



Newsletter

4th August 2024

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

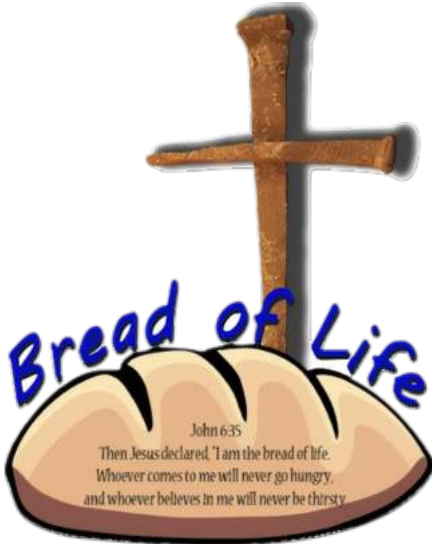
Last Sunday we had the story of the feeding of the five thousand. Today the people come looking to be fed again but they have a very materialistic idea of how God works. They remember the way God fed the people with manna in the desert. The bread which Jesus offers is something much greater than manna. He is offering himself.

It can be like those people in the Gospel. We can think that we can do a deal with God. If we do what God wants, he will look after our material needs. There are versions of the

Christian message which take this very literally. It says if we believe in God he will give us prosperity in this world. Yes, in the Our Father, we do say, "give us this day our daily bread". In this way we acknowledge God's gifts and put our trust in him. However, this is very different than thinking that if we do what God wants then he owes us something. We know, from our own experience, from the lives of the saints, and above all the example of Christ, that this is not the Christian way.

In the Gospel Jesus tells the people that he is the bread of life. When we celebrate the Eucharist we receive the body and blood of Christ himself. His body and blood given for us on the cross. This is a much greater gift than any material thing and it is a free gift. It is also an example for us. Christ gives himself for us. In response we are called to follow him and give ourselves freely, not because of some material reward. As we receive the body and blood of Christ at Mass let us ask that we might respond with love for the love we have been shown.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



St Ignatius Feast day

Over a hundred people from Preston, Liverpool, Manchester & Stonyhurst, plus visitors from further afield, enjoyed a lovely afternoon and evening at Stonyhurst College on Wednesday 31 July.

Many of us were treated to a tour of the building and a very interesting museum. Even if you have been several times there are always new things

to learn and see, like Conan Doyle's graffiti with his carved name on his desk, Mary Queen of Scot's prayer book and St Thomas More's hats, plus fascinating items donated by ex pupils like a stuffed porcupine.



Mass was a joyful celebration with music provided by Maria and St Wilfrid's choir

Some of you will know Debbie Reynolds, the former Pastoral Assistant from SFX Liverpool (right). She was awarded the Champion Medal by Peter Gallagher Jesuit Provincial, for years of great work in her parish and for the Jesuits.

A well deserved accolade!

Then after a glass of prosecco in the courtyard we

feasted on Jerk chicken, pulled pork, jackfruit and ice-cream washed down with a variety of beverages.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great occasion.

The new Jesuit acquisition of St Ignatius by George Rands (left) was on display. Jesuit Missions provided prayer cards with this image. Some have been left at the back of St Wilfrid's. Please help yourself. More can be supplied— just contact Chris, Parish Administrator 01772 554396.



A Message from Fr Chris - Thank you to Chris Lloyd, Br Ken Vance SJ, Peter Holdsworth, Maria Hall, the choir and all those who put in so much work to make the St Ignatius Day gathering of North West Jesuit Parishes at Stonyhurst such a success.

Thank you for your generosity. The Sea Sunday collection for Stella Maris was £371.86, not including Gift Aided donations.



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

Come and look
at our new stock



The Season of Creation
starts on 1st September.

During the next few
months Jesuit Missions
will be sending

information about ways
in which the parish and individuals
can be involved.

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.

THE RETURN OF...
CHARITY SHOP
RWANDA



RWANDA GROUP TRUST
TABLE TOP SALE
CLOTHES, BOOKS, BRIC-BRAC & MORE!

3 SYKE STREET
10:30 AM - 3 PM
CASH ONLY

The Salvation Army has made an appeal for provisions for their **foodbank**. They are appealing for donations of coffee, jam, sugar, milk, toilet rolls, toothbrushes and men's deodorants.

Donations to be handed in at

The Salvation Army,

Harrington St, Preston PR1 7BN

Monday to Friday 9am to 12noon.

Tel 01772 555425.

All foodbanks need extra help during school holidays - we have a blue box in the parish room and most super-markets have a box for your donations.

ASCENT GROUP have decided to take a summer break and resume meetings on the first Thursday in September.

The Sixteen, conducted by Harry Christophers, is performing at **Blackburn Cathedral** on Saturday **21 September** at 3pm as part of their annual Choral Pilgrimage Tour. The programme is celebrating the art of imitation, and explores stunningly beautiful music from the master of parody, Orlande de Lassus, alongside works by Josquin, Casulana and Bob Chilcott. To Book 0333 010 2850 thesixteen.com

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sun 4 18 th Sunday	Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 Eph 4:17,20-24	(Ps 77)	John 6:24-35
Mon 5 Feria	Jer 28:1-17	(Ps 118)	Matt 14:1-12
Tue 6 The Transfiguration	Dan 7:9-10,13-14	(Ps 96)	Mark 9:2-10
Wed 7 Martyrs of Lancaster	Jer 31:1-7	(Jer 31)	Matt 15:21-28
Thu 8 St Dominic	Jer 31:31-34	(Ps 50)	Matt 16:13-23
Fri 9 St Teresa Benedicta	Hosea 2:16-17,21-22	(Ps 44)	Matt 25:1-13
Sat 10 St Lawrence	2 Cor 9:6-10	(Ps 111)	John 12:24-26

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

Anniversaries Elaine Pickard, James Ferry, Catherine Roe, Eileen Sutcliffe

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 or call Parish Administrator 01772 554396

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