



Newsletter

18th July, 2021

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

The Lord is my shepherd, he gives me everything I need ...

Today's gospel tells of the joy and excitement as the twelve apostles rejoined Jesus after their going on mission in pairs (qv last Sunday's gospel). Their elation must have been tremendous!

Jesus acknowledged that and told them the importance of taking time off to go to a lonely quiet place by themselves to rest and recharge. This is something we've been unable to do during the past year's lockdown... but maybe we can go a little way towards recuperating and recharging ourselves by making use of local parks, coast and countryside... even if only for a day out (or part of a day off!). There's so much good that can come of savouring the beauty and the mystery of God's creation in the natural world around us. Don't neglect it! We are also stewards of God's creation, so perhaps during our day out we might make an effort to gather up any rubbish left behind by previous visitors and dispose of it appropriately; recycling as much as we can. Every little helps, so this is something all generations can engage in for everyone's benefit.

The late Fr. Patrick Connors SJ, Paddy as many of us knew him, was very much into care of God's creation - the Earth. His decades on the missions in Guyana revealed so much of God's beauty. He subscribed to 'Practical Action' and its SMALL WORLD. He frequently gave what little he had to charity, reminding me regularly to keep supporting CAFOD (as if I needed to be reminded!). Surely goodness and kindness is the name of the game, for it is in giving and forgiving we receive – God rest his merry soul. Amen!

Pope Francis recovering from his surgery and convalescing reminds us even the Shepherd needs his rest especially if he is to retain the energy to lead and care for his flock. Even Jesus took off to the other side of the Lake (Galilee) and often went up into the hills to rest and pray. So, as the better weather comes and Covid restrictions ease, let's not neglect ourselves or those around us, for we know not what tomorrow brings!

I know them and they follow me... Alleluia!

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Public Masses & Confession Times
Saturday 17th & 24th July

Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

Mass 12.15pm

Confessions 5 to 5.30pm

Vigil Mass 5.35pm

Sunday 18th & 25th July

Masses at 7am, 10.15am & 4.30pm

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd July

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 & Parish centre

It is recommended to continue wearing face masks in church and in the Parish Centre. Please continue to sanitise your hands on entering and maintain social distancing. Of course, the finalised government guidance for 19 July is still awaited and, as yet, the Bishops have not given their further guidance.

OPT IN to our Postal Newsletter Scheme by 31 July.

With the imminent change in Covid regulations coming up we will no longer automatically send those on our posting list a weekly Newsletter by Royal Mail, unless you ring and specifically request this because you cannot return to church. Ring Fr. Peter 01772 554395 or write him a note addressed to St. Wilfrid's Presbytery, 1 Winckley Square, Preston, PR1 3JJ if you want a Newsletter posted to you after July 2021.

ST WALBURGE'S

SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 1st August 12.30pm – 4pm



All Profits to the St Walburge Restoration Fund

Registered Charity No: 1144783

ACTIVITIES

Face Painting

Flight Simulator Game

Tombola

Lucky Dip

Stalls and Bric-a-Brac

COMPETITIONS

Raffle

Sweet Jar Guessing

Guess the Name of the Teddy

£50 Square Prize

REFRESHMENTS

Location:

Weston Street, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 2QE

Parish Administrator

Limited Access

27 July to mid Sept 2021

Chris Lloyd will not be working on site from Tue 27 July until sometime in September, due to surgery (dates are subject to change). Some essential tasks will be done via home working. There may be a delay in responding to emails and telephone messages.

The website

www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk will

continue to be updated every Saturday and we will endeavour to maintain issuing individual electronic & postal Newsletters.

** (see **Opt In** notice above)*

♦ **Family Prayer Resources for Summer** - We will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. This will be available from

mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

- ♦ **Laudato Si' encyclical resources** can be found on our website to study, reflect, pray and take action <https://cafod.org.uk>
- ♦ I am very aware of the preparations as part of the **synodal process** over the second half of 2021. We will be holding online sessions, open to all, with experts sharing what is synod, why it is important and how parish communities are participating. You are welcome to join these sessions. Our first session on **Tuesday 27 July at 7pm** will feature a conversation with Christopher Lamb, Rome correspondent for The Tablet, about why Pope Francis is inviting us all to participate in the synod <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Synod>
- ♦ Many Catholic parishioners have been responding to **Pope Francis' call for a better kind of politics** and meeting their MPs this summer. If you supported one of these CAFOD meetings, calling for more action to tackle the climate crisis and to help the poorest countries cope with the pandemic, thank you. Thank you also if you are supporting our petition to the Prime Minister.
- ♦ **Thank you for your support** of our Fast Days or Emergency appeals, our advocacy campaigns or for holding us and our work in your prayers.

Patrick Gardner

Community Participation Coordinator – Lancaster Diocese

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Fr. Peter Randall will be on leave from Monday 19th to Tuesday 27th July.

Welcome to **Fr. Chester Yacub SJ** who is helping in the parish during Fr. Peter's absence on leave.

Feast of St Ignatius Saturday 31 July

12.15pm sung Mass with organ and choir 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. A buffet lunch will be served in the church courtyard after Mass, for which donations will be gratefully received for the Jude Orphanage School in Zambia and Hogar Niño Dios Bethlehem who care for children with psycho-physical disabilities.

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Parish Website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk

The week's readings:

Sun 18	16 th Sunday	Jer 23:1-6	(Ps22)	Eph 2:13-18	Mark 6:30-34
Mon 19	Feria	Exodus 14:5-18	(Exod 15:1-6)		Matt 12:38-42
Tue 20	Feria <i>St Apollinaris</i>	Exodus 14:21-15 :1	(Exod 15:8-10,12,17)		Matt 12:46-50
Wed 21	Feria <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	Exodus 16:1-5,9-15	(Ps77)		Matt 13:1-9
Thu 22	St Mary Magdalen	Song of Songs 3:1-4	or 2 Cor 5:14-17	(Ps62)	Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Fri 23	St Bridget	Gal 2:19-20	(Ps33)		Jn 15:1-8
Sat 24	Feria	Exodus 24:3-8	(Ps 49)		Matt 13:24-30

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

those recently died:

anniversaries: Anne Freeman

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

July's PRAYER INTENTION Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



[Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](http://www.pwprayer.org) 

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

St. Wilfrid's Sanctuary Bookshop

is open via Chapel Street window on most Fridays

11.30am to 12.10pm

(except 9 & 23 July-closed)

Contact Geoff 07932 792773

How to make a donation to the parish by bank transfer

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.