



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

13th August, 2023

19TH SUNDAY

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Tuesday, 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holiday of obligation. On that day we celebrate Mary being assumed body and soul into heaven. This feast we not only give honour to Our Lady but see the way in which she points to things about the relationship between Christ and ourselves.

One of the images used in the Mass on Tuesday is that of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark was carried in the desert and found a home in the Temple in Jerusalem. It was the sign of God's Covenant with his people, the sign of their relationship. So too Mary is the one who bore Jesus as his mother. The Church, at the Council of Ephesus, defined that Mary was rightly called God-bearer for Christ is truly God with us. It is for that reason that she was especially favoured by God at her Assumption.



But that favour of God is a pointer to God's relationship with his Church and our own hope of sharing in eternal life. Mary is an image of the Church. The Preface of the Mass says, "Today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into the heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people". We are called to renew our awareness that, through our baptism, we are members of the Church, journeying on our way to the fullness of eternal life with God in company with Mary.

Do make an effort to come to Mass on Tuesday and make it a day of prayer asking Mary to join her prayers to ours.

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Photo by GT: *Our Lady of the Ark of the Covenant Church, Abu Ghosh (Kiriath –Jearim) built on the traditional place of the house of Abinadab where the Ark of the Covenant rested for twenty years (1 Samuel 7) until taken to Jerusalem by King David. Mary, holding Jesus, stretches her hand towards Jerusalem*

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

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



I will have a couple of spaces in my car heading up to Cleator, if you are interested in a lift let me know Geoff 07932 792773.



Call for Volunteers



Metanoia Project

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.

There will be a meeting of the **Faith and Justice Group**, after 10.15 Mass this Sunday 13th August in the Parish Centre to discuss what we might do for the **Season of Creation. Every welcome.**



If you have any ideas of how we might celebrate the Season of Creation this year please discuss with Fr Chris or Geoff Thompson, or come to this Meeting.



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023



Tuesday 15th August
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass time 12.15pm
No vigil or evening Mass



The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency have commissioned the services of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) to review their Safeguarding policies and procedures. To ensure that the review team together with associated reference groups take into consideration as many views as possible, it is requested that the attached stakeholders survey be distributed to as many people as possible within the diocese to complete it.

This is an opportunity to help shape the future of safeguarding within the Catholic church and make representations where it is evident or perceived that the current policies and procedures are outdated, difficult to interpret, there is a gap or no policy or for other reasons.

Here is the link to the survey <https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim>

The deadline for completing survey is the 31st August 2023.

We are extremely fortunate at St Wilfrid's to have some very talented musicians. Maria and the choir accompany us each Sunday . We also have Ruth who provides music at the 4.30 Mass. Last Sunday we were treated to music from the Nigerian choir which has been recently set up and is conducted by Jude. What a treat –they sang with such gusto and joy. Each of the musicians has a part to play in improving our liturgy.



Eucharistic



For Jesuit Vocations
every Monday
11:30 -12 noon

LITTLE CHURCH
UNVEILED

LIFE ASCENDING

(Ascent Group) are
all taking August breaks & will be back in September

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Superior of the Jesuit Community: Fr. Paul Fletcher SJ paulmfletcherj@gmail.com

Parish Website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk



Sun 13	19th Sunday	1 Kings 19:9,11-13	(Ps 84)	Rom 9:1-5 Matt 14:22-33
Mon 14	St Maximilian Kolbe	Deut 10:12-22	(Ps 147)	Matt 17:22-27
Tue 15	The Assumption	Apoc 11:19;12:1-6,10	(Ps 44)	1Cor 15:20-26
	Holiday of Obligation			Luke 1:39-56
Wed 16	Feria	Deut 34:1-12	(Ps 65)	Matt 18:15-20
Thu 17	Feria	Joshua 3 :7-11,13-17	(Ps 113A)	Matt 18:21-19:1
Fri 18	St Alberto Hurtado SJ	Joshua 24:1-13	(Ps 135)	Matt 19:3-12
Sat 19	Feria	Joshua 24:14-29	(Ps 15)	Matt 19:13-15

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 Stella Guest, Kath Donnelly,
Alan Sheridan

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn,
Joyce Lyons, Pauline Wilding, Susan Craft,
Bill Beetham. Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



August's Intention - For World Youth Day

We pray that the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Sanctuary Gift and Card shop

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**
We offer a large selection of cards for most occasions
Rosary beads, statues and religious gifts.

Please pop in and see us.



Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults

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