



# Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston**

## ANYONE WHO EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER

Again, this Sunday, we continue to hear the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel. Jesus talks about himself as the bread of life. It is a message that the crowds who are listening to Jesus find it hard to understand. Jesus tells them, "Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life and I shall raise him up on the last day".



In the Eucharist Christ feeds and strengthens us here and now. However, the Eucharist is also the promise of eternal life. The idea of life after death is still stronger in our culture than we might think. In the face of death people often use

language that suggests that the person continues to exist and wish the person well. They sometimes talk about becoming an angel. There is still a vague residue, even for people who would not see themselves as religious, of the Christian faith in eternal life. It is one of our great blessings as Catholics that we do have something concrete to say about life after death and that is expressed in our liturgy. The Catholic funeral service is full of that awareness and vision. We are called to share in the life Christ has won for us by giving his flesh for the life of the world. We do not become angels but, in the Final Commendation, we ask that the angels lead the deceased person into paradise.

As we receive the Eucharist we can renew our faith and hope in that eternal life to which it points. Let us give thanks to Christ for this life he offers to us and hear his words, "anyone who eats this bread will live forever".

Chris Pedley, S.J.

## THANK YOU CATHERINE

The parish extends much appreciation to Catherine Emmett who has now retired from looking after the votive candles in church. Catherine has been conscientiously covering this task four times per week for the last few years.

The Salvation Army has made an appeal for provisions for their **foodbank**. They need donations of coffee, jam, sugar, milk, toilet rolls, toothbrushes and men's deodorants.

Donations to be handed in at  
The Salvation Army  
Harrington St, PR1 7BN  
Mon to Fri 9am to 12noon  
Tel. 01772 555425

## A Very Happy Birthday to



Deacon Bill Adams  
who celebrated his  
96<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
last Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Cleator Pilgrimage Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
Mass & Blessing of the sick 3pm  
**Principal Celebrant & Preacher**  
**Bishop Paul Swarbrick**  
St Mary's Priory, Cleator, CA23 3AB  
Tel. 01946 810324

## The Season of Creation Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October Season of Creation 2024 Prayer



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Triune God, Creator of all, We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection. We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image. In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH**

## PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

**On the Feast of the Assumption (last Thursday), Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, invited Catholics and people of good will to pray for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for peace in the Holy Land.**

O most glorious Mother of God,  
raised above the choirs of angels,  
pray for us with St Michael the Archangel  
and with all the angelic powers of heaven  
and with all the saints,  
to your most holy  
and beloved Son, our Lord and master.

Obtain for this Holy Land,  
for all His children  
and for all humanity  
the gift of reconciliation and peace.

May your prophecy be fulfilled:  
the proud are scattered  
in the imaginations of their hearts;  
the mighty are overthrown from their thrones,  
and finally, the humble are raised;  
Let the hungry be filled with good things,  
the peaceful be recognised as children of God  
and that the meek may receive the earth as a gift.

May Jesus Christ, your Son, grant us this,  
He who exalted you today  
above the choirs of angels,  
who crowned you with the diadem of the Kingdom,  
and has placed you on the throne of eternal splendour.  
To him be honour and glory forever. *Amen.*

## Gift & Card Shop

**OPEN**

**Sunday**

**after 10.15 Mass**

**Tuesday**

**10:30am to 2pm**

**Due to a shortage of volunteers the shop hours have**

**been cut to**

**Monday &**

**Friday**

**11.30am to 1pm**

**I would like to thank Monica who has volunteered in the shop for a few years. I know many customers, who became friends, will sorely miss her.**

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**Thank you to Shelagh & Mary who have volunteered to assist with ordering and pricing on Mondays.**

*Margaret*

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**Parish Website [www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk)**

Sun 18 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Proverbs 9:1-6 (Ps 33)

Eph 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Mon 19 Feria

Ezek 24:15-24-28 (Deut 32)

Matt 19:16-22

Tue 20 St Bernard

Ezek 28:1-10 (Deut 32)

Matt 19:23-30

Wed 21 St Pius X

Ezek 34:1-11 (Ps 22)

Matt 20:1-16

Thu 22 Our Lady, Queen

Ezek 36:23-28 (Ps 50)

Matt 22:1-14

Fri 23 St Rose of Lima

Ezek 37:1-14, (Ps 106)

Matt 22:34-40

Sat 24 St Bartholomew

Apoc 21:9-14 (Ps 144)

John 1:45-51

## Mass & Confession Times

### Saturday

Confessions 11am to 12.10pm &  
5-5.30pm

**Mass 12.15pm Vigil 5.35pm**

### Sunday

**Masses 7, 10.15am & 4.30pm**

### Monday to Friday

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm

**Mass 12.15pm**



**For Jesuit Vocations  
every Monday  
11:30 -12 noon**

**LITTLE CHURCH**

**Resumes 1 September 10.15am Mass**

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

### Lately Dead

**Anniversaries** Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Veronica Gray  
Dorothy Crabtree, Jean Hothersall

**Those who are sick:** Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp,  
Joyce Lyons, Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell,  
Fr Michael Murphy.



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**



## August's Intention - for political leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

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