

WORK IN THE CHURCH: WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Scaffolding for the roof repairs completed last December.



Work in the sacristy continues. With your help, it can be finished by July.



What happens when you don't pay the bills! Deacon Post studying by candle light.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 22nd June

Altar server training day with the Society of St Tarcisius

Sunday 23rd June, 2pm

Blessed Sacrament Procession through the streets with Preston Deanery

Monday 8th – Monday 22nd July

'Ora et Labora Camp' at SW for young men aged 18-30

Sunday 14th July, 10.30am

First Solemn High Mass of newly-ordained Canon Ryan Post, followed by First Blessings & Summer Bazaar.

Monday 29th July - Saturday 3rd August

Summer camp in Ireland with the Sisters Adorers for girls aged 12-18.

What we did with your donations last Autumn.

Heating: We bought six very effective pole heaters for £1500 which kept us going during the winter and even allowed us to use the main church for Mass and all the offices during the week.

Roof: The leaking part of the roof over the war memorial altar has now been repaired for around £15,000. More work will be required on the roof later, but we are dry for now!

Dry Rot: You raised £15,000. Work is well on the way in the sacristy to remove the dry rot.

What we will do if you donate today.

Sacristy: The sacristy work was more expensive than initially foreseen, so we need to raise an additional £6,000 for asbestos removal and an additional £10,000 to repair and adjust the sacristy roof in such a way that dry rot will not return.

Vocations: We ask £300 per month from the young men discerning their vocation with us to cover the costs of daily living. As we never turn anyone away on financial grounds, and often they have difficulty finding benefactors, we would be most grateful for your help.

Vestments: We lack a solemn set of green vestments to have Solemn High Mass (with a Deacon and Subdeacon) for ordinary Sundays. This has often meant that we have had to have just a Sung Mass. We hope to have a new set in time for the newly-ordained Canon Post's First Mass on 14th July.

ST BENEDICT'S ACADEMY

SIGN UP FOR
FOR THIS SEPTEMBER!

Saint Benedict's Academy continues to flourish. Having started in January 2018, we look forward to beginning our third Academic year in September 2019. Sign up your children who are aged 5 to 18 by emailing us: saintbenedicts@icksp.org.uk



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SUMMER 2019



Statue of the Sacred Heart at the life of our Shrine at Preston over the St Walburge's

last few months, the progress of various work, and the apostolate of a silent and missionary life of prayer.

We would like to share with you both our joys and our struggles, that your kind affection may become a Bethany for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The month of June is traditionally consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St John-Marie Vianney used to say that the priesthood is the "Love of the Heart of Jesus". The triumphant love of Jesus is our hope in this world, so often cold and hostile to divine grace. This heart is divine and at the centre of the life of the Sisters Adorers, the candidates, St Benedict's Academy and, of course, of the shrine churches of St Walburge and the English Martyrs. It is impossible to separate the heart of the Son from the heart of the Mother. So, with enthusiasm and profound gratitude, we turn to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts and entrust to them all of your intentions.

St Augustine's, our house of discernment for young men considering vocations to the priesthood or the clerical oblation, will open for its third year in September. A few places still remain, so help us to make this undertaking

Preston (Priest Town)

Thursday 23rd May

Dear friends,

It is a joy for me to write to you and by means of this letter to reach your hearths, homes and parishes. Certainly, we are already united through prayer, but sometimes it is also good to receive consolation from the fruits of our Christian fellowship.

In this letter, you will again

discover some particular points about

the life of our Shrine at Preston over the

last few months, the progress of various

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more widely-known. Likewise, the sisters receive with joy young ladies who would like to spend some days at the convent in order to discern their vocation.

At the start of classes in September 2019, St Benedict's will also celebrate the beginning of its third year. Thank you for your vital support!

Today, I am also approach you with another important project. I would like to reduce the enormous expense of heating our presbytery. To this end, it will be necessary to:

--Renew the insulation of the roof

--To install new window frames

--The total cost is £60,000.

