



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

28th April 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

In the Gospel today Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches. He is the vine, we are the branches. We can only bear fruit if we are connected to Christ and share his life.



I am the vine; you are the branches.

Through our baptism we become part of Christ. To use another image, we become members of his body, each with our own role. We share in the mission of that body, which is the Church.

We have had a number of reminders about our place in the Church recently. Last week I wrote about our connection to the

Jesuits, the religious order which has served this church and the wider area of Preston for so long. We also had a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Paul. This reminds us that we are part of this Diocese of Lancaster which will soon be celebrating its centenary. Both the Jesuits and the Diocese are part of the wider Church throughout the world. We cannot live a Christian life on our own, we can only do so if we are joined to Christ and joined to others. Celebrating the Eucharist we are always doing so with this wider body of Christ, united in him.

Let us give thanks for the wonderful gift of being called to be part of the Church, one with Christ, branches of the vine. Let us remember to support one another in prayer and in other practical ways. We can do so in confidence in Jesus' words, "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples".

Chris Pedley, S.J.

THANK YOU FROM THE JUDE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE (from Maria)



Sincere thanks to those who came and those who made generous donations. Particular thanks to Christine Cox and the catering crew Christine, Andrew and Ursula who gave us a delicious supper and the parish shop for sponsoring the meal.

The total raised was £504. It has already been sent to Zambia and will go towards bedroom furniture for the dormitory.

You can find out more at www.judechristianorphanage.com

CAFOD

A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments.

Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on 25 April and 4 May to learn more.



Sr. Teresa Dougan sends a message to Friends of St Wilfrid's Parish

Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity for my 100th birthday. It was a good time, before and after the big occasion, with King Charles' and Queen Camilla's birthday greetings. Everybody was very kind to me and enjoyed birthday cake made by my niece. I have asked that Mass be offered for you all. God Bless.

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.

Gifts for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

All of our profits go to charities. **Please come and have a look around.**

This Sunday we will have a table in the narthex.

Please pray for Fr Peter Brook S.J., Minister of the Jesuit Community here and who helped in the parish until a couple of years ago, who died on Wednesday morning. Funeral date to be confirmed.

The people of Sudan need our help urgently. We are launching an [emergency appeal](#) for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster.



When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas where fighting is still going on remain. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out.

But the Church and our local partners are still there. The situation has gone from serious to desperate very quickly. The UN is calling it 'the world's worst displacement crisis'. At least 8 million people have had to flee their homes; famine looms.

"At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory." Telley Sadia, CAFOD's country representative for Sudan.

Let us, as Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Swarbrick wrote recently to Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla, Archbishop of Juba and president of the Sudanese Bishops' Conference,

'extend to you the prayerful support of the Church in England and Wales and... express our solidarity with you in your current circumstances of profound distress. We have heard your cry in your recent statement, in which you reminded the international community of the need for support to bring about an end to the civil conflict and allow for immediate humanitarian access to alleviate hunger across Sudan.'

Food: Millions of families who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and are now facing yet another urgent crisis – hunger.

Donations now will help provide emergency food packages, as well as other essentials like medicine.

Water: Water pipelines have been damaged, meaning that families are having to fetch water from unsafe locations. With your support, we can work to repair damage to pipelines and build new ones so that clean water can reach the communities who need it.

Sanitation: We are providing emergency sanitation in several of Sudan's largest refugee camps. This is a desperate need especially for the sick, the elderly, those with young children. **There will be a special collection for the emergency in Sudan next weekend 4/5 May.**

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 jo@metanoiaproject.co.uk

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Sun 28	5 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24-	(Ps 21)	John 15:1-8
Mon 29	St Catherine of Siena	1 John 1:5-2:2	(Ps 113)	John 14:21-26
Tue 30	Feria	Acts 14:19-28	(Ps 144)	John 14:27-31
Wed 1	St Joseph the Worker	Acts 15:1-6	(Ps 121)	John 15:1-8
Thu 2	St Athanasius	Acts 15:7-21	(Ps 95)	John 15:9-11
Fri 3	Sts Philip & James	1 Cor 15:1-8	(Ps 18)	John 14:6-14
Sat 4	English Martyrs	Acts 7:55-70	(Ps 30)	John 17:11-19

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

Eucharistic



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

There will be no Ascent meeting on 2nd May as the Parish Centre will be closed for maintenance.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Lately Dead Ken Howorth RIP

Funeral Service 2pm Thursday 2nd May

Mark Williams RIP, Fr Peter Brook SJ RIP

Anniversaries Fr Thomas Shufflebottom SJ.

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



May's Intention -

For the Formation of Men & Women Religious & Seminarians

Let us pray that men & women religious and seminarians grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual & community formation that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

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