



## St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

# Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### NOW THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED

The Jewish people of Jesus' time lived in the middle of a Greek culture. The New Testament itself was written in Greek. Today some Greeks ask to see Jesus. They represent the whole of humanity whom Jesus has come to save. The passage ends by Jesus saying that when he is lifted up on the Cross he will draw all men to himself.



This contrasts with what John calls "the Jews", which does not mean the Jewish people, but rather those who reject Jesus. The appearance of those for whom he has come leads Jesus to spell out what is about to happen.

Jesus says, "Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified".



He goes on to use the image of the grain of wheat falling into the ground and dying so that it can produce a rich harvest. Jesus is glorified in his Passion. Both the Gospel and the Letter to the Hebrews talk about Jesus' recognition of

what this is going to cost him. However, Jesus obediently lays down his life so that we might have eternal salvation.

We are also called to follow Jesus' model of obedience. We are called to be Jesus' servants and to follow his way. This includes accepting that, "Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life". Lent reminds us to let go of all those things that keep us from God and to give of ourselves in the service of others. This Sunday we mark the closeness of our remembering the Passion of Christ by veiling the statues in church. As we prepare to remember the events of Holy Week we ask that we might follow the pattern of Christ in our lives.

*Chris Pedley SJ*

**Mission to Hope Prayer Vigil** available on Jesuit Missions' website & YouTube from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. More info use QR code or visit: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/campaign/lent-campaign-mission-to-hope/>



## Metanoia Donations

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 now 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.



**This Friday Stations of the Cross** after 12.15 Mass & Jesuit Refugee Stations at 7.30pm. Next Friday there will be Unveiled.



**DIAKONOS SERVICE  
MINISTRY**

Metanoia Project

**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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Sr Teresa Dougan, Bryn Mair Convent,  
Monastery Road, Pantasaph, Holywell.  
CH8 8PB. 100 years old on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**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.

## 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 and Easter Cards**

All our profits go to charities.

**Due to lack of volunteers the shop will close early 12.45pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> & will be closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

We will be open on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> & Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thanks to everyone who has supported the shop.**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord when the entry of Christ into Jerusalem is recalled. Palms will be distributed and blessed and the Gospel of the death of Jesus will be read.

This is the beginning of Holy Week ending with the Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday and culminating in the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

**If you are a Lector or Minister of the Eucharist and wish to participate in any of the Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter services there are lists in the Sacristy. Please write your name in any of the vacant slots.**



**If you would like to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday there is a list in the Sacristy.**

**We need 12 people. Please add your name to the list.**

Last Sunday we celebrated **Mothering Sunday** by sending Mums a flowering plant.

It was good that even our teenagers were involved, thanks to Lee.



**St. Wilfrid's, Preston**

**Holy Week  
& Easter**

**2024**

**See notice boards & pick up a leaflet in the Narthex for information**

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



Sun 17	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Ezek. 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11	(Ps 129)	
Mon 18	Feria	Dan. 13:1-9,15-17,19-62	(Ps 22)	John 11:1-14
Tue 19	St Joseph	2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16 Rom 4: 13,16-18,22	(Ps 88)	John 8:1-11
Wed 20	Feria	Dan 3:14-20,24-25,28	(Dan 3)	Luke 2:41-51
Thu 21	Feria	Gen 17:3-9	(Ps 104)	John 8:31-42
Fri 22	Feria	Jer 20:10-13	(Ps 17)	John 8:51-59
Sat 23	Feria	Ezek 37:21-28	(Jer 31)	John 10:31-42 John 11:45-56

## 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

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**Lately Dead** Joan Routledge RIP Requiem  
12.15 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Anniversaries** Hilary Maddiss, Eileen Pawelko,  
Marie Hall, Parry Richardson, Mary Dunnett

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



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**

LIFE  ASCENDING

**Ascent Goup 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 or email [stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com)