



A new home for our Sister Adorers in Preston!



HELP US TO RESTORE THE OLD CONVENT OF ST WALBURGE'S

Dear friends and benefactors,

Since arriving in Preston in November 2017, the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart have been living at the former St Augustine's Presbytery, which was kindly offered by the Diocese of Lancaster and the Parish 'St John XXIII'. It is located approximately 30 minutes from St Walburge's Church.



They have been travelling twice a day to St Walburge's for Mass and the Divine Office, rejoicing the congregation with the beauty of their Gregorian Chant, as well as edifying them in their discretion and dedication for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Since the beginning of this other wonderful adventure of our Prestonian apostolate, they have been teaching the children of St Benedict's Cultural Centre.

Recent updates to our apostolate included the extension of our lease, including the complete use of the entire St Walburge Parish complex, and the relocation of St Benedict's to one of the buildings. This has revived the idea of bringing the Sisters closer to the centre of the life of our shrine church. The former convent of the teaching sisters at St Walburge's Primary School fits their needs perfectly, but it is in need of complete renovation.

Currently, we are able to cover the costs of exterior repairs (see inside p. 2). However, what use is a building with no leaks or draughts if we cannot use it? The second phase of works still needs to be financially secured, so the Sisters can move into their new home as soon as possible and help us make the beacon of our shrine church shine even brighter.

As you can see from the aerial view below, having the Sisters close to the church would greatly simplify their lives and reduce their travel times. They would also be preserved from the noise of their current "milieu" and enjoy a quieter residential area more conducive to their life of prayer and silent work.

We provide more details inside about this tremendous, yet expensive project, which will take several months to complete before the Sisters can move in.

Please help us to achieve this restoration. The Sisters and the Canons will remember you and your families in our daily prayers, especially during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

God bless you!

Your Canons of St Walburge's

Shrine Church of St Walburge

St Walburge's Presbytery:
the Canons' home

Future convent for our Sisters

St Walburge's Hall

St Benedict's Cultural Centre

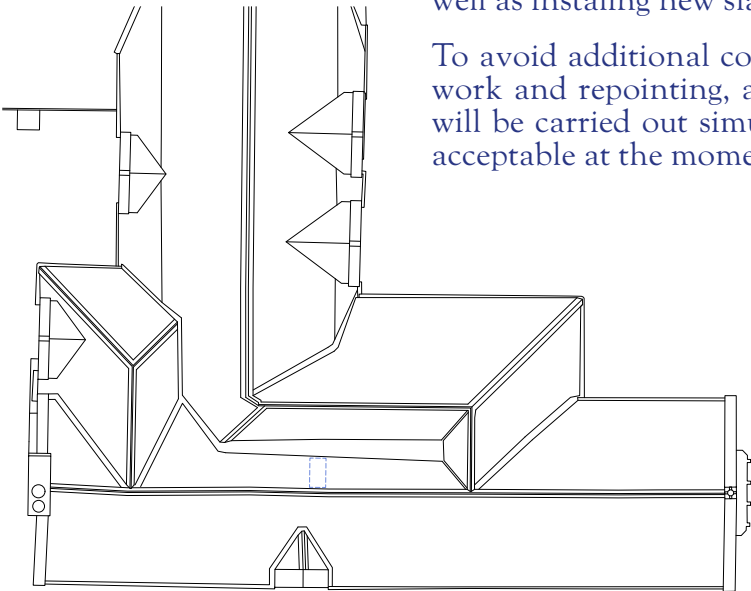


PHASE 1, 2025-2026: EXTERIOR WORKS

LET US ENSURE THAT OUR SISTERS WILL BE LIVING IN A LEAK-FREE AND DRAFT-FREE CONVENT!

The first phase of the building work will secure and properly insulate the building, which has been unused for many years and is now leaking through the roof and windows. This will allow interior work to begin.

This will include replacing the entire roof, carefully inspecting the timbers and replacing any rotted parts, as well as installing new slates, gutters and ridges.



