



# Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

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

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

As Catholics anniversaries are important to us. Our liturgical year is shaped around the celebration of anniversaries: the birth of Christ at Christmas, the Resurrection at Easter, the celebrations of the saints, usually on the anniversary of their deaths. We remember and pray for those who died on their anniversaries.



This coming year the Church celebrates two anniversaries in particular. Firstly, we are celebrating 100 years of the diocese of Lancaster and there will be various events here and in the Cathedral.

Secondly, 2025 will be a Holy Year. Usually, every 25 years the Pope declares a Holy Year celebrating the birth of Christ. Again, there will be events here, in the diocese and particularly in Rome. We are actually a year behind in our preparation for the Holy Year. The Pope asked us, among other things, to reflect on the key documents of the Second Vatican Council by way of preparation. This Council, 60 years ago, was important in shaping the life of the Church as we know it today and in helping us to reflect on our understanding of the Gospel. We will be having a series of reflections on the key documents on Monday evenings, starting on **23<sup>rd</sup> September**.

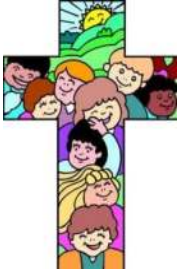
Further details will follow shortly but please keep the date in your diary and look out for notice of further events, both for the Holy Year, and for the diocesan centenary.

Prayer cards in preparation for the diocesan centenary will be available at the back of the church.



Chris Pedley, S.J.

# LITTLE CHURCH



After a summer  
break  
Little Church  
is back on  
1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER



Resumes  
5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

10.45 am coffee, start 11am

**RWANDA GROUP TRUST**

**TABLE TOP SALES**

**SATURDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 10AM-1PM**

**ST. ANTHONY'S ANNEXE**

**ST. ANTHONY'S DRIVE**

**(NEXT TO OUR LADY'S HIGH SCHOOL)**

**CONTACT BERNADETTE TO BOOK**

**A TABLE FOR £10:07734 972897/  
[grannyrazzle2024@hotmail.com](mailto:grannyrazzle2024@hotmail.com)**

This September, there will be some new prayer times added to the weekly calendar to help enhance our faith life here at St Wilfrid's.

They are designed to help us come together both with God our loving Father and with each other in community and to become a regular feature of our Parish life.

As well as these weekly prayer-times, keep your eyes peeled for other monthly, family-friendly ways to engage with the seasons of the Church's year. Please see the list below for the new prayer times or speak to Jen Murphy for more info. Contact 07957 566741 or [jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

**Tuesdays - 11am – 12noon Led Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
(including music, scripture, reflection, silence)**

**Wednesdays - 5 – 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Thursdays - 11am-12noon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Fridays - 12.45 – 1.15pm Lectio Divina (praying with the Word of God) group  
followed by soup lunch in Parish Centre**



The statue of Our Lady was renovated not so many years ago with donations from parishioners. There is a notice asking that plant pots and flowers vases be placed on the floor, not on the statue plinth. This is because they are causing water damage to the renovation. Such a shame!

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

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

# SEASON OF CREATION BEGINS ON THE 1ST SEPTEMBER



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

## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The Season of Creation begins **this 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/seasonseasonofcreation-2024->



A reflection from a Franciscan author Daniel P Horan **This year's theme, 'To act with hope with creation,' which is inspired by St. Paul's reflections on the cosmic implications of salvation (Romans 8:18-27), reminds me of an important but often overlooked factor leading to environmental degradation and anthropogenic climate change.**

Too many of us have forgotten that we are as much a part of creation as any other plant, animal, or mineral. In doing so, we have artificially distanced ourselves as a species from the rest of creation and walked away from our cosmic family like the younger brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32).

Our collective and willful ignorance about our inherent creatureliness has given us a false sense of separateness, and consequently diminished the importance and value of all other aspects of creation. The impact of this distorted way of thinking is so significant that Pope Francis names it in the second paragraph of [\*Laudato Si'\*](#): 'We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. *Gen 2:7*).' The result has been our use and abuse of the rest of creation to devastating ends.

As we celebrate this year's Season of Creation, it is a good time to perform an ecological examen and consider the ways we intentionally or unconsciously separate ourselves from what St. Francis of Assisi would describe as our sister and brother creatures beyond the human community. It is also a good time to reflect on the joy and hope that comes from being part of God's capacious, inclusive, and broad cosmic family. all members of God's family of creation?

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Sun 1 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

(Ps 14)

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Mon 2 Feria

1 Cor 2:1-5

(Ps 118)

Luke 4:16-30

Tue 3 St Gregory

1 Cor 2:10-16

(Ps 144)

Luke 4:31-37

Wed 4 St Cuthbert

1 Cor 3:1-9

(Ps 32)

Luke 4:38-44

Thu 5 St Herbert

1 Cor 3:18-23

(Ps 23)

Luke 5:1-11

Fri 6 Feria

1 Cor 4:1-5

(Ps 36)

Luke 5:33-39

Sat 7 Feria

1 Cor 4:6-15

(Ps 144)

Luke 6:1-5

## 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

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

### Lately Dead

**Anniversaries** Barbara Clerk, Marjorie Ettles

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



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



## September's Intention

**-for the cry of the earth**

Let us pray that each of us listens with  
our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of  
the victims of environmental disasters  
and the climate crisis, making a  
personal commitment to care for the  
world we inhabit.

**GIFT & CARD SHOP OPEN**  
**MONDAY & FRIDAY 11.30-1PM**  
**SUNDAY AFTER 10.15 MASS**  
**TUESDAY 10:30AM TO 2PM**

Please send items for the Newsletter to [stwilfridspa@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridspa@gmail.com)  
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