



Newsletter

7th July 2024

14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

MY POWER IS AT ITS BEST IN WEAKNESS

Jesus' ministry often encounters rejection which ultimately leads to the Passion. Today Jesus experiences rejection by his own people, his family and friends. The problem is they think they know who he is. When he begins to act in an unexpected way, to "get above himself", they cannot accept it. It is a pattern seen in the prophets of the Old Testament. In today's readings it is Ezekiel who is warned that the people may not listen to the message he has been sent to give.

Proclaiming God's message is not something which will always meet with success, neither is it something which we do out of our own strength and ability. Again, we see this in the prophets and it is the path which Jesus takes as he hands himself over to radical weakness and rejection on the Cross.



This way in which God works through weakness is something which St Paul had to learn. In our second reading he has been talking about the spiritual experiences he has received but realises that these are not the things which are important. He has learned that he has to accept his weakness, accept his "thorn in the flesh". He has learned that God's power is revealed by working through weakness. This is something we often need to learn. It can be difficult to accept our weaknesses and trials but it is often through them that God is at work. Let us ask that we might come to that same realisation as St Paul and let God work through our weakness.

Chris Pedley SJ



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP Festival Mass

Wednesday 10 July 7.30pm
at Sacred Heart Church, Beech Grove,
Ashton, Preston PR2 1DU.
SVP contact Peter Smith 07525 235033

CASTLERIGG MANOR

Keswick CA12 4AR

OPEN DAY

Sunday 15th September



Doors open at Midday.
Mass with Bishop Paul at 3pm.
A great chance to visit Castlerigg and
hopefully have a bit of fun!

OPEN WEEKENDS

6-8th September

will be a 'quiet weekend' for adults
hopefully providing a chance to get
away from it all and enjoy Keswick
and the Lakes. There will be Mass on
site.

27-29th September

will be an open weekend for adults
and families. Again, there will be Mass
on site, plus a quiz night for the adults.

To Book

online at Castleriggmanor.com
or call **017687 72711**

Thursday is the feast of St Benedict, a religious reformer in Italy in late 400s & early 500s, known as the "father of Western monasticism," having

established a Rule that would become the norm for innumerable Christian monks and nuns. He is the patron saint of Europe.



Celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius



BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Wednesday 31st 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**

UNVEILED



5 JULY
@ 7.30pm

Scripture, Talk, Praise and Worship
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Gift and Card Shop
Open Sunday after 10.15 Mass
and Monday & Friday
11.15am-1.15pm

BREAKING NEWS!

Introducing a brand new, contemporary painting of St Ignatius by London artist, George (Georgie) Rands, who hails from the old working class docklands area of Wapping, was fortunate to be educated at The London Oratory School and is now retired from his profession as a carpenter.

His previous works, in this recognisable style, have been celebrities such as Mohamed Ali, Bob Marley, Elvis.

Georgie lives near the Tower of London. When Ignatius came to London to beg for alms whilst a student it is highly plausible he would have stayed with the Spanish enclave located in the now St Thomas More Street, just a stone's throw from Georgie's home.

Ken, impressed by Georgie's work, persuaded him to paint his first saint. The work has been purchased by the Jesuits and arrived at St Wilfrid's this week. It will be on display on the Sanctuary at St Peter's Church for the Feast of St Ignatius Mass at Stonyhurst on 31 July. We are also working with Jesuit Missions to turn the art into a Prayer card which we hope will be available very soon.



A new painting of St Ignatius Loyola recently commissioned by

Br. Ken Vance SJ.

Artist: George Rands, London

Acrylic on MDF. Original size 42" x 28"



Happy 100th birthday to Angela Harrison (formerly Slater, nee Caton) on 15th July. If you wish to send greetings Angela is cared for at Springfield Manor Gardens, 228 Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9QB



DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

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Sun 7 14th Sunday

Ezek 2:2-5 (Ps 122)

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

Mon 8 Feria

Hosea 2:16-18,21-22 (Ps 144)

Matt 9:18-26

Tue 9 Sts Leo Ignatius Mangin SJ
Mary Zhu Wu & Companions

Hosea 8:4-7,11-13 (Ps113)

Matt 9:32-38

Wed 10 Feria

Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12 (Ps 104)

Matt 10:11-15

Thu 11 St Benedict

Proverbs 2:1-9 (Ps 33)

Matt 19:27-29

Fri 12 Feria

Hosea 14:2-10 (Ps 50)

Matt 10:16-23

Sat 13 Feria

Exodus 2:1-15 (Ps 68)

Matt 11:20-24

Mass & Confession Times

Saturday

Confessions 11am to 12.10pm &
5-5.30pm

Mass 12.15pm Vigil 5.35pm

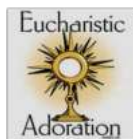
Sunday

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 Frances Mary Vaughan RIP

Requiem 12.15 Thursday 11th July

Canon Tim Sullivan RIP, Fr Francis Xavier Slater
RIP

Anniversaries Freda Holdsworth, Eileen Whitlock

Those who are sick: Joyce Lyons, Brendan
Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio
CSSp, Fr Michael Murphy.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



July's Intention -

For the pastoral care of the sick

Let us pray that the sacrament of the anointing of the sick bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

LIFE ASCENDING

Ascent Group Thursday
11am in Parish Centre.
Coffee 10.45am.

LITTLE CHURCH

During 10.15 Sunday Mass

Please send items for the Newsletter to stwilfridspa@gmail.com
or call Parish Administrator 01772 554396