



Newsletter

10th July, 2022

15th Sunday of the Year

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Sea Sunday 2022

In today's Gospel you hear about the love and care that the Good Samaritan showed to the stranger that he



found upon the road. For seafarers and fishers, Stella Maris is that Good Samaritan. It has chaplains and volunteers in ports all over the world. They are a friend for seafarers and fishers, in good times and in bad.

Here we share with you one story of how your love and generosity can make a huge difference to a seafarer and their family.

Recently Olek, a Ukrainian seafarer, was working on the deck of a cargo ship when he had a serious accident. He fell into the hold and broke his back. He was taken to Hull Royal Infirmary for urgent medical help. He spoke very little English and had no family or friends here to support him.

Fortunately, Anne McLaren, a Stella Maris chaplain, visited him in the hospital. During that first visit she found out that he was from Ukraine, his house had been bombed, and his family were sheltering in their home city.

Can you imagine how it must feel to be seriously injured, so far from home? Worried about your health, not able to speak the language of your doctors? And knowing your family are trapped in the middle of a war thousands of miles away, and you are unable to help them?

Olek stayed in Hull for several months while they stabilised his spine. Throughout that time, Anne and volunteers from Stella Maris visited him regularly and supported him as Good Samaritans. They arranged for a translator. They brought him clean clothes, toiletries, and mobile phone SIM cards so that he could contact his family back home. They made sure that he was not alone. He was not forgotten. He had a friend.

Concern for the welfare of the stranger, and the value of friendship to those who are far from home, is exactly the reason why Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, was established over 100 years ago. And today this has never been more relevant.

In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many seafarers are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and worse mental health. And the war in Ukraine has added to crew shortages and shipping turmoil.

But you can be a friend for seafarers in this time of need. Last year your generosity helped us to support over 100,000 seafarers in ports around the UK and many more around the world.

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Most of the Covid 19 restrictions have now been removed but you are encouraged to continue to use face coverings, sanitizer, and social distancing when in the church.



The Metanoia Wednesday night Drop In say thank you for all the recent donations and are still looking for certain items - Socks and new underwear, Men's trainers (Especially size 8&9), Rucksacks, Sleeping Bags, Shower Gel and Deodorant, T-Shirts and Polo Shirts, Men's Jeans (Especially Size 30-36), Tracksuit Bottoms, Tops and Coats. If you are able to donate, please place in the blue box at the back of church or speak to one of the Metanoia team. Thank you very much for your support

Silver Jubilee

– thank you from Fr Matthew Power.

I'd be very grateful if you could pass on thanks to the St Wilfrid's community for Jubilee good wishes. Much appreciated. All best wishes, Matthew

Celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius:

**Sunday 31st July
1pm-6pm at
Stonyhurst**

There are still some places remaining on the coach for anyone wishing to join to celebrate 31 July. Sign up in the Narthex.

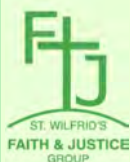
With the Jesuit Community for Jesuit Vocations



**every
Monday
11:30 -
12noon**

Ascent Group meet at 11 am on Thursdays.

Coffee 10.45am. New members most welcome.



The next meeting of the **Faith and Justice Group**, to which all are invited, is **after the 10.15 Mass this Sunday 17th July** in the Parish Centre.

LITTLE CHURCH

ALL children welcome during 10.15am Mass.



Please pray for **Philip Wrigley** who, whilst working in the IT dept of RPH, was a parishioner of English Martyrs and St Ignatius Parish. **He will be ordained to the Priesthood next Saturday at Lancaster Cathedral by Bishop Paul.** Philip's blog philipwrigley.co.uk tells something of his journey to his vocation and his life at Oscott.

Sanctuary Books

normally opens on **Mondays and Fridays** 11.15am to 1.30pm, including providing tea & coffee after Monday & Friday Mass when volunteers are available **Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10.15am Mass** when volunteers are available.



This Sea Sunday donations will help us to provide vital support to seafarers like Olek and his family.

So today, please remember seafarers and fishers in your prayers. Thank God for them and the vital role they play in our lives, often working in hazardous conditions.

Please pray for the Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers who ensure that seafarers will always have a friend in port.

Let's conclude with these words from Pope Francis:

"The life of sailors or fishermen and their families is very difficult. Sometimes they are victims of forced labour or are left behind in distant ports. But without the people of the sea, many parts of the world would starve".

Adapted from the Stella Maris Appeal

Become a ship visitor

Thousands of seafarers and fishers arrive in our local port every year. They depend on people like you for a friendly welcome, a listening ear and practical help.



Could you join the Stella Maris team as a volunteer?

- Become a ship visitor, going aboard vessels in port to support seafarers
- Join as a driver, to take seafarers to church and local shops
- Raise awareness of Stella Maris in your parish
- Fundraise for this ministry in your local community

"Every visit is memorable. The people we meet are really interesting, and want to share their lives."

Irene Chapman, volunteer ship visitor

Email volunteer@stellamarismail.org

Visit www.stellamaris.org.uk



STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris Register (charity in England and Wales number 1069813. Registered charity in Scotland number SC043085)



Please donate online at www.stellamaris.org.uk
Or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5

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2022**

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St Wilfrid's will not have a second collection today for Sea Sunday, instead as is our norm for mandatory collections, a proportion of today's collection will go to Stella Maris. If, however, you want to make an additional personal contribution there are envelopes in the Narthex or donations can be made online or by text. If you have time on your hands Stella Maris are looking for volunteers to expand their work into the ports of Lancashire and Cumbria.

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Sun 10	15 th Sunday of the Year	Deut 30:10-14	(Ps 68)	Col 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37
Mon 11	St Benedict	Prov 2:1-9	(Ps 33)	Matt 19:27-29
Tue 12	Feria	Isaiah 7:1-9	(Ps 47)	Matt 11:20-24
Wed 13	Feria <i>St Henry</i>	Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16	(Ps 93)	Matt 11:25-27
Thu 14	Feria <i>St Camillus de Lellis</i>	Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19	(Ps 101)	Matt 11:28-30
Fri 15	St Bonaventure	Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8	(Is 38)	Matt 12:1-8
Sat 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Micah 2:1-5	(Ps 9B)	Matt 12:14-21

Masses & 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 - 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm

Monday

Adoration 11.30am-12pm

The church is open daily

Saturday 10-6.15 Sunday 6.45-5.30

Monday, Thursday, Friday 11.30-6.00

Tuesday, Wednesday 11.30-5.30

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

those recently dead: Mark Walmsley RIP

anniversaries: Eileen Whitlock

those who are sick: Theresa Wilkinson,
Susan Craft, Barbara Clark, Pauline Wilding,
Joyce Lyons & Simon Osborne.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



July's Intention: *For the Elderly*

We pray for the elderly who represent the roots and memories of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Sanctuary Bookshop is now open most
Monday & Fridays 11.15 to 1.30
with tea & coffee after Monday &
Friday Mass, also during
Coffee after 10.15 Mass on Sunday

Deaf Community Welcome

British Sign Language signed
Mass 4.30pm Sunday 10 July
with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ
Please sit in the front pews.



Signed Mass recordings at www.catholicdeaf.org.uk