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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



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Sunday 5 April Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a,37-43 (Ps 118) Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **NO LITTLE CHURCH:** children see Lee at the end of Mass for an Easter gift
 Shop **CLOSED**

Mass 4.30pm with Music Group

Mon 6 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30am-12noon** Gift & Card Shop
 EASTER OCTAVE **Mass 12.15** Exposition **CLOSED**
 Re opens 12 April

Acts 2:14,22-33 (Ps 16) Matthew 28:8-15

Tue 7 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **6-7.30pm Metanoia**
 EASTER OCTAVE **Mass 12.15** **Hot Meal Drop In**

Acts 2:36-41 (Ps 33) John 20:11-18

Wed 8 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **5.15-5.45** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm Metanoia**
 EASTER OCTAVE **Mass 12.15** **Clothes Drop In** (Narthex)

Acts 3:1-10 (Ps 105) Luke 24:13-35

Thu 9 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11-12 Life**
 EASTER OCTAVE **Mass 12.15** **Ascending** (Coffee 10.30)

Acts 3:11-26 (Ps 8) Luke 24:35-48

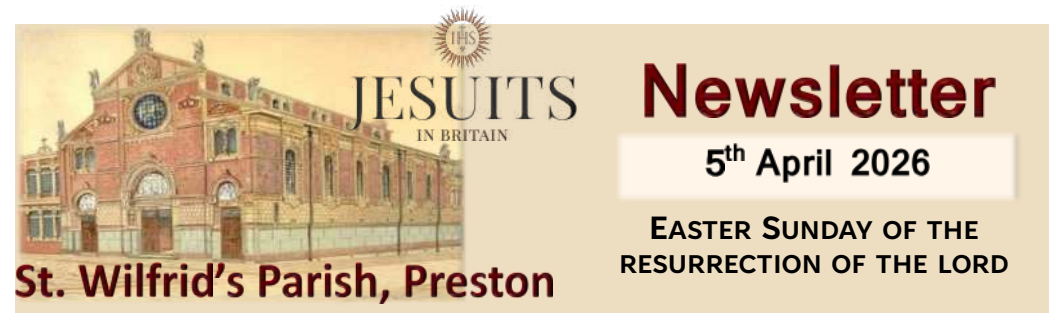
Fri 10 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** Gift & Card Shop
 EASTER OCTAVE **Mass 12.15** **CLOSED**
 Re opens 12 April

Acts 4:1-12 (Ps 118) John 21:1-14

Sat 11 April **Confessions 11-12.10** **Mass 12.15** **10-11am NO First**
 EASTER OCTAVE **Confessions 5-5.30** **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm** **Holy Communion**
Class
Resumes 18 April

Acts 4:13-21 (Ps 118) Mark 16:9-15

WE PRAY FOR **Those who died recently:**
Anniversaries: Tom Killeen
Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,
 Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield.



HE IS RISEN! INDEED HAS RISEN!

This the traditional Easter greeting which unites Christians of many denominations. Today we rejoice that Christ has risen, all that was promised through the prophets and by Christ himself has come true, this is the moment to which all of history has been leading, this is the moment that gives meaning to our world, this is the Good News which we are called to share. We are called to be, in the phrase attributed to St. Augustine, Easter people.

It is no accident that we celebrate Easter at this time of year. The idea of celebrating the end of winter, the coming of spring is indeed a sign to us. However, we go beyond the Easter bunnies and the daffodils to something more profound. It is on the Resurrection of Christ that our hope is founded, on the promise that we will share in his Resurrection. As we hear the stories of the Resurrection appearances over the next few weeks, starting with the women in the garden and going on to the commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Good News to all nations, then we realise that we to are called to live our lives in the light of this message and to go and tell the message of hope.

Three years ago I notice that I wrote about the events we faced at Easter that might challenge our hope. This year, as I write, we find ourselves in the midst of war, both in the Middle East and Ukraine. The problems of climate change also remain. Again we need to be aware that, in all of this, and in the troubles of our own lives, we have this ultimate hope which goes beyond immediate events, a hope which is of cosmic significance. As we celebrate that hope let us realise that, in the words of St Paul, "nothing can separate us from the love of God" and let Alleluia still be our song.

A happy Easter to you all.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



Wishing you all a Happy Easter

He is Risen

Easter Prayer

Risen Lord, shed your light on those who live in the shadow of death and warm the hearts of those who have lost hope, that they who daily bear the cross of hunger may find your Promised Land, and move from slavery to freedom.

As we proclaim your Easter song, help us to die to greed and rise to justice, to abandon apathy and take up action, that rich and poor together may travel the road to freedom, and be restored to your resurrection life. Amen.

by Annabel Shilson-Thomas



LITTLE CHURCH

Lee has a gift for you at the end of 10.15 Mass!

No refreshments in the Parish Centre after 10.15 Mass on Easter Sunday

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REP



BARBARA MACLAREN

completed

The Big Lent Walk

& thanks you for your generosity in supporting her.

£200 raised for



STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS The Parish of St. Wilfrid welcomes University of Lancashire students. There will be food and prayer in St Wilfrid's Parish Centre after the 4:30pm Sunday Mass weekly.



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MARRIAGE SUPPORT Need help?

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LECTIO DIVINA and soup lunch will resume on Friday 24 April Wish to help? Contact Jen

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Planned Giving envelopes are ready for collection from the Sacristy

SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 25th April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm Meet London Road, Preston, north of Ribble bridge, parking available by the river. Bring a chair if required. For info contact: 07523 183758 or email spucpreston@gmail.com

Online Donations to St Wilfrid's can be made via the PARISH WEBSITE www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk Click on the DONATE button & follow the instructions. It's easy!

Gift & Card Shop OPENING TIMES After 10.15am Sunday Mass Monday 11.30am to 1pm Friday 11.30am to 12.10pm * 12.40pm to 1.00pm *Closed for 12.15 Mass during Lent CLOSED FROM GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL TO SUNDAY 12 APRIL

THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN THE COURTYARD.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 Led by Bishop Swarbrick 23-30 July

Contact Pilgrimage Director Linda Wisdom 07738 022054

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