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ICKSP St Walburge

EASTER 2017

Dear friends and benefactors,

It is the month of Mary - it is the most beautiful month!

We have not been in contact for some time, but we must admit that these last months were very busy!

The work in the church and the presbytery is going well - you will get an overview in this newsletter. But we will receive you with joy if you do the best thing and come to visit us!

The highlight of this period was undoubtedly the visit of our bishop, Bishop Campbell of Lancaster and the Pontifical Mass of Easter Sunday: Thank you my Lord!

The parishioners of the shrine devoted themselves without stinting so that the Church and the house were very welcoming.

Our Shepherd was obviously pleased with the progress of the work, and it was good for us to receive encouragement from our diocese.

The catechism classes that we have been giving after the Sunday Mass since December is a delight for the young... and not so young. Some adults joyfully attend and assist the rector in case of a breakdown in translation! Teenagers follow lessons that explain the history, the symbolism and the doctrine of the rites of the Mass. You are welcome if this topic interests you. The canons of the Dome of Home kindly continue to come to teach our group for adults and students.

The theme of this year is "the sacraments".

During the month of May, a relic of the veil of the Virgin Mary will circulate from house to house to unite us in the prayer and love of our Mother of Heaven. At the end of the month, our Bishop will be back for a Marian procession and crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Guinness, our labrador, continues her apostolate of the area! The passers-by stop to see her and stroke her and from the dog to the church there is only one step! Coming from France with Canon Cristofoli, she became the mascot of the whole community!

I would like to say a huge thank you for your prayers and support, We know that we can trust in you - thank you so much! Please help us to continue our mission of evangelisation.

Canon Poucin joins me in expressing our gratitude to you! God bless you, and be with you, and may His Immaculate Mother watch over you!

Happy feast of Saint Walburge and we hope to see you soon!

Canon G. Cristofoli

Canon V. Poucin de Wouilt



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LIFE AT THE



Christmas at the Shrine



2nd February: Procession for Candlemas



Forty Hours: All-day Adoration

Holy Week



Palm Sunday: Procession around the Church



Maundy Thursday: The Altar of Repose



Good Friday:
Adoration of the Holy Cross



Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil
Canon Poucin singing the Exultet (*left*)
Blessing of the Font (*top*)

SHRINE



Easter Sunday: Pontifical High Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Michael Campbell, Bishop of Lancaster. Thank you to all the servers.
His Lordship at the throne, with the Sacred Ministers (*left*)
Family photo at the end of the Mass, in the Presbytery (*bottom*)



Sacramental Life



Reception into the Catholic Church during Easter Vigil



Wedding at St Walburge's on Easter Saturday



Visit and Holy Communion for the sick

WORK IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE PRESBYTERY: WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Thanks to a young parishioner who was willing to help, we were able to remove the old red carpets from the side altars. We discovered these beautiful tiles, with the four evangelists

What will we do with your donation?

First of all, as the Church is a Grade-I-listed building, we had to engage an architect, in strong collaboration with the national Church Heritage Comities and the Lancaster Diocese, owner of the building.

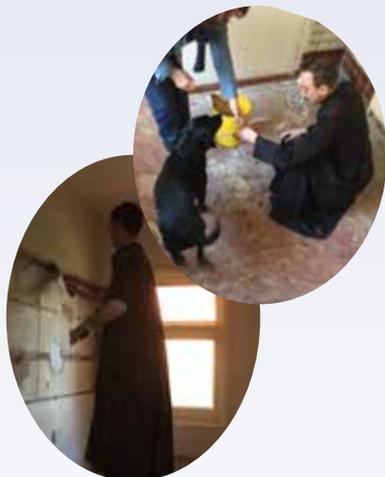
From 13th to 18th February, a survey of the Church and the presbytery was made in order to know the structural conditions. This first step, before any other restoration work, is entirely at our expense.

We need £10,000 to pay the company.

Many thanks for your help!

Bring your stone to the building!

The Mass of the first Friday of the Month is said for you, our benefactors, and all your intentions.



An amazing transformation for everyday life:

Finally, we remove the very old and unusable kitchen, for a new one. Canon Cristofoli and Canon Poucin worked hard to remove the cupboards, plaster and paint the walls, scrap the old linoleum and rediscover the old tiles.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th May, 10.30 am

Patronal Festival and Solemnity of St. Walburge

High Mass. Festive reception after Mass.

Film about the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, followed by Procession with the relic of Saint Walburge, Vespers and Benediction

Sunday 28nd May, 10.30 am

May Procession

Procession in honour of Our Lady after Pontifical Low Mass, said by the Rt. Rev. Michael Campbell

Thursday 15th June, 7 pm

Corpus Christi

Sung Mass & Procession

Sunday 18th June, 2 pm

Procession for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with the Deanery of Our Lady & S. Wilfrid (Preston Deanery)

Friday 23rd June, 7 pm

Sacred Heart

Sung Mass & Procession

Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July

Ordinations at Gricigliano Seminary (Italy)

Contact your canons for further information

Tuesday 15th August, 7 pm

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Traditional blessing of herbs & fruit, followed by Sung Mass & Procession.