



# Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

## AS THE FATHER SENT ME SO I AM SENDING YOU

When we hear today's Gospel from John about Jesus appearance to his disciples we tend to focus on the story of Thomas. However, something very significant happens during the first appearance.



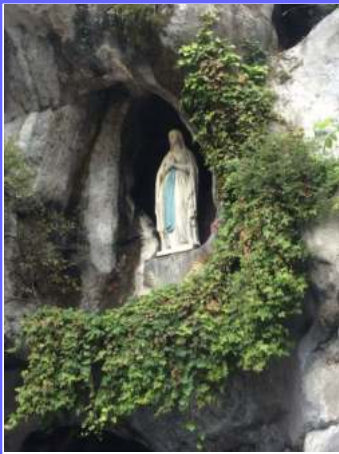
The disciples are gathered together, and the door of the room is closed because they are frightened that what happened to Jesus in his passion will happen to them. These are the ones who ran away when Jesus was arrested. Now Jesus comes to them and says, "Peace be with you". He shows them his hands and his side, just as he will to Thomas the following week. He proves that he is the one who is crucified and that he is alive. He then

says something extraordinary, "As the Father sent me so I am sending you". These disciples who have shut themselves in out of fear, who abandoned him when things got difficult, these are the ones who are sent out to carry on Jesus' mission. He then gives them the gift they need to do what he has told them, the gift of the Holy Spirit. These very disciples are beginning of the Church. Furthermore, they are given the power to forgive sins.

Elsewhere in the Gospels it is Jesus' claim to forgive sins which brings him into conflict with the scribes and pharisees. They point out that only God has the power to forgive sins. The resurrection demonstrates who Jesus is, the one who does have the power to forgive sins. His death and resurrection are the very things that bring the forgiveness of our sins. Now, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives that power to his Church. It is this working of the Holy Spirit which the Church relies on in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

We are all, through our baptism, sent by Christ as he was sent by his Father. We are sent to proclaim the good news of God's mercy, the good news of Easter to our world. As we hear today's Gospel let us ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission we have been given.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



Hi my name is Isabel and I'm 17. I go to Cardinal Newman College ; I am a Young Leader for Metanoia Project, and I am a parishioner of St Wilfrid's. I read at the 4.30pm Mass.

Last year I went to Lourdes on the Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage , I wrote about my trip in the Parish magazine. It really opened my heart more to Jesus; and placed Mary our Mother into my heart , it was a privilege to pray for lots of you at the grotto and take your intentions with me.

I would love to go again this year . This is only possible if I raise some funds towards it .

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April after the 10.15 and 4.30 Masses , I will be selling cakes , ice pops and having a tombola with every penny raised going towards this trip. Im looking forward to chatting with you about my trip.

Thank you !



To celebrate 20 years of Preston being a Fairtrade City there is a competition till **Saturday 13th April.**

Prizes of Fairtrade chocolate. Open to children & adults

Collect a form from the Library or from one of the following:

Oxfam, Lush, Holland & Barrett, Waterstones or Body Shop. There are 15 knitted Easter Eggs, marked with a letter, in the windows of businesses offering Fairtrade goods. Fill in the letters and make a word(s). Return your form to the Library (in the Guildhall)



Lent Campaign -Mission to Hope. For some really positive thoughts, music and prayers watch the short film on YouTube. To access <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/campaign/lent-campaign-mission-to-hope>

## Sanctuary Gift and Card shop

Open Mon & Fri 11.15-1.15 after 10.15 Mass on Sunday.

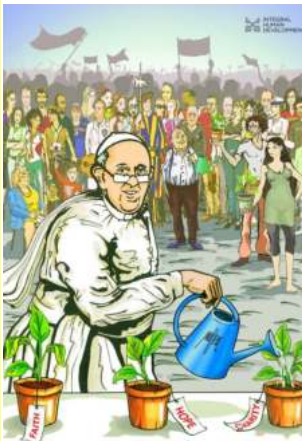
We offer a large number of cards for most occasions,  
at competitive prices.

**There are a good selection of gifts for  
Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation**

All of our profits go to charities.

**We will reopen on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> & Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Please come and have a look round.**



In Maupal's seventh and final vignette, Pope Francis takes centre stage, watering plants that are just beginning to grow. **The potted plants are labelled "Faith," "Hope," and "Charity," the theological virtues of the Church.** The Pope is locking eyes with the viewer as he waters the plants, with a smile that is inviting each of us to take part in nourishing virtue in our lives, and consequently, blessing our common home, as we were instructed in his 2015 encyclical

*Laudato Si.*



Thank you for everyone who contributed to make the Holy Week and Easter liturgy so meaningful. We are grateful to Fr Chris and Fr Hugh, the altar servers, led by Richard, those who provided the music, the choir led by Maria, the African singers and Ruth with her beautiful voice. We also thank the readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and collectors. There are also those who work hard in the background Peter, Tony, Jim Joe Monica and Lee.

Thank you to everyone who attended the services and contributed to the celebrations.

**FRIDAY 19 APRIL@7pm PARISH BINGO NIGHT**

**with refreshments. BYOB**

**In aid of the Jude Christian Orphanage.**

**Tickets £10**

**available from Maria Hall & the shop**



Christine Cox has kindly offered to cook the food .If you can help her with the preparation please get in touch with Christine or Maria Hall.

### **Gift Aid envelopes**

for the next financial year are available for collection in the Sacristy. Forms also available for anyone who wants to Gift Aid their donations so we can recover the tax.

### **Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults**

Metanoia Project are now officially offering Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults on behalf of the Diocese of Lancaster and St. Wilfrid's Parish. Further info about groups and events please contact [joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sun 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6-	(Ps 117)	John 20:19-31
Mon 8	The Annunciation	Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Heb 10:4-10	(Ps 39)	Luke 1:26-38
Tue 9	Feria	Acts 4:32-37	(Ps 92)	John 3:7b-15
Wed 10	Feria	Acts 5:17-26	(Ps 33)	John 3:16-21
Thu 11	Feria	Acts 5:27-33	(Ps 33)	John 3:31-36
Fri 12	Feria	Acts 5:34-42	(Ps 26)	John 6:1-15
Sat 13	Feria	Acts 6:1-7	(Ps 32)	John 6:16-21

**Mass & Confession Times**

**Saturday**

Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

**Mass 12.15pm**

**Sunday**

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

**Monday to Friday**

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm

**Mass 12.15pm**

Eucharistic



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

**LIFE  ASCENDING**

**Ascent Group Thursday**

**11am in Parish Centre.**

**Coffee 10.45am.**

**Resumes after Easter Break**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR**

**Lately Dead**

**Anniversaries** Sheila Huyton, Edward Holden

James Berry,

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



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**



**April's Intention - For the Role of Women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**LITTLE CHURCH**

**During 10.15 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](mailto:stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com)