To avoid additional costs associated with erecting scaffolding again, the fabric work and repointing, as well as the replacement of all the top-floor windows, will be carried out simultaneously. The condition of the first-floor windows is acceptable at the moment.

Costs of the exterior works

Scaffolding	£ 50,280.00
Roof	£ 191,160.00
Fabric repair and repointing	£ 250,905.60
Windows	£ 27,840.00
Architect fees	£ 80,628.76
Total	£ 600,814.36

**ALREADY FUNDED,
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
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The interior work will completely remodel the existing three-storey building, including new utilities (new boiler and electricity). It will also house a new stairwell that

The first floor, currently used as a winter chapel, kitchen will remain in place for the time being, and the large room on the second floor will be restored to its original use for

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1st FLOOR: PARTIAL REFURBISHMENT

-  Existing kitchen to be kept for the moment
-  Corridor and new stairwell across the whole height of the building

-  Main room to be partitioned between the corridor and a large community room



Left: the 1st floor room, used as a winter chapel during the cold Prestonian winter
Bottom: The same room, when the building was handed to our care



Costs of the 2nd phase: remodelling

Ground floor (access and stairwell)	£ 123,150.00
1 st floor (corridor and stairwell)	£ 140,010.00
2 nd floor (complete remodeling)	£ 288,225.60
Architect fees	£ 102,006.34
Total	£ 653,391.94

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

2026-2027: INTERIOR WORKS





RECENT HOME FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

Building. The ground floor (see overleaf) will partially be used for access and that will connect to the upper floors.

to a large community room, while the existing kitchen will remain in place and be converted into a temporary laundry room.

cells, and the former convent chapel will be restored to its original use for

2nd FLOOR: COMPLETE REFURBISHMENT

-  God at the centre of the religious life: a proper chapel for the office and personal prayer of the Sisters
-  The main room partitioned into three cells for the Sisters
-  Corridor and new stairwell across the whole height of the building
-  "Ora et Labora": library and study space



The original chapel to be restored and reinstated as place of prayer for the Sisters



*Left: condition of the top floor when we received it
Above: after cleaning, ready for renovation and reordering*

