



# Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## HE HAS DONE ALL THINGS WELL

In our Sunday Gospel readings we have now returned to the reading of St Mark. This will continue until the Sunday before the final Sunday, Christ the King. Today we have the story of Jesus curing a deaf and dumb man.



This miracle amazes those who witness it. Despite Jesus ordering them to keep it quiet, they make it widely known. They say, "He has done all things well, he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak". As so often in Mark's Gospel it raises the question of who Jesus is. Those who are involved would recognise that the things Jesus

does are the things the prophets taught them to expect of the Messiah. God is clearly at work. As the Gospel goes on, this question of Jesus' identity will come up again and again but the answer is not always the one people expect. Last week we saw Jesus in conflict with the scribes and the pharisees, a conflict which will lead to his being rejected and put to death. This too is part of Jesus identity.

Unlike the people in the Gospel, we know the end of the story, we know that Jesus is the Son of God and that his death leads to his resurrection, with all that it means for us. What do we take from today's Gospel? Firstly, it shows us the power of God at work. This is the power, which through Christ, is at work in us. Secondly, we might reflect on where we need that power to be at work. How are we deaf to God's message in our lives and how do we need God to enable us to speak the Good News to those around us?

Chris Pedley, S.J.

**STARTING ON TUESDAY  
10TH 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) in church followed by soup  
lunch in Parish Centre**

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

# SEASON OF CREATION BEGAN ON 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER



## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

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



The Season of Creation began on 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 Big Welcome to Fr. John Twist SJ

who has joined the community at St Wilfrid's and will be assisting Fr Chris in the parish. He was persuaded to write a short introduction but I'm sure we will find out more about him in the weeks to come.

“I look forward to being in St. Wilfrid's parish, having just finished 6 years in St Aloysius Glasgow. Before that I was chaplain at Stonyhurst College, and have

worked in various parishes and chaplaincies over the years. My original home town was Birmingham, but it is now over 60 years since I left there.”

**RWANDA GROUP TRUST TABLE  
TOP SALES**

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

**ST. ANTHONY'S ANNEXE  
ST. ANTHONY'S DRIVE**

**CONTACT BERNADETTE TO BOOK**

**A TABLE FOR £10:**

**07734 972897/**

**[grannyrazzle2024@hotmail.com](mailto:grannyrazzle2024@hotmail.com)**

**The recent “One Day Only”  
sale on 17 August raised over £300.**



Thursdays 11am  
Coffee 10.30am

**DAY of RENEWAL**  
led by Mary Hardiman  
Who works as a Person Centred  
Counsellor for men in Prison,  
and also for a Charity that supports  
men and women on death row in America.



‘Forgiveness - Following the Example  
of Jesus Christ.’  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
10am. to 4pm.  
the day starts with Mass at 10am.  
at St Clare's Church (Parish Hall)  
Sharoe Green Lane Fulwood Preston PR2 9HH

**GIFT & CARD SHOP OPEN**

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



**Groups and events for students and young people provided by  
The Metanoia Project. Please see Joe White UCLan Chaplain  
[joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk) 07481188102**



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

Sun 8	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5	(Ps 145)	Mark 7:31 37
Mon 9	St Peter Claver SJ	1 Cor 5:1-8	(Ps 5)	Luke 6:6-11
Tue 10	Feria	1 Cor 6:1-11	(Ps 149)	Luke 6:12-19
Wed 11	Feria	1 Cor 7:25-31	(Ps 44)	Luke 6:20-26
Thu 12	Feria	1 Cor 8:1-7,11-13	(Ps 138)	Luke 6:27-38
Fri 13	St John Chrysostom	1 Cor 9:16-19,22-27	(Ps 83)	Luke 6:39-42
Sat 14	Exaltation of the Cross	Num 21:4-9	(Ps 77)	John 3:13-17

## 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

**Every Sunday during  
10.15 Mass**

**LITTLE CHURCH**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**Lately Dead**

**Anniversaries** James Quigley

**Those who are sick:** Fr Michael Murphy.

Joyce Lyons, Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell



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.

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

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