



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

5th May 2024

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Today we have a bit more from John's Gospel of Jesus talking to his disciples at the Last Supper. The disciples are his friends because he has chosen them and has shared with them everything he has learnt from his Father. Indeed, we have already learned that he is sharing with them his relationship with the Father. They are one with him as he is with the Father. This was brought out in last week's Gospel about the vine and the branches.



Today the emphasis is on Jesus' command to his disciples to love one another. In our culture love can be trivialised. Even second-hand goods are called "pre-loved". The word is also often used as a euphemism for sex without the context of true love and commitment which gives the sexual act its real meaning.

In contrast to this, one of the most popular readings for weddings is more realistic. It is St. Paul talking about love in 1Corinthians 13. He begins by saying, "Love is always patient and kind". What he goes on to say almost spells out the conditions for a happy marriage, a self giving love that puts the other first. Here, in today's Gospel, Jesus goes further. He says, "Love one another as I have loved you", and, "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends". If we want to know the kind of love Jesus is asking of us we need to look at his example, the example of the cross. It is this love we celebrate when we come to Mass.

Love one another is not trite or sentimental. Love is demanding. Indeed this kind of love is something we can only show if we let the Spirit be at work within us, if we are truly united with Christ. Let us ask that, as we celebrate this Sunday, we may really follow Christ's command to love one another.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



Thursday, 9th May

**The Solemnity of the Ascension
and a Holyday of Obligation.**

**There will be Masses at 12.15am
and 5.35pm on that day.**

**May is also the month of Mary
when we pray especially
for her help.**

We are happy to tell you that the Parish Centre now has a new boiler -it was fitted quickly and on time!

During the next few weeks the new fire doors in the centre will be painted but this is not expected to cause any disruption.



Sadly Helena Galvin aged 94 died on April 25th after a short illness. After St Ignatius church closed Helena came to St Wilfrid's Saturday evening Mass with her friend June. She went on the parish trip to Lourdes a number of times. She was born in Ireland but spent much of her life in England but had no relatives here. A very quiet, unassuming lady she always had a big smile. Her requiem is on 10th May 10.30 at English Martyrs. We send our sympathies to her family, especially her niece Aileen, and friends Angela & Anthony.

Let's Go Green

THE WAY WE TRAVEL

**If practical, allow extra time for local journeys to walk or cycle
rather than drive**

Consider local transport rather than the car

Sanctuary Gift and Card shop

**Thank you to everyone who has bought items in the last week
Thanks to your ongoing generosity we have been able to support various
parish charities.**

The shop will be open on Sunday but closed next week.

Monday for the Bank Holiday & Friday for attendance at a funeral

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 this weekend 4/5 May.**



Victoria Firth from the Jesuit Refugee Service will be making an appeal at all the Masses on 11th/12th 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 joel@metanoiaproject.co.uk

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Sun	5	6 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:25,34,35,44-48 1 John 4:7-10	(Ps 97)	John 15:9-17
Mon	6	Feria	Acts 16:11-15	(Ps 149)	John 15:26-16:4
Tue	7	Feria	Acts 16:22-34	(Ps 137)	John 16:5-11
Wed	8	Feria	Acts 17:15,22 18:1	(Ps 148)	John 16:12-15
Thu	9	The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23	(Ps 46)	Mark 16:15-20
Fri	10	Feria	Acts 18:9-18	(Ps 46)	John 16:20-23
Sat	11	Feria	Acts 18:23-28	(Ps 46)	John 16:23-28

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**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Lately Dead Susan Craft RIP, Helena Galvin RIP,
James Pinder RIP

Anniversaries Joan Maxwell, Mary Bell,
James Sumner.

Those who are sick: 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.

LIFE ASCENDING

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

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