



# Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

## LORD WHO SHALL WE GO TO?

Jesus message that he is the bread of life is too much for many of his followers and many of them turn away from him. He then asks the apostles if they, too, are going to leave him.

We can often find ourselves challenged in our faith. Maybe we feel our trust in God tested because things do not work out as we want. Maybe there are things in the teaching and life of the Church which we find difficult or even scandalous. Maybe, like those followers in the Gospel, we find it difficult to accept the full reality of the love of Christ who came as one



of us, shared our life, died for us, gives himself to us in the Eucharist and calls us to share in his resurrection. Surely there was a simpler, less demanding way.

Like the apostles we face that question. Are we ready to accept Christ's way. To accept the cross of Christ, to accept a Church built out of human beings like Peter and like us? Do we want to pick and choose what to accept? We are called to faith and trust. We called to say, with Peter, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know you are the Holy One of God".

Chris Pedley, S.J.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**to James Muldoon**



**who comes to  
St Wilfrid's  
on Sunday  
morning from  
L'Arche.  
James was 30  
on 22nd  
August.**

**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**

## **SEASON OF CREATION BEGINS ON THE 1ST SEPTEMBER**



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

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation begins next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September & lasts till the Feast of St Francis of Assisi 4<sup>th</sup> October Jesuit Missions is providing a range of resources and events to inform you and help you care for our common home.

For more information <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/seasonofcreation-2024-resources> and you will find

- Resources
- Reflections
- Podcasts
- Picnic for the Planet
- Postcard Campaign
- Prayer Service at Farm Street Church
- Journey of Hope Walk

We will also be featuring stories of hope from our partners at Jesuit Urumuri Centre in Rwanda, which provides both environmental conservation and feeding programmes

**Together we can create a more just world.**

**You are invited to a special Centenary Mass at St Gregory's  
on September 13th at 7pm celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick**

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

## Gift & Card Shop OPEN

Sunday after 10.15 Mass

Tuesday 10:30am to 2pm

**Friday 11.30am to 1pm**

**Shop closed Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August for the Bank Holiday**

Sadly this week we have heard of the deaths of two of our former parishioners who both had a big impact on the parishes they served in Preston.

**Mick Butler** with his late wife Mary were very involved in all aspects of parish life in English Martyrs. Mick was up on the roof mending the many leaks or assisting Mary by lifting, fetching and carrying -all done with good humour and wit.



When daily Masses ceased at E.M. Mick came for years to the 8.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's every weekday and to the 7am Mass on Sunday.

His funeral was on Friday. May he rest in peace.

We pray for his family especially his daughter Clare who has looked after him with his declining health.

**Sister Julian Breakell SHCJ** grew up in Preston and after years on the Missions in Africa, teaching in Ireland, working as a chaplain in Lancaster Farms, finally returned to Preston where she became involved in St Ignatius and St Augustine's parishes. She was an amazing woman who had a real empathy with the poor and those who found life difficult. She was a great listener and always knew just what to say, leaving people feeling good after they came into contact with her.



In later years she moved to Lytham but frequently came to St Wilfrid's for 12.15 Mass and to attend Parish talks. She died peacefully in Harrogate last Friday at the age of 97.

Our sympathy goes to her family, the Holy Child Sisters and her many friends. May she rest in peace.

**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**

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

Sun	25 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Joshua 24:1-2,15-17,18 Eph 5:21-32	(Ps 33)	John 6:60-69
Mon	26 Feria	2 Thess 1:1-5,11-12	(Ps 95)	Matt 23:13-22
Tue	27 St Monica	2 Thess 2:1-3,14-17	(Ps 95)	Matt 23:23-26
Wed	28 St Augustine	2 Thess 3:6-10,16-18	(Ps 22)	Matt 23:27-32
Thu	29 St John the Baptist's Martyrdom	Jer 1:17-19	(Ps 70)	Mark 6:17-29
Fri	30 Sts Margaret Clitheroe, Anne Line, Margaret Ward	Ezek 37:1-14,	(Ps 32)	Matt 25:1-13
Sat	31 St Aidan, Sts of Lindisfame	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** Mick Butler RIP

Sr Julian Breakell SHCJ RIP

**Anniversaries** Bernie Crook, Marie Hull

**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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