



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

23rd July, 2023

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

Earlier this month I was away at a retreat organised for British Province Jesuits and their co-workers at St. Beuno's in North Wales. The retreat followed the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius but had the theme of ecological conversion. This was particularly inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato si* and the Jesuit Apostolic Preference of caring for our common home. It was helpful on the retreat to be able to spend time to pay attention to the working of nature around us, helped by the wonderful grounds and setting of St. Beuno's.



Pope Francis calls for a conversion in the way we relate to creation in the light of the current ecological crisis. This means a new understanding of our relationship with the world around us. In Genesis, God gives human beings dominion over the world. However, if we see this as an invitation to exploitation this is a recipe for disaster, not just practically but also spiritually. It shows a lack of reverence for God and the gifts he has given us. We need to develop a relationship of partnership with and respect for the whole of creation. Ultimately, it is God's world not ours. A world he has entrusted to us.

Our world faces the effects of climate change and the extinction of many species of plants and animals. This is already having an effect and it will have a much greater effect on humanity and all the creatures with whom we share this world unless we take radical action. These effects fall disproportionately on the poorest. Pope Francis is clear that this care for our common home and justice go together. If we are to make the necessary changes to our lifestyle we need to undergo a spiritual conversion. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may be at work in our hearts that we may see our true relationship to God and His creation so that we can work for the greater glory of God in his creation.

Cleator Pilgrimage

Mother of Christ



Star of the Sea

Sunday 10th September 2023

Mass and Blessing of the Sick - 3.00pm

Principal celebrant and preacher:

Bishop Paul Swarbrick

For further details please contact:

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Repairs to the Church Gable



The repair work on the Church Gable is underway.

The work is scheduled to be completed in late September 2023.

The Church is open daily as usual from 8am - 6pm for private prayer, Confessions 11.50 to 12.10pm and Mass 12.15pm Monday to Friday.

Weekend opening and service times are not affected.

Deaf Community Welcome

Due to Fr Paul moving to Manchester the last two signed Sunday Masses with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ will be on 13th August & 10th September @ 4.30pm



Ascent Group meet
Thursdays 11am in Parish Centre. Coffee from 10.45am. All welcome
Last meeting Thurs 27th July, restart 7th September

UNVEILED

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

Final meeting this term Friday 21st July @ 7.30 pm in Church.
No August Meetings, restarts in September.



For Jesuit Vocations
every Monday
11:30 -12 noon

LITTLE CHURCH

All children welcome at 10.15am Sunday Mass, last meeting this term 23rd July, restarts September.



Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults

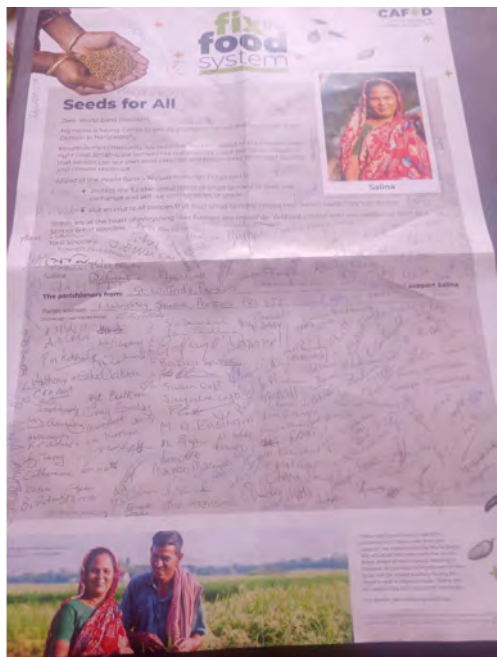
Metanoia Project are now officially offering Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults on behalf of the Diocese of Lancaster and St. Wilfrid's Parish. Further info about groups and events please contact lmmy@metanoiaproject.co.uk



Parking in Winckley Square:

Thank you to those who wrote to the Council about changes to parking in the area.

The Council are still going ahead with extending the area subject to restrictions on a Sunday. However, they are providing a two hour parking time, rather than just one hour. They say on the notice in the square that this is explicitly to enable people to attend religious services, so a small victory.



Thanks to the 176 who signed Salina's letter last weekend. It has been post to Cafod to be collated with those from other parishes.

You can also support the campaign by emailing the World Bank: cafod.org.uk/food



IGNATIUS LOYOLA

Celebration for the Feast of St. Ignatius Sunday 30th July

To celebrate this year's Feast we have invited parishioners from Stonyhurst to join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre at 3.30pm followed by Benediction at 5.30pm. Please bring a plate of sandwiches or a plate of cakes to share.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023
Sept 1st- 4thOct, if you have any ideas of how we might celebrate this this year please discuss with Fr Chris or Geoff Thompson



Metanoia Project

Call for Volunteers

Metanoia Project is looking for volunteers in order to enhance their ministries. We have a wide range of ministries including our children / youth work, our adult groups, our homeless drop in and our music ministry. We also have administrative or technology tasks with which we'd love some help.

Our volunteers come from diverse backgrounds and serve all over the Preston area. If you could spare a little of your time and this sounds like a fresh, new opportunity for you to grow in your relationship with God, learn to share your faith and reach out to people, please get in contact. Jen Community Coordinator 07957566741 or jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk. Thank you. We'd love for you to join us and build God's Kingdom together.

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This Week's Readings

Sun 23	16th Sunday	Wisdom 12:13,16-19	(Ps 85)	Rom 8:26-27 Matt 13:24-43
Mon 24	Martyrs of Cumbria	Gen 28:10-22	(Ps 90)	Matt 9:18-26
Tue 25	St James	2 Cor 4:7-15	(Ps 125)	Matt 20:20-28
Wed 26	Sts Joachim & Anne	Exodus 16:1-5,9-15	(Ps 77)	Matt 13:1-9
Thu 27	Feria	Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20	(Dan 3)	Matt 13:10-17
Fri 28	Feria	Exodus 20:1-17	(Ps 18)	Matt 13:18-23
Sat 29	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	1 John 4:7-16	(Ps 33)	John 11:19-27

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 - 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm

Monday Adoration 11.30am-12pm

The church is open daily

Saturday 8.00am-6.15pm

Sunday 6.45am-5.30pm

Monday to Friday 8.00am-6.00pm

Deaf Community Welcome

signed Mass 13th August @ 4.30pm

with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ

Signed Mass recordings at-

www.catholicdeaf.org.uk



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries Monica Brierty, Wilfrid Fletcher,

Those who are sick: Pauline Wilding, Susan Craft,

Joyce Lyons, Bill Beetham. Margaret Wilson,

Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



July's Intention - For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the hearts of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Sanctuary Bookshop

open most **Monday & Fridays** 11.15 to 1.30
with tea & coffee after Monday & Friday Mass,
also during refreshments after 10.15 Mass on Sunday



Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults

For details see narthex noticeboard or contact lmmy@metanoiaproject.co.uk