



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

# Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
LÆTARE SUNDAY

## GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

This Sunday has a slightly different feel from the other Sunday's in Lent. The priest wears different vestments, which are rose coloured, and only come out in the middle of Advent and the middle of Lent. The Entrance Antiphon says, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, all you who love her. Be joyful, all you who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast".

The first reading tells us about God restoring Jerusalem after the people had turned away from him and they had been carried off into exile in Babylon. The Persian king Cyrus lets them return and enables them to rebuild the Temple. St Paul in the letter to the Ephesians talks about the generous love of God. This goes beyond anything shown in the Old Testament. Through God's grace shown in Christ we have been raised up with him and given a place in heaven. Today's theme of rejoicing because we are looking forward to celebrating the resurrection at Easter.

In the Gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus the same thing. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life". This is a costly love. God gave his only Son. Jesus uses the example of the image of a serpent which Moses put up so that those who were bitten by the plague of serpents, which the Israelites experience in the desert might be healed. So with us, it is Jesus on the cross who is raised up so that we might have life. Today's readings sum up the things we are going to be remembering

during Holy Week, the death and resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for us. We are called to remember that, as Paul says, "We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he meant us to live it".

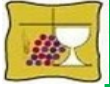


*Chris Pedley, S.J*



LENT MEETING OF FORMATION FOR LECTORS AND EMHC

**This Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Parish Centre.**



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

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?**

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience Maybe recently graduated. Interested- [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

For many years Metanoia Project's blue box for the Wednesday evening Homeless Drop In has been at the back of church. From now on this box will be kept inside the sacristy.

Please can all donations be left inside the sacristy before or after Mass, or at 1 Chapel Street if the red door is open, or ring Jen to discuss a convenient drop off time on 07957566741.

We thank you for your generosity.

**DIAKONON 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.

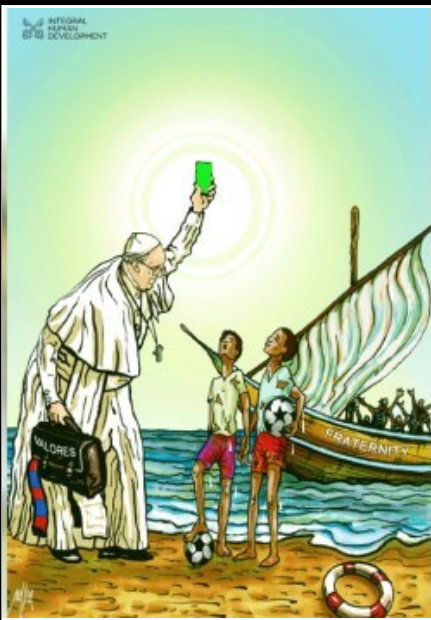
FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH JEN 07957566741 [jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

**Today we pray for all mothers**

**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 [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@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 have **St Patrick's Day, Mothers Day and Easter Cards** All our profits go to charities.**



The latest edition to this series shows two migrant children playing soccer after making landfall, their life belt is still on the beach. Pope Francis holds up a green card as though he were a referee.

**Here, however, the artist melds the meaning of a green card in soccer – which is a minor penalty that does not prevent a player from further participation in the team’s next match – and its meaning to immigrants, identifying a person as a permanent resident of a new country and permitting them to work. In the background, a boat labelled “Fraternity” cheers the efforts of the Pope.**

The announcement of the new artwork points toward a passage of Pope Francis’ Lenten message, in which he reminds 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 body of our neighbour.”**

# Happy 90th birthday



**Congratulations to Daphne James who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with relatives from Canada, Australia & UK who joined her for a special Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> March**



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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**Superior of the Jesuit Community: Fr Hugh Duffy SJ (554387)**

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



**This week's readings**

Sun 10	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	2 Chronicles 36:4-16,19-23 Eph 2:4-10	(Ps 136)	John 3:14-21
Mon 11	Feria	Isaiah 65:17-21	(Ps 29)	Luke 4:24-30
Tue 12	Feria	Daniel 3:25,34-43	(Ps 24)	Matt 18:21-35
Wed 13	Feria	Deut 4:1,5-9	(Ps 147)	Matt 5:17-19
Thu 14	Feria	Jer 7:23-28	(Ps 94)	Luke 11:14-23
Fri 15	Feria	Hosea 14:2-10	(Ps 80)	Mark 12:28-34
Sat 16	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



**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**

**Anniversaries** Ossie Clerk, Denise Varey,  
Fr Leslie McKenna SJ

**Those who are sick:** Susan Craft, Joyce Lyons,  
Brendan Rawsthorn, Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSP,  
Fr Michael Murphy



**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)