



**St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston**

# Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time



**Do you not care?  
We are going down!**

My books for spiritual reading are piling up in mint condition. I need to read such volumes when my mind is fresh, but the freshness gets devoted to other things.

Meanwhile, by slumping in mental breaks I'm getting a bit of inspiration from channel hopping on the box.

*SAS: Who dares wins* on Channel 4 may not appear to offer much spiritual nourishment, but the reality TV participants had to go through interrogation, and I wish I could interrogate (in the nicest way possible) those SAS guys masterminding the whole thing. The interrogators used psychological tactics and torture to find the victim's weak points, and get what they wanted.

But for the person who endured the interrogation it was not simply a case of toughing through every torture and tactic. One of the SAS shared from his own experience, that by knowing your vulnerabilities it can lead to utilising them to withstand the assaults on your mind, body, and spirit. He's the guy I'd like to interrogate. How has *he* managed to do that?

On *BB2 Between the Covers* Sara Cox hosted the comedian Reginald D Hunter and others. Sharing on their reading of Shuggie Bain, by Douglas Stuart, Hunter speaks of the poverty trap he sees in the circumstances of the alcoholic mother, and her young son, Shuggie. Who's the problem? Where's the problem? Hunter can't identify who's to blame. What's destroying them is invisible, but it's in the system!

Holding on, despite the system, the invisible forces, the interrogators (internal and external) is what we must learn, to stop ourselves going down. Jesus went through this. The early Church called on him, as in that boat in today's Gospel. St. Paul prayed "when I am weak, then I am strong". And Job.....

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### **Public Masses & Confession Times**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm**

**Mass 12.15pm**

**Confessions 5 to 5.30pm**

**Vigil Mass 5.35pm**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**Masses at 7am, 10.15am & 4.30pm**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm**

**Mass each day at 12.15pm**

### **Church Opening Times**

**Saturdays**

**10am to 1pm**

**Sundays**

**6.45am to 7.30pm,**

**9.30am to 11.30am,**

**4pm to 5.30pm**

**Monday to Friday**

**11.30am to 1pm**

### **Maintaining a COVID-secure church**

It remains mandatory to wear a mask in church covering both your mouth and nose. Please continue to sanitise your hands on entering and maintain social distancing.

### **Online Donations**

If you wish to make a donation to the parish it is very easy and simple to do so now via the new parish website [www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk) using the DONATE button.

**BBQ brunch after 10.15 Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July in the church courtyard. Tickets £5 from Maria or Geoff, in aid of the Orphanage School in Zambia.**

**Jesuit Missions** thank St. Wilfrid's parishioners for their recent gift of £1000, collected in the church collection boxes over the past months.

### **MINISTRY OF LECTOR**

A new Parish Lector's Handbook is now available for all those who read at Mass. Please see Maria Hall who will be distributing these to all Lectors. This will be followed in the near future by a formation session where there will be the opportunity to re-group post-covid.

### **Feast of St Ignatius Saturday 31 July**

12.15pm Mass in St Wilfrid's church will be held that day in celebration. Unfortunately, there can not be a joint gathering of the North West Jesuit parishes this year.

**Once again we will welcome Fr. Chester Yacub SJ who will be helping in the parish 14– 28 July. Fr Peter will be taking a break 19-28 July. Br. Ken Vance will be joining the Preston Jesuit Community in October 2021.**

## Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 22 June at 7pm in the Sacristy

## Finance Group Meeting

Monday 5 July at 7pm in the Sacristy



### Refugee Friends' Hardship Fund

*In light of the coronavirus pandemic, JRS UK has made a painful decision to suspend our Day Centre temporarily. JRS must now turn to new and creative ways to continue to accompany, serve and advocate for our refugee friends. While the world retreats, refugee friends are still experiencing the difficulties as a result of being destitute. The effects of social distancing, remote working and temporary closures will leave our friends in need of even more practical support. Please donate today. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12424#!/DonationDetails>*

### Host a refugee with the help of JRS UK

The Jesuit Refugee Service UK operates a hosting scheme called 'At Home' which sees volunteers host destitute refugees. They are currently in need of more hosts as temporary accommodation provided during the pandemic comes to an end, leaving refugee friends of JRS facing a return to street homelessness. **If you have a spare room and would like to find out more email Hannah at JRS: [uk@jrs.net](mailto:uk@jrs.net)**

### World Refugee Day Prayer Service

To mark World Refugee Day on **Sunday 20th June at 6pm**, JRS UK is hosting an online prayer service in partnership with JRS/USA. The event will be led by Fr Damian Howard SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits in Britain. We will be gathering to pray with and for refugees around the world, especially those we accompany at JRS. We will be praying a new form of the popular Examen prayer which we have developed to allow prayerful reflection on the refugee experience.

