



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

29th March 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Today we follow the journey of Jesus from his being welcomed by the crowds into Jerusalem to his passion and death. The palms we carry remind us of the branches the crowds spread on the road in front of Jesus. Jesus enters Jerusalem as a king, but one who is humble and comes in peace. As the Suffering Servant, in the reading from Isaiah, Jesus comes to surrender himself to mockery and death.

This year we hear Matthew's account of the Passion which stresses the way the Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled. As he celebrates the Passover meal with the twelve he offers the bread and wine, his body and blood, even as he is betrayed. In Gethsemane he prays to the Father that the cup might pass him by but surrenders himself to the Father's will. He is brought before the High Priest where he acknowledges that he is the Son of Man foretold by Daniel. As he is brought before Pilate we have the story of Peter's denial. Although Pilate knows he is innocent, he is condemned. Pilate puts the notice above his head on the cross, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews", meant to be mocking but, actually, a statement of the truth. This is the journey to Jesus' death on Calvary that we have been following in the Stations of the Cross over Lent. We end with the burial of Jesus and the guarding of the tomb.

As we listen to the story of the passion and death of Jesus we can take time to contemplate both the suffering of Christ and what it means for us. This is something to which we will return over the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

HOLY WEEK MONDAY 30TH MARCH TO SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

Monday 30 March to Wednesday 1 April

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm
Mass 12.15pm

Holy Thursday 2 April

Confessions 11.30am to 12.30pm
7.30pm **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
including Washing of Feet.
Collection for the poor
Then **Watching at the Altar of Repose**
until midnight

Good Friday 3 April

Stations of the Cross 10am
Walk of Witness 11.15am
Fishergate Centre to Flag Market
Confessions 10.30am to 12noon
3pm **SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
Collection for Holy Places

Holy Saturday 4 April

Confessions 11am to 12noon
8.30pm **EASTER VIGIL MASS**
Collection for Jesuits in Britain

LITTLE CHURCH

Monica has a gift for you at
the end of Easter Vigil Mass!

WALK WITH US IN HOLY WEEK

Jesus, you know what it's like
to feel abandoned
lost and afraid.

Walk with us
And show us how to walk with others,
who live in fear,
who face death
through hunger or war.
Show us how to pray
for those we do not know
and will not meet,
but who are always loved by you.
Walk with us Jesus, Amen.

by Linda Jones

CAF+D
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Planned Giving envelopes are ready
for collection from the Sacristy

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

JUDE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE

We raised an incredible £1300!
Sincere thanks to everyone who supported
our quiz night last week and to those who
generously gave donations. It was a fantastic
evening!
Special thanks to the parish catering crew
for providing such a delicious supper.
Watch out for another quiz later in the year!
Many thanks, Maria

LECTIO DIVINA and soup lunch
will resume on Friday 24 April
Contact Jen 07957 566741
jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk



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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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.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REP



**BARBARA
MACLAREN**
has signed up for



Big Lent Walk

Here's the link to view Barbara's page
where you can make a donation:

[walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/
fundraising/barbaras-fundraising-
for-water-page](http://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/barbaras-fundraising-for-water-page)

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

**CLOSED FROM GOOD
FRIDAY 3 APRIL TO
SUNDAY 12 APRIL**

SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 25th April
11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Annual silent act of witness to remember the
unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet London
Road, Preston, north of Ribble bridge, parking
available by the river. Contact:
spucpreston@gmail.com



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children



PRAY as you Go LISTEN TO GUIDED
PRAYER, EVERY DAY, FOR FREE

<https://prayasyougo.org>

Daily prayer session for portable devices.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson,
Jen Murphy, Margaret Nelson,
Lee Unsworth, Maria Hall, Ruth White,
Anjana Linus, Fr Chris Pedley SJ &
Fr Hugh Duffy SJ.
The Council meets monthly.



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

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS
UNATTENDED IN CHURCH**

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



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Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-7, Ps 22, Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **LITTLE CHURCH DURING MASS**
 Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/coffee Gift & Card Shop open

Mass 4.30pm with Music Group After Mass in the Parish Centre: **Student Group Meeting**

Mon 30 March **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30am-12noon** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card
LENTE FERIA **Mass 12.15** Exposition Shop Open Tea/coffee
 7-9pm Lent Retreat

Isaiah 42:1-7 (Ps 27) John 12:1-11

Tue 31 March **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **6-7.30pm** Metanoia
LENTE FERIA **Mass 12.15** Hot Meal Drop In

Isaiah 49:1-6 (Ps 71) John 13:21-38

Wed 1 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **5.15-5.45** Adoration of
LENTE FERIA **Mass 12.15** Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm** Metanoia
 Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

Isaiah 50:4-9a (Ps 69) Matthew 26:14-25

Thu 2 April **Confessions 11.30-12.30** **NO** Life Ascending
HOLY THURSDAY **Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm** Resumes **9 April**
 Followed by Watching at Altar of Repose 'til Midnight

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 (Ps 116) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

Fri 3 April Stations of The Cross **10am** Gift & Card Shop
GOOD FRIDAY **Confessions 10.30-12.00noon** **CLOSED**
 Walk of Witness 11.15am Fishergate Centre to Flag Market Re opens **12 April**
SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3PM

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (Ps 31) Hebrew 4:14-16;5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42

Sat 4 April **Confessions 11-12.00noon** **10-11am** **NO** First
Holy Saturday **EASTER VIGIL MASS 8.30pm** Holy Communion
 Class
 Resumes **18 April**

Ezekiel 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31:10-13 John 11:45-56

WE PRAY FOR **Those who died recently:** Ian Graham RIP

Anniversaries: Fr Fintan Creaven SJ, James Charnley

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,
 Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield.