



# Newsletter

16th June 2024

11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

## St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

### GROWING LIKE A CEDAR

As I look back, I can often see ways in which things worked for good, despite my efforts rather than because of them. There are times when it better to let God do the work, to trust. When I was first talking to one of the chaplains at Manchester University about my vocation, he told me not to keep pulling up by the roots to see how it was developing, rather let it develop naturally in its own time. That was good advice.

At other times I have often found it difficult to just let things develop, not to get anxious and feel I must be "doing something". I am sure many people will say that, as Parish Priest, I am too passive, that I am not active enough. There is a balance to be struck and I know I do not always get that right. However, the message of today's readings is that God produces the fruit of the Kingdom just like seed which has been sown grows into a crop. I was noticing as I was travelling last week how that fruitfulness could be seen in the fields around us at this time of year. Yes, we have to cooperate with God. There are times when we have to work hard to spread the Gospel and promote justice. However, we do need to realise that in the end it is God's work.

This is particularly true in this time when Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of hope. There are many ways we can look at ourselves and at our world and find it difficult to hope. It can be difficult to see the goodness when we are aware of our own weakness and of the violence in the world around us. However, today's readings call us to trust in God. Ezekiel and the psalm use the image of the cedar, planted by God, to illustrate how he has worked for his people. In the Gospel Jesus uses those images of the growing seed to show how God is at work for us. Let us ask for the gift of hope and trust we pray, "Thy kingdom come". Let us also look



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for those growing shoots which point to God being at work with us.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

**Fr Tharanga Saminathan SJ** will be covering 12.15pm and Vigil Masses on Saturday 22 June, and 7am Mass on Sunday 23 June whilst Fr Hugh is away. Fr Tharanga is from Sri Lanka and is doing a Master's degree in Counselling Psychology at Goldsmiths College in London. He is based at the Laudato Si' Jesuit Community in Clapham. *Welcome Fr Tharanga!*

**St Walburge's Summer Fair**  
**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 12.30 to 3.30pm**  
**Food, games, etc.**  
**Fun for the whole family.**  
**All welcome!**  
**St Walburge's Hall, Off Weston Street,**  
**PR1 1TW**



Victoria Firth has written to us to thank us for letting her make the Jesuit Refugee Service appeal and for the generous response. The final total was £800.70.

### **Good news about Patrick Rooney.**

Patrick is recovering well. He called in at the Parish shop for a cup of tea and a rest. He is hoping to move into his new home soon and looks forward to personally thanking all those who prayed for him.

**Let's Go Green Outdoors**  
*Encourage places for wildlife  
and wild flowers.*

*Install bird feeders and bird  
boxes.*

*Compost garden and household  
waste and use a rainwater tub.*

*Create a bug hotel and use  
plants that encourage butter-  
flies bees and other insects.*

### **Celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius**



**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**  
**4pm to 8.30pm**  
**at Stonyhurst**

Museum tour, Mass celebrated by  
Fr Provincial & BBQ  
Coach provided - £10 donation.  
See flier for info.

**Contact Parish Administrator**  
**to book 01772 554396**



*Saint Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. To apply, or for further information, please contact Mrs S Kelly, Headteacher's PA, on 01253 667 526 or [skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk)*

## Your Voice Matters

Jesuit Missions has developed a variety of resources to help you prepare for the upcoming general election. There is much at stake, and Catholic Social Teaching has many insights to help in the decision making process.

Visit our website <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/> where you will find the following:

- **Jesuit Missions' Requests to the New Government**
- **Ways to Get Involved**
- **A Youth Guide to the Election**
- **Catholic Social Teaching & the Election**
- **Prayers Reflections Podcasts**
- **An Examen at Election Time**



### Gift and Card Shop

Open Sunday after 10.15 Mass, Monday & Friday 11.15am-1.15pm

Closed on other days.

**Can you volunteer to help? Ring 01772 554396**

### 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 [ioe@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:ioe@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

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

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Sun	16 11th Sunday	Ezek 17:22-24	(Ps 91)	
		2 Cor 5:6-10		Mark 4:26-34
Mon	17 Feria	1 Kings 21:1-16	(Ps 5)	Matt 5:38-42
Tue	18 Feria	1 Kings 21:17-29	(Ps 50)	Matt 5:43-48
Wed	19 Feria	2 Kings 2:1,6-14	(Ps 30)	Matt 6:1-6,16-18
Thu	20 St Alban	Eccles 48:1-14	(Ps 96)	Matt 6:7-15
Fri	21 St Aloysius Gonzaga SJ	2 Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20	(Ps 131)	Matt 6:19-23
Sat	22 St John Fisher, St Thomas More	2 Macca 6:18,21,24-31	(Ps 30)	Matt 24:4-13

## Mass & Confession Times

### Saturday

Confessions 11am to 12.10pm &  
5-5.30pm

Mass 12.15pm Vigil 5.35pm

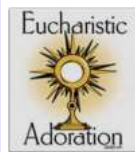
### Sunday

Masses 7, 10.15am & 4.30pm

### Monday to Friday

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm



For Jesuit Vocations  
every Monday  
11:30 -12 noon

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**Lately Dead** Elizabeth Stanton RIP

Requiem Wednesday 19th July 12.15pm

**Anniversaries** Bernard Towers, Maria Allen

John Higgins, Phyllis Roache

**Those who are sick:** Patrick Rooney,

Joyce Lyons, Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell,

Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp, Fr Michael Murphy.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



## June's Intention -

**For those fleeing their own countries**

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

**LITTLE CHURCH**

During 10.15 Sunday Mass

Please send items for the Newsletter to [stwilfridspa@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridspa@gmail.com)

or call Parish Administrator 01772 554396