



# Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK

In today's Gospel we see Jesus' compassion towards the sick. When the leper says to Jesus, "If you want to you can cure me", Jesus says, "Of course I do! Be cured!". Healing the sick is one of the things Jesus sends his disciples out to do in the Gospel. This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick and also for the unemployed. For many people in this country those two things go together.



Praying for the sick probably something we all do on a regular basis. We usually include the sick in our Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. The Church has a special sacrament of Anointing the Sick. This used to be thought of as something only for those in immediate danger of death, but it is intended for any who are seriously ill, and it is better if it can be celebrated when the person concerned is able to play a full part.

We can sometimes question God's goodness when we or those close to experience sickness. This is especially true if sickness involves considerable pain or is prolonged. However, sickness and suffering are part of what it is to be human. God does not promise that our lives here will be free of suffering and what transforms that reality is that Christ has come and shared in that reality. The miracles in the Gospel are signs that Christ, through his death and resurrection, overcomes suffering and death. As Christians we are called to have a different understanding of suffering which enables us to unite ourselves with the suffering of Christ. This does not mean that we should not pray to God for the sick and for ourselves, but it does give us a different perspective, one based in hope and trust in God's compassion.



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**World Day of the Sick**

*Chris Pedley, S.J*

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

This Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is the beginning of the season of Lent. which lasts for forty days. As we approach this season, may it be a time of reflection, growth, and spiritual renewal for all.

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday  
And a day of Fasting and Abstinence  
Ashes will be distributed at **12.15 Mass**  
And also during an extra Mass at **5.30pm**



## STATIONS of the CROSS



Every Friday  
in Lent there will be  
Stations of the Cross  
after 12.15 Mass.

Does anyone have a few hours (11.15-13.30) to spare on Friday morning to help run the shop at St. Wilfrid's?  
To find out more pop into the shop.

Friday Evenings in Lent  
at St Wilfrid's  
at 7.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> February Unveiled  
1<sup>st</sup> March Stations  
8<sup>th</sup> March Unveiled  
15<sup>th</sup> March JRS Stations  
22<sup>nd</sup> March Unveiled



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.

Please check the notice board in the narthex for posters and information about future events in the wider area.

## 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 cards**

**All our profits go to charities.**

**Unfortunately due to staff shortages the shop will be closed on Friday 2nd February.**

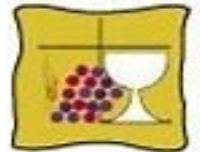


Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) will be holding a special Mass for seafarers and fishers, to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick, on this **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 12.15pm** at The Cathedral Church of St Peter, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3B. It will be followed by a reception.

We are delighted to invite you and your parishioners to this special occasion. We have not held a Mass of this kind in Lancaster Diocese before – so we are keen to extend our invitation to local parish communities such as yours. If some of your parishioners can join us, please confirm attendance by phone: 0207 901 1931, or email to [Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org)



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



### **A BIG THANK YOU**

Lynn McWilliams of Jesuit Missions thanks us for the £511.16 raised through the recent appeal.

Altogether we sent them £1,230.58 including £500.00 from the Card and Gift Shop in memory of Geoff Thompson and donations through the box at the back of the church.

SPUC also send their thanks for £150.00 total donation including that raise through the appeal.

What could you do for Lent?

Not to late to sign up for the Lenten walk organised to collect funds for the worldwide work Cafod does. Details are on the Cafod website

If you would like some structured prayer during Lent try the Jesuit prayer app



### **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)

### **Cathedral of St Alphonsa St Ignatius Square, Preston**

are looking for a part- time House-keeper 2-3 hours a day cleaning, bed changing, ironing - hours to suit. Contact Fr Babu 07703422395 or Saju Paul 07490254344

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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)



Sun 11	6th Sunday	Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1	(Ps 31)	Mark 1:40-45
Mon 12	Feria	James 1:1-11	(Ps 118)	Mark 8:11-13
Tue 13	Feria	James 1:12-18	(Ps 93)	Mark 8:14-21
Wed 14	ASH WEDNESDAY	Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2	(Ps 50)	Matt 6:1-6,16-18
Thu 15	Feria	Deut 30:15-20	(Ps1)	Luke 9:22-25
Fri 16	Feria	Isaiah 58:1-9	(Ps 50)	Matt 9:14-15
Sat 17	Feria	Isaiah 58:9-14	(Ps 85)	Luke 5:27-32

## 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

LIFE  ASCENDING

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

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**Lately Dead Anniversaries** Bernard Richardson  
Paul Tassiker, Lucas Everitt, Joan Campbell

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



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



## February's Intention - For the terminally ill

Let us pray that the sick, who are in the final stages of life, and their families receive the necessary medical, human care and accompaniment.

**LITTLE CHURCH**

At 10.15 am 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 or email [stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com)