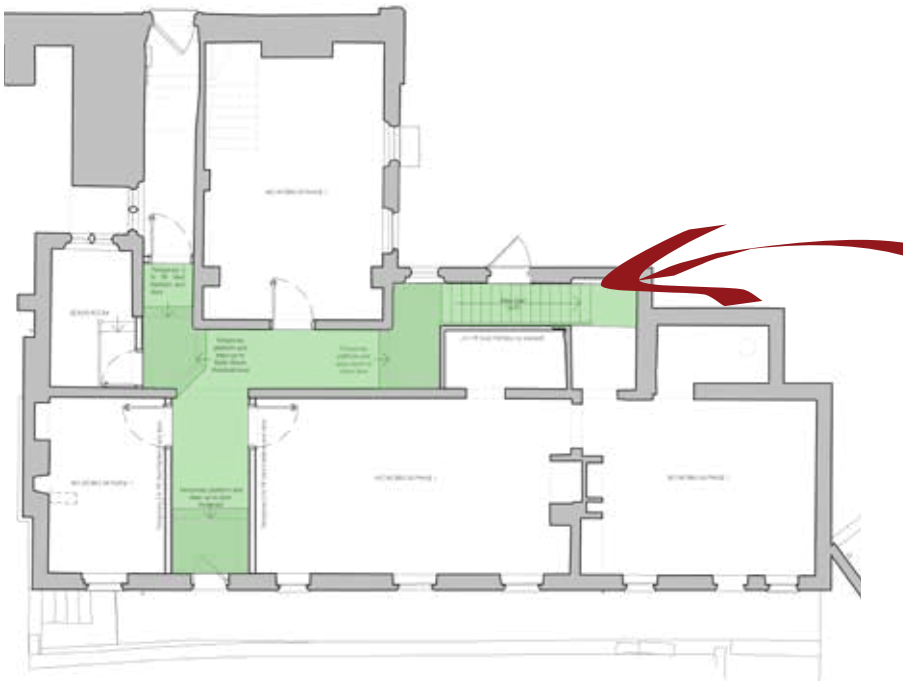
PHASE 3, IN THE FUTURE: SECOND PART OF INTERIOR WORKS

LET'S COMPLETE OUR SISTERS' NEW HOME: A LIVING CONVENT AT THE HEART OF OUR APOSTOLATE OF PRESTON

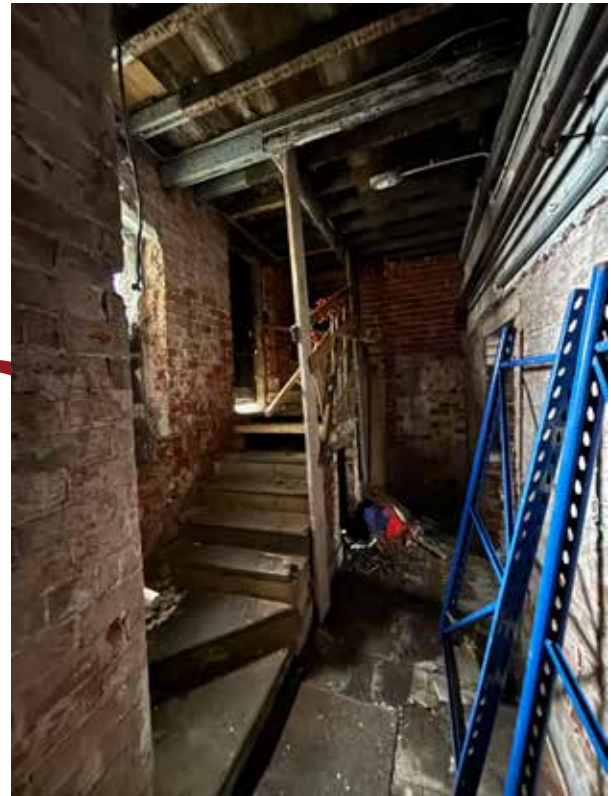
Once the roof and top floor are complete, the Sisters will be able to move in. We hope to continue with the restoration work by remodelling the ground floor. As you can see from the pictures below, it is not currently possible to live there. A further campaign will provide more details about the remodelling.

We are planning to move the dining rooms, kitchen and laundry downstairs, while the large room on the first floor will be divided into three rooms (a drawing room and two other community rooms), and the former kitchen will be transformed into a bedroom.

Currently, the estimated cost of this phase is around £500,000. We entrust the success of this final part to your prayers.



*Phase 2 works only for the ground floor:
independent access and utilities*



*The former stairwell will be completely renovated
and go all the way up to the 2nd floor.*

Left: the ground floor room a few years ago / Right: after cleaning, ready for the building work.



How can you help us?



Dear friends,

As you will have already read, Providence is hastening things to enable us to move to our new convent near St Walburge's Church as soon as possible. This project has been on the minds of our superiors and our community for a long time. Living near the church, the presbytery and St. Benedict's will save us a considerable amount of time, as we will no longer need to make so many daily trips. It will also provide us with the stability we need for our religious life, as we will be less exposed to the outside world.

Most importantly, dear friends, we will be closer to Our Lord, and living near the church means we will be able to come and adore Him more often! In this way, we will fulfil our vocation of making the adoration of God present in all our lives and close to everyone. Our vocation stems from Eucharistic Adoration for the glory of God and the sanctification of His priests. With all our heartfelt gratitude and prayers for you and your families, thank you in advance for your indispensable help!

Your Sister Adorers

Budget phase 1	£ 600,814.36
Budget phase 2	£ 653,391.94
Already secured for phase 1	£ 601,000.00
<i>Including £ 170,000.00 of interest free loans with 20 years for repayment.</i>	
To be fundraised for phase 2	£ 653,391.94
Total funding needed	£ 823,391.94

