Gregorian Brendan Ribbens
Tuesday 23rd June In Vigilia S. Joannis Baptistæ II. classis	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: J & Cam Pake Canon Heppelle: James O'Neill RIP Canon Bunnens: Gregorian Brendan Ribbens
Wednesday 24 th June In Nativitate S. Joannis Baptistæ ~ I. classis	8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass	Church closed at 1pm	Canon Cristofoli: Cathy and Jim Bradley Canon Heppelle: James Gallegher Canon Bunnens: Gregorian Brendan Ribbens
Thursday 25 th June S. Gulielmi Abbatis ~ III. classis	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass No Adoration <u>Church closed at 9.30am</u>	12 noon Funeral of Mrs Catherine Bradley at Sacred Heart, Coniston	Canon Cristofoli: Catherine Bradley RIP Canon Heppelle: Holy Souls Canon Bunnens: Gregorian Brendan Ribbens
Friday 26 th June Ss. Joannis et Pauli Martyrum ~ 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: Domitille 10th Anniversary RIP Canon Heppelle: Patricia Cronin Canon Bunnens: Gregorian Brendan Ribbens
Saturday 27 th June Sanctæ Mariæ Sabbato ~ IV. classis	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Requiem Low Mass 9.15am Confessions 12noon Low Mass	2-5.15pm St Margaret Mary Girls Club. 5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Joyce Lyons 1st Anniversary RIP Canon Heppelle: Jade Perry RIP 2nd Anniversary Canon Bunnens: Gregorian Brendan Ribbens
Sunday 28th June Dominica V. 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 <u>(Last 6.30pm Mass for the Summer)</u>	Canon Cristofoli: Shane and Victoria Lee from BW Canon Heppelle: Patricia Cronin Canon Bunnens: Gregorian Brendan Ribbens

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.



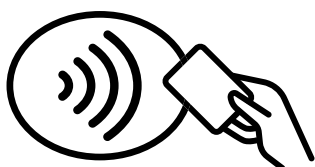
For your diary

✦ **Saturday 27th June:** 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.

✦ **Saturday 15th August:** Assumption of our Lady, 6pm Sung Mass, followed by a Marian procession and a Pimm's celebration in the garden of the rectory afterwards.

✦ **Saturday 22nd August:** Walk in the Lake District for the Youth Group

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



Summer schedule changes:

✦ **From 29th June to 4th July inclusive:** No Masses (ordinations week). The Church will be open for private prayer.

✦ **From Sunday 5th July to Sunday 30th August inclusive:** No 6.30pm Sunday Mass at St Walbурges's.



✦ Does Saint Walbурges's have your details?

Please give your name and address to one of the Canons, if in the last 18 months you have:

- changed your address
- started to attend St Walbурges's
- started to give your collection or make donations by bank transfer

If we don't know who you are, we can't thank you or keep in touch with you.

Last week's collection: £894.87 - Bank transfers: £369.50

Our Summer Fair raised the magnificent sum of £2,266.24 (with more woodwork sales to follow)

Thank you very much for your continuous generosity!

Thank you very much to our supporters!

