



Newsletter

25th February 2024

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

DO WE UNDERSTAND?

One of the purposes of Lent is to give us time and space to reflect a little bit more than usual on the place of God and his Son Jesus in our lives. If our faith in them and our love for them is to grow it needs to be nourished and cultivated, otherwise it runs the risk of withering and dying. So what can we do to help it flourish?

One good way, particularly in this season, is to spend time reflecting on the Passion of Jesus. We can do this in our own personal prayer or on things like the stations of the cross. Yet we can still find it very difficult to understand why all this had to happen to Jesus. Could Jesus not have done the work of our redemption by living to a fine old age and dying peacefully in his bed? Perhaps he could, but would there not have been something missing? Look at the harsh life or cruel death that many people throughout history have had to endure. Would Jesus be any encouragement or consolation to them if he had escaped such circumstances? Would it not indicate that Jesus was willing to go so far but not any further for us? Whereas the truth is that there is nothing he was not willing to do for us, no lengths to which he was not willing to go for our salvation. And all because of his love for us.

If we still find this hard to comprehend what about the apostles? Saint Mark tells us that Jesus predicted his Passion three times and each time was met with incomprehension. First, Peter told him that this must not happen. Second, they were arguing about which of them was the greatest. Third, James and John asked to be given the greatest seats in the Kingdom. Maybe with God's grace we're doing a little better than they were.

Hugh Duffy SJ

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday in Lent there will be Stations of the Cross after 12.15 Mass.

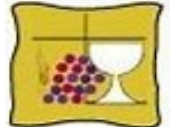
Friday Evenings in Lent at 7.30pm

23 rd February	Unveiled
1 st March	Stations of the Cross
8 th March	Unveiled
15 th March	JRS Stations
22 nd March	Unveiled



LENT MEETING OF FORMATION FOR LECTORS AND EMHC

Monday 11th March at 7pm in Parish Centre.



CAFOD FAST DAY 23rd February

This Friday you are asked to join in the fast by eating simply and giving the money you saved. Please bring your donation in the envelope and put it in baskets at the end of Mass on 24/25th Feb. The money collected this year will go to help fishermen, off the coast of Liberia, buying essential safety gear like life jackets & GPS equipment.

Does anyone have a few hours (11.15-13.15) to spare on Friday morning to help at the shop at St. Wilfrid's?. Could the lady who kindly offered to help please ring Margaret Nelson 01772460651

Sanctuary Gift and Card shop

Open Mon & Fri 11.15-1.15 and during refreshments after 10.15 Mass on Sunday. We offer a large selection of cards for most occasions

We now have new stock including **St Patrick's Day, Mothers Day and Easter Cards**

All our profits go to charities.

We will have some of our stock in the narthex next Sunday 3rd March

Sign up for the Jesuit Missions' Lenten Campaign, *Mission to Hope*



Each week we will be sharing stories of hope from beneficiaries, partners and our team. You are invited to add your prayers for, and with, partners on our virtual prayer board and to join our *Mission to Hope* Prayer Vigil which will be available on the Jesuit Missions' website and YouTube from Tuesday 19th March.

To learn more visit:

<https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/campaign/lent-campaign-mission-to-hope/> or use the QR code.



This year, every Monday during Lent the Vatican will publish a vignette drawn by Maupal illustrating a passage from the Pope's Lenten message. The artist is known to Romans (and the world) for his portraits of Francis painted on the streets of the Eternal City.

By commissioning the artist the aim was to "break away from a classical presentation" and invite Christians to broaden their horizons, explains Muriel Fleury, head of communications in the Vatican.

An artist's eye allows us to "see things we wouldn't necessarily have seen,

The first poster, designed around the general theme of the message — **"Through the desert God guides us to freedom"** —

depicts Francis carrying a cart laden with a bag labelled "faith," tracing a path through a desert littered with nails. These nails, Maupal explained at a press conference, represent **"our old and new idols, all our prisons."** **When we follow Pope Francis, who opens the way with the strength of faith, they disappear: The road becomes passable for all,"** he added.



If any families would like their child (Y3 or older) to make their **First Holy Communion & Reconciliation** at St. Wilfrid's Church in 2024 please contact Fr.Chris

cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk or Monica Holdsworth

holdsworthmonica@gmail.com

and we will let you know when lessons are taking place — usually Saturdays in the Parish Centre.

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This week's readings

Sun 25	2nd Sunday in Lent	Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18	(Ps 115)	
		Rom 8:31-34		Mark 9:2-10
Mon 26	Feria	Dan 9:4-10	(Ps 78)	Luke 6:36-38
Tue 27	Feria	Isaiah 1:10,16-20	(Ps 40)	Matt 23:1-12
Wed 28	Feria	Jer 18:18-20	(Ps 30)	Matt 20:17-28
Thu 29	Feria	Jer 17:5-10	(Ps 1)	Luke 16:19-31
Fri 1	St David	Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28	(Ps 129)	Matt 5:20-26
Sat 2	Feria	Micah 7:14-15,18-20,	(Ps 102)	Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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 to 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm

Eucharistic



Adoration

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



Ascent Goup Thursday

11am in Parish Centre.

Coffee 10.45am.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Lately Dead Leonora Hall R.I.P.

Anniversaries Sheila Clarkson, Mary Balshaw

Edward McGinley, Patrick O'Donnell

Fr Bernard Walker SJ

Those who are sick: Susan Craft, Joyce Lyons,
Brendan Rawsthorn, Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp,



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



March's Intention -

For New Martyrs

Let us pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

LITTLE CHURCH

At 10.15 am Sunday Mass.

The Parish Newsletter is to reflect what happens in the Parish & news regarding parishioners. If you would like something to be included please send information to the Parish Administrator or email stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com