



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

# Newsletter

**3<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

## JESUS IN THE TEMPLE



Today's Gospel shows a different Jesus to the one we expect. Here Jesus responds angrily to the abuse he sees in the Temple or the substitution of reliance on the Temple for obedience to God, obedience to the Law we get in our first reading. The Temple of Jesus time was the one which King Herod had built. It was new, in fact

work was still going on. Jesus' hearers point out that it had already taken forty-six years to build. Jesus, however, uses the Temple as sign of his own passion and resurrection.

In last week's scene of the Transfiguration we saw Jesus glorified in the presence of Moses and Elijah as the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. Today Jesus talks about the Temple which is his body. He is the fulfilment of all that the Temple stood for. He is the mediator between us and the Father. He is the one who brings an offering far greater than anything offered in the Temple sacrifices, his own self, given for us on the Cross. The Letter to the Hebrews portrays Christ as the high priest who passes through the curtain into the real Holy of Holies in heaven bringing an eternal offering. The Mass enables us to participate in this offering as we remember the death and the resurrection of Jesus.

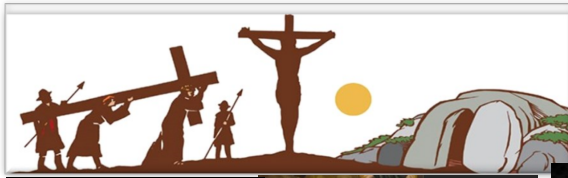
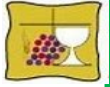


The Temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed by the Romans a few short years after the time of Jesus. Only the "Wailing Wall" remains. The Temple of Christ's body remains for ever. Our Gospel reminds us of this as we prepare to celebrate the central events of our faith in Holy Week and Easter.

*Chris Pedley, S.J*



LENT MEETING OF FORMATION FOR LECTORS AND EMHC  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** in Parish Centre.



This Friday there will be  
 Stations of the Cross  
 after 12.15 Mass & at 7.30pm

ST WALBURGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 Weston Street, Preston, PR2 4QH  
**VIA CRUCIS**  
 THE WAY OF THE CROSS  
 IN WORDS & MUSIC

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**  
 at 7.00 P.M.



St Walburge's has a special Stations of the Cross on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm as it will be by Octavius, a choir of dedicated and skilled singers based in Lancashire.

Music will include:  
 Bruckner's Christus Factus Est, Byrd's Ave

Verum and Civitas Sancti Tui, Lotti's Crucifixus and Bach's Passion Chorale.



**DIAKONOS SERVICE MINISTRY**

**WE NEED**

**VOLUNTEERS**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING  
 ST WILFRID'S CHURCH**

WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO HELP DURING OUR REGULAR HOMELESS DROP IN. SERVING THE PEOPLE WHO ATTEND, BY GIVING OUT CLOTHES AND HOT DRINKS AS WELL AS LISTENING AND CHATTING WITH THEM. SHARING THE GOSPEL SO THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS HAVE AN EXPERIENCE OF JESUS.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH  
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**Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. £899.00 pps.** Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three day, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com).

### 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  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> March. To learn more use the QR code or visit:

<https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/campaign/lent-campaign-mission-to-hope/>



The next week of Lent, shows the pope is staging something of a prison break. Stretching through the barbed wire, **Pope Francis reaches down the high cement prison walls to pull a man and woman out of captivity.** Each prisoner is wearing a ball and chain bearing the words “**fear**” and “**hate,**” but these shackles seem to have already been removed at the guidance of the Pope.

The new artwork points toward a passage of Pope Francis' Lenten message, in which he reminds us that the “**love of God and love of neighbour are one love.**” The Pope invites the faithful “**to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour.**”

Furthermore, the image could be considered to represent another passage of the message, where the Pope invited “**every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles**” to evaluate and improve their contribution to society. The prisoners, who have rethought their lifestyles, are now prepared to be pulled out of the prison that sin creates for each of us.



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](mailto:cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk) or Monica Holdsworth [holdsworthmonica@gmail.com](mailto:holdsworthmonica@gmail.com) and we will let you know when lessons are taking place – usually Saturdays in the Parish Centre.

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



### This week's readings

Sun 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:20-25	(Ps 19)	John 2:13-25
Mon 4	Feria	2 Kings 5:1-15	(Ps 41)	Luke 4:24-30
Tue 5	Feria	Daniel 3:25,34-43	(Ps 24)	Matt 18:21-35
Wed 6	Feria	Deut 4:1,5-9	(Ps 147)	Matt 5:17-19
Thu 7	Feria	Jer 7:23-28	(Ps 94)	Luke 11:14-23
Fri 8	Feria	Hosea 14:2-10	(Ps 80)	Mark 12:28-34
Sat 9	Feria	Hosea 5:15-6:6	(Ps 50)	Luke 18:9-14

### 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

LIFE  ASCENDING

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

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**Lately Dead** Leonora Hall R.I.P.

**Anniversaries** Fr Gerry O'Mahony SJ,  
Don Bell, Lena Clancy, Paul Rawsthorn.

**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.  
All children welcome

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)