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Sat 30	EASTER VIGIL	Readings from the Old Testament		Rom 6:3-11 Matt 28:1-10
Sun 31	EASTER SUNDAY	Acts 10:34,37-43 Col 3:1-4-	(Ps 117) (Ps 117)	John 20:1-9 Matt 28:8-15
Mon 1	Easter Octave	Acts 2:14,22-33	(Ps 15)	John 20:11-18
Tue 2	Easter Octave	Acts 2:36-41	(Ps 32)	Luke 24:13-35
Wed 3	Easter Octave	Acts 3:1-10	(Ps 104)	Luke 24:35-48
Thu 4	Easter Octave	Acts 3:11-26	(Ps 8)	John 21:1-14
Fri 5	Easter Octave	Acts 4:1-12	(Ps 117)	Mark 16:9-15
Sat 6	Easter Octave	Acts 4:13-21	(Ps 117)	

## Mass & Confession Times

### Saturday

Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

Mass 12.15pm

Confessions 11am-12noon

Easter Vigil 8pm

### 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** Joan Routledge RIP Requiem

12.15 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Gary Woods RIP

**Anniversaries** Irene Ann Adams James Charnley

Fr Fintan Creaven 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



## April's Intention - For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**LITTLE CHURCH**

NO LITTLE CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY

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

# Newsletter

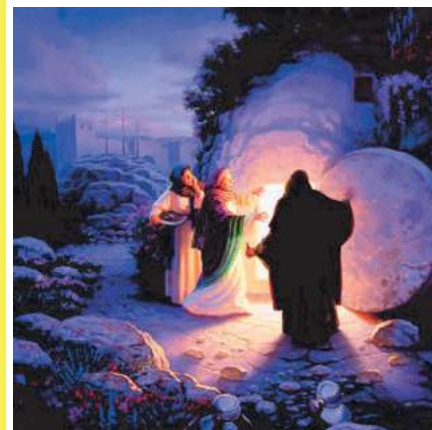
31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

## HE IS RISEN

In neither of the Gospels we hear today, whether Mark's account at the Easter Vigil or John's account during the day on Sunday, do we encounter the risen Jesus, but the message is quite clear, the tomb is empty and Jesus is risen.

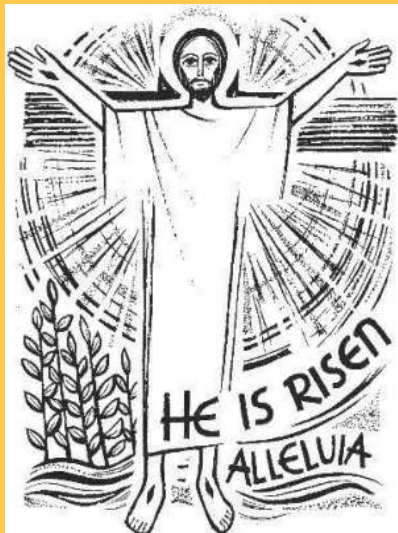


In Mark, Mary of Magdala and the other women to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body but discover the stone has been rolled away. The body of Jesus is not there but there is an angel who gives them the news that Jesus is risen and that they are to go and tell the disciples. In the passage from John, we have the disciples' response to Mary of Magdala's message. Peter and the beloved disciple, usually identified as John, go and look for themselves. They find the empty tomb. Peter goes right inside followed by John. However, John sees something

more than just the empty tomb and the cloths. He sees and he believes. He understands the scripture has been fulfilled, Jesus has indeed risen from the dead.

It is perhaps appropriate that our Easter Gospels do not include an appearance of Jesus. We like the women and like John we have to understand the message of the empty tomb and respond with faith. We are called to see and believe. We are called to believe, not just that Jesus' body is no longer in the tomb or even that he is alive. We are called to believe in the significance of Jesus resurrection. This is not simply someone coming from the dead like Lazarus. Christ's resurrection transforms everything. In the words of the Easter Proclamation sung to the Father, "Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity and lives and reigns for ever and ever." We are called to see our world in that light of Christ, that light of the resurrection. We are called to see that creation has been transformed and that we have the hope of sharing that eternal life with the risen Christ.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



FR CHRIS,  
FR HUGH  
AND THE JESUIT COMMUNITY  
WISH ALL PARISHIONERS  
AND THOSE WHO RECEIVE  
OUR NEWSLETTER  
A VERY HAPPY EASTER.

REJOICE!



Sadly Gary Woods passed away on 16 March 2024 aged 80 years following a bravely fought battle with Alzheimer's. Glennys and Gary Woods ran the St. Wilfrid's Dance Class from 1990 to 2021. He raised many thousands of pounds for all local charities and was awarded the British Empire Medal for his work. His funeral service will be at Preston Crematorium on Friday 5 April at 2.15pm.

**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 New First Communion gifts and cards  
All our profits go to charities.

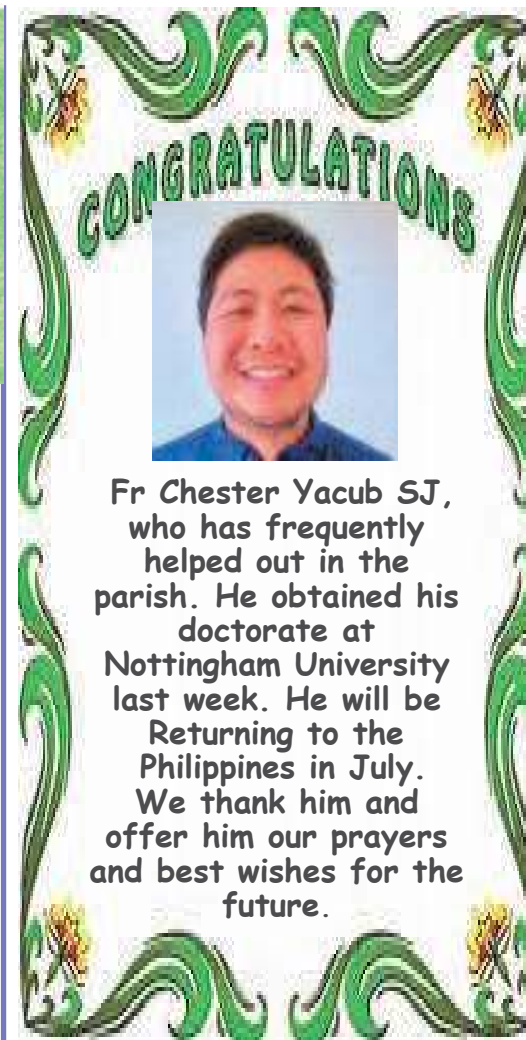
**We will close for Easter and reopen on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> & Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Thanks to everyone who has supported the shop.

**NB The Parish Centre will be closed for refreshments and the shop on Easter Sunday.**



This joyful painting Maupal has released is a nod towards Pope Francis' 2015 environmental encyclical *Laudato Si*, which directs the faithful to care for our common home. Notice the children and Francis dancing round a tray with a glass of water. The missive, which references water nearly 50 times, states of drinking water:

*“Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights.”*



Fr Chester Yacub SJ, who has frequently helped out in the parish. He obtained his doctorate at Nottingham University last week. He will be returning to the Philippines in July. We thank him and offer him our prayers and best wishes for the future.



Date for your diary  
**FRIDAY 19 APRIL @ 7pm**  
**PARISH BINGO NIGHT**  
In aid of the **Jude Christian Orphanage.**  
Tickets £10 available soon.



**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)