



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

24th March 2024

PALM SUNDAY



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At today's Mass we hear two contrasting Gospels. In the solemn version of the Mass we begin with the Gospel of Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The people are singing "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord", and spreading clothes or branches under the feet of the colt Jesus is riding. It is a scene of which we are reminded at every Mass when we say the Holy, Holy or Sanctus before after the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer.

This scene of triumph is very different from the Gospel we hear at the usual point in today's Mass. Here we have the account of the Last Supper and of Jesus Passion. This again echoes what happens at Mass. We move from the Hosannas of the Sanctus to the representation of the Last Supper and the sacrifice of Christ. Christ gives himself for us in the form of bread and wine and on the Cross. It is in the moment of Jesus death that the veil of the Temple, which separated the Holy of Holies from the rest of the Temple, is torn in two. The separation of God and human beings is ended. Throughout Mark's Gospel there has been the question who Jesus is. It is in this moment that the Centurion recognises that, "in truth this man was a son of God". We end with the women waiting at the tomb.



Fra Angelico

Today's celebration begins Holy Week introduces us to the things we will be celebrating. As we listen to the Gospels today let us ask for a deeper understanding of all that Christ has done for us.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

Mission to Hope Prayer Vigil available on Jesuit Missions' website & YouTube from Tuesday 19th March. More info use QR code or visit: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/campaign/lent-campaign-mission-to-hope/>



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, raising many thousands of pounds for all local charities. The class sadly only ceased because of Gary's illness. In 2020 Gary was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to charity which was around the time of the beginning of his illness. His funeral service will be at Preston Crematorium on Friday 5 April at 2.15pm. Gary requested that he not have a Requiem Mass because he wanted his body to be donated for Alzheimer's research but, unfortunately, legal processes mean this wish cannot be fulfilled.

Gift Aid envelopes for the next financial year are available for collection in the Sacristy. Forms also available for anyone who wants to

For those who Gift Aid their donations

A Gift Aid reclaim will shortly be submitted to HMRC. Please notify me if you are no longer a taxpayer or you paid insufficient tax during 2023/2024 to cover the tax reclaimed on your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. At present the standard rate of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure you have notified us.

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 **St Patrick's Day and Easter Cards**

All our profits go to charities.

We will be open on **Sunday 24th & Monday 25th March**

We will close for Easter and reopen on Sunday 7th & Monday 8th

Thanks to everyone who has supported the shop.

Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord when the entry of Christ into Jerusalem is recalled. Palms will be distributed and blessed and the Gospel of the death of Jesus will be read.

This is the beginning of Holy Week ending with the Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday and culminating in the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

If you are a Lector or Minister of the Eucharist and wish to participate in any of the Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter services there are lists in the Sacristy. Please write your name in any of the vacant slots.



If you would like to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday there is a list in the Sacristy.

We need 12 people. Please add your name to the list.



The vignette released for the sixth week of Lent features Pope Francis leading a group of cyclists as they race down a road. **In the scene, the group is just passing a sign that directs the road from “Profit” to the “Common**

Good.” The Pope is grinning as he leads the pack onward in the direction of the common good, while posed in an action shot that gives the appearance of biking at high speed.

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**Holy Week
& Easter**

2024

See notice boards & pick up a leaflet in the Narthex for information

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

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Sun 24	Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-10 Phil 2:6-11	Isaiah 50:4 -7 Mark 14:1-15;47 (Ps 26)	(Ps 21) John 12:1--11
Mon 25	Feria	Isaiah 42:1-7, Isaiah 49:1-6	(Ps 70)	John 13:21-33,36-38
Tue 26	Feria	Isaiah 50:4-9	(Ps 66)	Matt 26:14-25
Wed 27	Feria	Exod. 12:1-8,,11-14 John 13:1-15	(Ps 115)	1 Cor 11:23-26
Thu 28	HOLY THURSDAY	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9	(Ps 30)	
Fri 29	GOOD FRIDAY	4 from O.T. Rom 63-11	(Ps117)	Matt 28:1-10
Sat 30	EASTER VIGIL			

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



Adoration

For Jesuit Vocations
every Monday
11:30 - 12 noon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Lately Dead Joan Routledge RIP Requiem
12.15 Wednesday 3rd April Gary Woods RIP

Anniversaries Joe Porter, Eileen Judge
Kevin Rawsthorn

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



March's Intention - For New Martyrs

Let us pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world, inflame the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

LITTLE CHURCH

At 10.15 am Sunday Mass.

LIFE  ASCENDING

Ascent Group Thursday
11am in Parish Centre.

Coffee 10.45am.

Resumes after Easter Break

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