



# Newsletter

28th July 2024

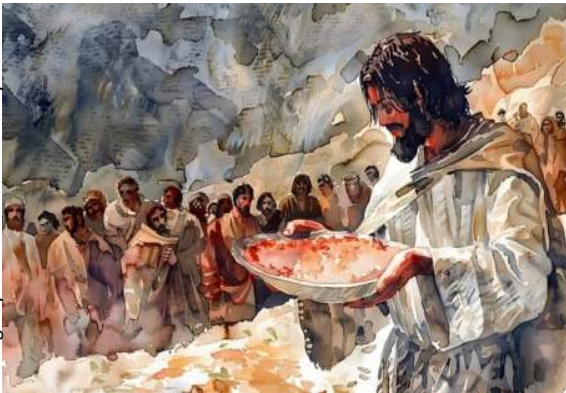
17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## FED BY CHRIST

In the cycle of Sunday Gospel readings, we do not have a separate year for St John. Instead, every so often, we get readings from St John which pick up a theme from the Gospel of the year. This year we have been reading St Mark and last Sunday we had Jesus teaching the crowds at some length because “they were like sheep without a shepherd”. Once he has finished teaching, they are in the remote place in which they have gathered and now they need food. This leads to the feeding of the five thousand. This where we pick up St John.

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In St John's Gospel the feeding of the five thousand begins chapter six, sometimes known as the Eucharistic Discourse. Over the next few weeks, we will be hearing the dialogue between Jesus and the crowds whom he has fed. He tells them that he is the bread of life. Today's Gospel is not simply a story of the compassion of Christ, a once

off miracle, but an image of the Eucharist. We are the ones who are fed by Jesus, fed with his own body and blood. At this time of “Year B” we are invited to reflect on what happens when we come to Mass, who it is we receive, and what it means for us.

Let us listen carefully to the Gospels of the next few weeks and ponder on the wonder of how we are fed by Christ and how we are called to let that gift of Christ of himself shape our own response. As we receive Christ in the Eucharist so, like disciples, we are called to feed our brothers and sisters by showing them the love we have received from Christ.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

## Feast of St Ignatius 31 July Celebration at Stonyhurst



### ALL BOOKINGS ARE NOW CLOSED

For those joining the St Wilfrid's coach please **be outside the church at 2.45pm on Wednesday**. Peter Holdsworth will book you on the coach and receive your £10 cash donation. **Please bring the correct money**. Toilet facilities in the Parish Centre will be available to use before getting on the **coach which will**

**leave promptly at 3pm.**

For those going in their own vehicle please park on Theodore House car park when you arrive at Stonyhurst and walk up to St Peter's Church.

The museum tour will leave from St Peter's at 4pm.

I will be at St Peter's church from 3.30pm to meet everyone arriving.

If you have any queries or need to contact me on the day call or text 07354 825304 but be aware mobile phone signals at Stonyhurst are poor.

*Chris, Parish Administrator*



Jesus with Martha, Mary & Lazarus  
Image: ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, LONDON

Next week we celebrate the fairly recent feast of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. They were great friends of Jesus whom they invited to their home and felt able to call and ask for help when Lazarus died. As a family they are the patron saints of siblings so maybe on Monday you might pray for your brothers and sisters.

## St Walburge's Climb the Spire!



27th July  
3rd & 10th Aug  
2 - 5 pm

The **ONLY** chance this summer to climb the 3rd highest spire in the UK



*All proceeds to the restoration fund.*

[www.tickettailor.com/events/stwalburgesshrinechurch/1316985](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/stwalburgesshrinechurch/1316985)



**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH**

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

**Tuesday** 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

**Do feel free to drop in and look round at our lovely cards, books & children's gifts etc.**

**LIFE**  **ASCENDING**

**Ascent Group Thursday**  
**11am in Parish Centre.**

**Coffee 10.45am.**

*Ascent meetings will **continue throughout August** at the usual time in the Parish Centre.*



**JESUIT  
MISSIONS**

**The Season of Creation starts on 1<sup>st</sup> September. During the next few months Jesuit Missions will be sending information about ways in which the parish and individuals can be involved.**



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this

when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

Hope is an instrument enabling us to overcome the natural law of decay. Hope is given to us by God as a protection and guard against futility. Only through hope we may realize the gift of freedom in fullness. Freedom to act not only to achieve enjoyment and prosperity, but to reach the stage in which we are free and responsible. Freedom and responsibility help us to make the world a better place. Only when we work together with Creation can the first fruits of hope emerge.

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

Sun 28 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	2 Kings 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6	(Ps 144)	John 6:1-15
Mon 29 Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	1 John 4:7-16	(Ps 33)	John 11:19-27
Tue 30 Feria	Jer 14:17-22	(Ps 78)	Matt 13:36-43
Wed 31 St Ignatius Loyola	Jer 20:7-9 1 Cor 10:31-11:1	(Ps 33)	Luke 14:25-33
Thu 1 St Alphonsus Liguori	Jer 18:1-6	(Ps 145)	Matt 13:47-53
Fri 2 Feria	Jer 26:1-9	(Ps 98)	Matt 13:44-46
Sat 3 Feria	Jer 26:11-16,24	(Ps 68)	Matt 14:1-12

## 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** Catherine Wignall RIP

**Anniversaries** Fr Bill McCurtain SJ

Francis Scahill, Denis George

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



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**



**August's Intention - for political leaders**

**Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.**

Please send items for the Newsletter to [stwilfridspa@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridspa@gmail.com)  
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