



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

# Newsletter

**3rd September, 2023**

**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October marks the Season of Creation. This time of prayer, reflection and action is supported, not just by the Catholic Church, but by Christians around the world. The theme for this year is taken from the prophet Amos:-

“Prophet Amos cries out:  
*But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing  
stream!*” (Amos 5: 24) and so we  
are called to join the river of justice  
and peace, to take up climate and  
ecological justice, and to speak out  
with and for communities most  
impacted by climate injustice and  
the loss of biodiversity.



As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation,  
as part of that mighty river of peace and justice”

This reflects Pope Francis' assertion, in his letter *Laudato si*, that concern for creation and social justice cannot be separated. I wrote recently about how the British Jesuits and their co-workers, myself included, had taken part in a retreat on these themes. As the organisers of the Season of Creation suggest, we need to make peace with creation. We need to live in such a way as to nurture the home we share with all God's creation. However, we need to do that in a way that pays special attention to those most affected by climate change and loss of biodiversity. These are often poorest, the people who live closest to nature, for example being dependent on subsistence agriculture, the people whose lifestyle has less impact on the environment than those of us who live in well off industrialised societies.

As we go through this month we are called, first of all, to pray for those most affected, for conversion of heart for ourselves and for conversion of heart for all those whose lifestyle has most effect on creation. Secondly, we are called to reflect on the impact of our own lifestyle, changes we might be able to make and how we might best help those in need.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

# Cleator Pilgrimage

Mother of Christ



Star of the Sea

Sunday 10th September 2023

Mass and Blessing of the Sick - 3.00pm

Principal celebrant and preacher:

**Bishop Paul Swarbrick**

## Repairs to the Church Gable



The repair work on the Church Gable is underway.

The work is scheduled to be completed in late September 2023.

The Church is open daily as usual from 8am - 6pm for private prayer, Confessions 11.50 to 12.10pm and Mass 12.15pm Monday to Friday. Weekend opening and service times are not affected.

## Deaf Community Welcome

As Fr Paul is moving to Manchester the last signed Sunday Mass with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ will be on 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 4.30pm



**I will have a couple of spaces in my car heading up to Cleator, if you are interested in a lift let me know Geoff 07932 792773.**



This year Jesuit Missions are selling Christmas cards. The money will be used to support our various projects worldwide.

Please use the below information if you wish to promote our Christmas cards.

*"Informed by the Ignatian call to go where the need is greatest, they work in areas such as anti-human trafficking, educational access, and environmental sustainability in places like India, South Sudan and Ethiopia.*

By buying Jesuit Missions Christmas cards, you make their work possible.

To place an order, go to <https://www.charitycardshop.com/JM>



The next meeting of the **Faith and Justice Group**, after **10.15 Mass 17<sup>th</sup> September** in the Parish Centre has been **postponed** to allow members to join the celebration of Fr Paul's time in Preston.



Justice and Peace  
Autumn 2023

A copy of the joint NW Dioceses' Justice and Peace Newsletter is available on the noticeboard.

**LITTLE CHURCH**

Will resume this **Sunday**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**UNVEILED**

LIFE ASCENDING

Back soon



For Jesuit  
Vocations  
every Monday  
11:30 - 12 noon



Society for the **Protection** **Pro-Life**  
of Unborn Children **Evening**

You are warmly invited to attend an information evening at the **SPUC Preston Office on Friday 8th Sept at 7pm. Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston, PR2 2YS.**

Come to hear about SPUC's current campaign. It is hoped that this meeting will encourage local pro-lifers to form a new Preston SPUC Branch. For information contact **SPUC Northern Development Officer, Terry Graham, on 07549 068226** or [terrygraham@spuc.org.uk](mailto:terrygraham@spuc.org.uk)

**This Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

There will be a Celebration of the Season of Creation at Masses with special prayers and hymns.



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**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE to Ladyewell**



**Saturday 2nd September,** with a Pontifical Holy Mass by Bishop Paul Swarbrick at St. Mary's Church, Fernyhalgh (PR2 5ST), at **11 am** followed by Rosary

& Blessed Sacrament procession down the lanes to Ladyewell for Benediction.

All are invited for this great annual Holy event.

**Can you spare an hour a month on Sunday morning ?**

At the moment we are struggling to serve tea and coffee after 10.15 Mass. If you could help please speak to one of the volunteers in the Parish Centre.

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**CAFOD school volunteers needed in your area!** Looking for a new challenge? Join CAFOD's team of school volunteers to inspire children and young people and deepen their understanding of global justice. By running inspiring assemblies and engaging workshops, you will tap into their natural compassion and sense of fairness, and they will be excited about making a difference. Use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

For more information, please contact: Nicola Blanchfield (Supporting CAFOD's work in schools across the Lancaster Diocese)

email: [nblanchfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:nblanchfield@cafod.org.uk)  
07710 094449



**PRESTON & SOUTH RIBBLE**

Street pastors annual report can be found on

<https://streetpastors.org/locations/preston/2023/06/20/2022-23-annual-report/>

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10.15am Mass will be a celebration of Fr Paul Fletcher's ministry in Preston.**

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sun 3	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Jer 20:7-9	(Ps 62)	Rom 12:1-2 Matt 16:21-27
Mon 4	<i>St Cuthbert</i>	1 Thess 4:1-5,8-10	(Ps 95)	Luke 4:16-30
Tue 5	<i>St Herbert</i>	1 Thess 5:1-6,9-11	(Ps 26)	Luke 4:31-37
Wed 6	Feria	Col 1:1-8	(Ps 51)	Luke 4:38-44
Thu 7	Feria	Col 1:9-14	(Ps 97)	Luke 5:1-11
Fri 8	Our Lady's Birthday	Micah 5:1-4	(Ps 12)	Matt 1:1-16,18-23
Sat 9	St Peter Claver SJ	Col 1:21-23	(Ps 53)	Luke 6:1-5

### Mass & Confession Times

#### Saturday

Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

**Mass 12.15pm**

Confessions 5 to 5.30pm

**Vigil 5.35pm**

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday to Friday

Confessions 11.50am - 12.10pm

**Mass 12.15pm**

**Monday Adoration 11.30am-12pm**

**The church is open daily**

**Saturday 8.00am-6.15pm**

**Sunday 6.45am-5.30pm**

**Monday to Friday 8.00am-6.00pm**

#### **Deaf Community Welcome**

Last signed Mass 10<sup>th</sup> Sept @  
4.30pm with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ

Signed Mass recordings at  
[www.catholicdeaf.org.uk](http://www.catholicdeaf.org.uk)



### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who died recently:

**Anniversaries** Fr Tony Horan SJ

**Those who are sick:** Susan Craft, Bill Beetham  
Brendan Rawsthorn, Joyce Lyons, Pauline Wilding,  
Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp, Janet Chandler.



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**



### September's Intention -

*For people living on the margins*

We pray for those living on the margins of society,  
in inhumane life conditions: may they not be  
overlooked by institutions and not be considered  
of lesser importance

### Sanctuary Gift and Card shop

open most **Monday & Fridays** 11.15 to 1.30  
with tea & coffee after **Monday & Friday Mass**,  
also during refreshments after **10.15 Mass on Sunday**  
We offer a large selection of cards for most occasions  
Rosary beads, statues and religious gifts.  
Please pop in and see us.



### Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults

For details see narthex noticeboard or contact [joel@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:joel@metanoiaproject.co.uk)