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Newsletter

14th April 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

WE ARE WITNESSES TO THIS

Many of the episodes in the gospels with which we are most familiar actually appear only in the gospel of Saint Luke: the Annunciation, the shepherds at the manger, the boy Jesus in the temple, the good Samaritan, the prodigal son, the rich man and Lazarus, the pharisee and the publican, Zacchaeus in his tree, the good thief, the walk to Emmaus, the immediate sequence of which we hear in this Sunday's gospel, and others. Luke also wrote a second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which we read all during the Easter season.



All four gospels have their own characteristics. Luke seems to specialize in a supremely artistic presentation of the activity and parables of Jesus. His emphasis is on the gospel being good news for the poor, the downtrodden, the sinful, not because such people are necessarily any better than anyone else but because God shows them greater mercy and compassion, knowing that they need it. Jesus shows them a tenderness and love which they have often never experienced before. Dante called Saint Luke the *scriba mansuetudinis Christi*, the one who most clearly depicted the gentleness and loving kindness of Christ. Surely we too know our need of such a welcoming and healing presence in our lives. And the more we realise our own need, the more we are invited by Christ to recognize such needs in our fellow men and women. The greater our consciousness of the forgiveness we have been offered, the more we must extend such forgiveness to others.

At the end of our gospel today Jesus reminds us that this good news would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. "You are witnesses to this."

Hugh Duffy SJ

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sun 14	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:13-15,17-19 1 John 2:1-5-	(Ps 4)	Luke 24:35-48
Mon 15	Feria	Acts 6:8-15	(Ps 118)	John 6:22-29
Tue 16	St Bernadette	Acts 7:51-8:1	(Ps 30)	John 6:30-35
Wed 17	Feria	Acts 8:1-8	(Ps 65)	John 6:35-40
Thu 18	Feria	Acts 8:26-40	(Ps 65)	John 6:44-51
Fri 19	Feria	Acts 9:1-20	(Ps 116)	John 6:52-59
Sat 20	Feria	Acts 9:31-42	(Ps 115)	John 6:60-69

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 James Francis Ryan RIP

Anniversaries Mary McSharry, Fr Manus Keane SJ
John Bretherton, Martin Lucas, Fr Tony Nye SJ,
Mary Sweeney.

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

LIFE ASCENDING

Ascent Group Thursday
11am in Parish Centre.
Coffee 10.45am.

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



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 where I read at the 4.30pm Mass.

Last year I went to Lourdes on the Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage and wrote about my trip in the Parish magazine. The pilgrimage experience 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. So, this Sunday, 14th April, after the 10.15am and 4.30pm Masses, I will be selling cakes, ice pops and having a tombola with every penny raised going towards this trip. I'm looking forward to chatting with you about my trip.

Thank you !



On Sunday morning Tommy Walthew will be baptised. We welcome him to our Parish Community. We pray for him, his family and Godparents

Several parishioners have asked about Patrick Rooney. He would like people to know he is now resting in RPH before moving to Blackpool for heart surgery. He asks for your continued prayers.



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 and after 10.15 Mass on Sunday.

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

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

All of our profits go to charities.

Please come and have a look around.

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.



The Ascent group is a meeting for retired men and women who assemble each **Thursday** in the Parish Centre.

We meet at **10.45** for friendship, chat, tea and coffee and at 11am Fr. Paul Hackett SJ, our Chaplain, leads us through the Sunday readings for contemplation and discussion.

Please come and join us and you will be made most welcome. If you regularly come to 12.15pm Mass on a Thursday please think about coming a bit earlier and joining the group.



This week's Sunday worship at 8.10am on BBC radio 4 is from the Metropolitan Cathedral Liverpool entitled "Peace Be With You" Available on BBCSounds for 3 weeks.

Last Sunday's Songs of Praise was filmed at the Jesuit Retreat Centre St Beuno's. The theme was "Mind, Body and Soul."



Let's Go Green
Food plan meals ahead and only buy what you know you will use

Try to eat **LOAF** -
Locally produced
Organically grown
Animal friendly
Fairly traded

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