Read more: [www.jrsuk.net/examen/](http://www.jrsuk.net/examen/)

**Register:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpdOmqrTItGdNAGVouM8sIWb2xYTNk0-N0>

### Accompaniment in Action: Supporting Fresh Claims

**Join JRS UK on Wednesday 30th June at 6:30pm for our latest Accompaniment in Action** event where we will take a closer look at the work of our Legal Project. We will hear from Michael Tarnoky, Senior Legal Officer, and Jess Javaherian, Senior Legal Caseworker, about how they support our refugee friends to make fresh claims for asylum. We are looking forward to sharing the important work our team do to accompany our friends through this legal advice.

Read more: [www.jrsuk.net/news/accompaniment-in-action-supporting-fresh-claims/](http://www.jrsuk.net/news/accompaniment-in-action-supporting-fresh-claims/)

**Register:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1V9-dLVtROWd2Vcp\\_8TrJA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1V9-dLVtROWd2Vcp_8TrJA)

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**Parish Website [www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk)**

## **The week's readings:**

Sun 20	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	Job 38:1,8-11	(Ps106)	2 Cor 5:14-17	Mark 4:35-41
Mon 21	St Aloysius Gonzaga	Gen 12:1-9	(Ps 32)	Matt 7:1-5	
Tue 22	Sts John Fisher & Thomas More	2 Macc 6:18,21,24-31	(Ps 30)	Matt 24:4-13	
Wed 23	Feria	Gen 15:1-12,17-18	(Ps 104)	Matt 7:15-20	
Thur 24	St John the Baptist's Birthday	Isaiah 49:1-6	(Ps 138)	Acts 13:22-26	Luke 1:57-66,80
Fri 25	Our Lady of Fernyhalgh	Isaiah 49:8-10	(Ps 103)	John :14	
Sat 26	Feria	Gen 18:1-15	(Magnificat)	Matt 8:5-17	

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR**

**those recently died:** Hilda Anderton RIP Funeral service 11.30am 23 June at Preston Crematorium

**anniversaries:** Maria Allen

**those who are sick:** Barbara Clark, Mary Holme, Joyce Lyons, Simon Osborne, Pauline Wilding, Susan Craft, Theresa Wilkinson, John Browne, Veronica Judge & their carers.

## **June's PRAYER INTENTION**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**

## **Struggle to follow and lip-read the Mass?**

### **Want to join in a BSL/SSE signed Mass with family, friends and parishioners??**

Come to our monthly signed parish Masses in St. Wilfrid's RC Church, Chapel Street, (off Fishergate by Hays Travel) Preston PR1 8BU:

### **2nd Sundays monthly at 4:30pm**

**Please wear face-covering {visor/mask} and come to front (or 3rd) pew**

Student trainee SLI may sign readings + responses as Fr. Paul signs Mass.

By kindness of St. Wilfrid's Parish Priest and parish.

For more information, contact:

Fr. Paul Fletcher SJ  
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Signed Mass recordings  
at  
[www.catholicdeaf.org.uk](http://www.catholicdeaf.org.uk)

## **St. Wilfrid's Sanctuary Bookshop**

is open via Chapel Street window on most Fridays

11.30am to 12.10pm

**Contact Geoff 07932 792773**

## **How to make a donation to the parish**

If you wish to make a donation to St. Wilfrid's Parish by bank transfer the account is **St. Wilfred's Parish Account** (please note the misspelling of Wilfrid with an 'e')

**Account no. 12585636**

**Sort code 162833**

RBS Preston Fishergate Branch.