The presbytery is not a listed building and therefore cannot receive grants for improvements. Responsibility for maintenance thus falls entirely upon us. We would like to plan this project ahead of time, since the winter is long and harsh in Lancashire! We have re-opened and cleaned the chimneys but this little improvement is not sufficient. A lot of heat is lost through the draughty

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In Christ the King,

Canon Cristofoli



Sacred Heart Altar at English Martyrs'

PEOPLE OF THE SHRINES



Sheila

"I just discovered St Walburge's a few months ago, it's great! For a long time I was a very active member of the Baptist Church. I am currently having Catechism with one of the Canons each week and am looking forward to being received into the Catholic Church."

Darrell

"I have been here in the House of Discernment since October. I am 20 years old, from County Offaly in Ireland and discovered the Latin Mass at the Institute Apostolate in Limerick. I look forward to going to Gricigliano Seminary in September this year. It has been great to participate in the community life of the Canons balanced between the Mass, singing of the Divine Office, work, recreation and study."



Robert & Ruth

Robert: "I have been an active member of the new Catholic Revival since converting from Judaism in 1996, helping to found the Saint Austin Review and Chavagnes International College. I soon discovered the spiritual riches of the traditional liturgy and its continuity with the lives of the saints and the great English Catholic movement since the Reformation. It has been a great joy to discover St. Walburge's and English Martyrs, and moving to Preston to be a part of their communities was one of the best decisions of my life."



Ruth: "We had been praying for years that we would find a place where our faith and above all our children's faith would be nourished by a beautiful, reverent Mass, good friends and good teaching. Then by a strange sequence of unexpected events, we came to Preston. We have been delighted by the liturgy and churches of St Walburge's and English Martyrs', and found ourselves welcomed into a very friendly and varied community. Our children have grown in their understanding and attachment to their Faith, found good friends and, at St Benedict's Academy, excellent teachers. We are so grateful God brought us here!"

Kilian

"I am 26 and half English and half German. My family are Pentecostal Christians. I was baptised by Canon Cristofoli just over a year ago at the Easter Vigil. I love our Catholic Faith! On the left you see me helping to carry the statue of Our Lady during the May Procession."



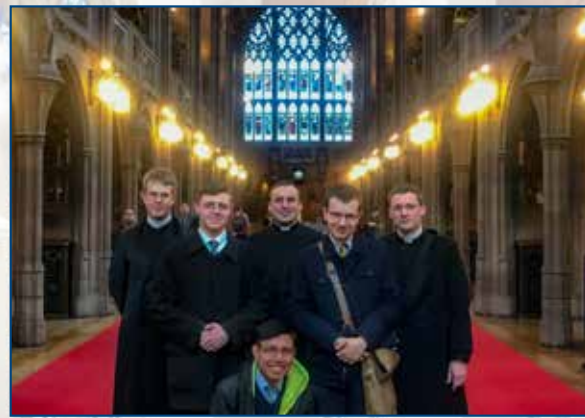
Joan

"I have been attending English Martyrs Church for many years. The Latin Mass takes me back to my youth. I was in my 20s when the Mass changed to English and I thought then that we were losing something. But now the Latin liturgy is back in a good church, a proper place!"



Chickens

"Cluck!
We are the chickens of St Walburge's and enjoying strolling around in the garden. But that's not all we do! We are very happy to lay eggs every morning for the Canons and hungry young men in the House of Discernment!
Cluck!"



House of Discernment trip to Manchester

LIFE OF THE SHRINES



October: Blessed Sacrament Procession for the Feast of Christ the King



November: Remembrance Sunday



December: Christmas Carol Concert with local primary schools



January: 'Spire at Night' tours.



February: 'Fancy Dress Victorian High Tea!'



February: Visit of a local Scout group



House of Discernment in Recreation



Maundy Thursday: The Sisters Adorers adoring at the Altar of Repose.



Good Friday: Procession with a statue of the Sacred Body of Our Lord



May: English Martyrs' Pilgrimage with the LMS

