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The body of Benedict XVI will be on display at the Vatican from this morning until Wednesday evening so that mourners can say their final farewells to the former pope. Benedict XVI died on Saturday at the age of 95. His funeral will take place on Thursday.

In Brazil, the country is mourning the loss of football legend, Pelé. The player died last Thursday in Sao Paulo. The funeral wake will get underway this afternoon and is open to the public at Santos FC club stadium where Pelé spent most of his career. The funeral will take place tomorrow and will be family only.

In France, doctors' surgeries could be closed for another week as the GP strike is extended. General practitioners are calling for an increase in consultation price from 25 euros to 50 euros.

Lab workers are also complaining of their working conditions and have decided to stop reporting Covid test results to the government in order to monitor the pandemic. They say the savings they are expected to make in labs in the coming years are unreasonable.

The Prime Minister faces a couple of tough meetings tomorrow and Wednesday. Elisabeth Borne will be playing host to social partners and discussing pension reform before presenting the bill on January 10. The highly controversial bill could see the legal retirement age increase from 62 to 64 or even 65 years old.

And finally to football and day 17 of the Ligue 1. Paris Saint Germain lost a match for the very first time this season with a 3-1 loss away to RC Lens. RC Lens is now just four points away from first place. Day 17 continues today with four matches coming up. Strasbourg plays at home to Troyes at 3pm, Lille plays at home to Reims at 5pm, Montpellier plays Marseille at 7pm and the last of the day's matches kicks off at 9pm between Rennes and Nice.