



Newsletter

11th August 2024

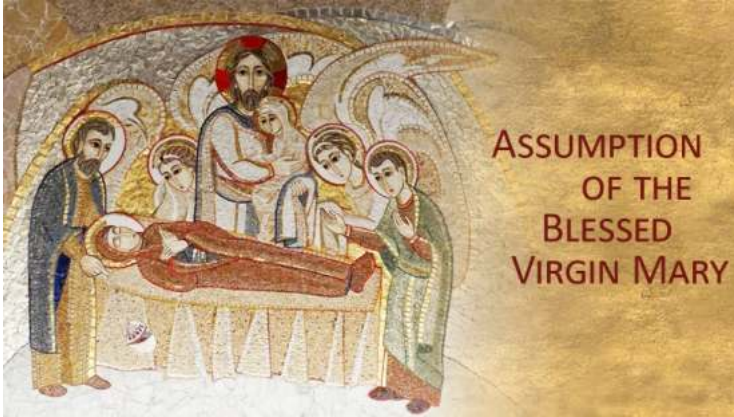
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN

This Thursday, 15th August, is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. The preface for the day says, "Today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people". Mary is a sign of hope, hope that we will follow where

she has gone. We should think of this hope as simply as being about a heavenly future. We might think we do not need to be concerned about this "vale of tears" in which we live.



ASSUMPTION
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

However, a few years ago Fr James Hanvey wrote, "Mary shows us that faith does not close us off from the world but makes us more open to it. With her 'yes' she stands in solidarity with the poor and the victims, with all those who, like her, have had to hold a dead child in their arms, or flee their home to protect their family. This woman of Nazareth is in solidarity with all those who, in the midst of the precariousness and toil of an unrecognised domestic life, have never stopped believing that somehow, even in the darkness of suffering and death, God was working". We need the message of hope which the Assumption of Mary brings both in our own lives and for all of creation. It is a sign that "all things will be restored in Christ". As we celebrate God at work in Mary and her sharing in the glory of heaven so we can pray that this feast will indeed give us this gift of hope.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

15th August is the feast of the **Assumption of Our Lady**
and a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be **Masses at 12.15pm and 5.30pm** on that day.

JRS Statement on Rioting and Violence

The Director of the [Jesuit Refugee Service UK](#) (JRS UK), Sarah Teather, calls for the government to ensure safety for people seeking asylum following riots across the UK:



“Communities across the UK are reeling today from criminal violence that has threatened people’s lives, injured emergency service workers, and destroyed public facilities.

“People of colour, members of the Muslim community, and people seeking sanctuary have been deliberately targeted. Many of the refugees we serve and others in our communities are living with deep fear and insecurity following these attacks.

“It is imperative that the government takes urgent steps to ensure the safety of all those being targeted, including people in the asylum system, who in many cases have already fled violence and experienced profound trauma.

“At the same time, every one of us has a responsibility to challenge the disinformation and racist, divisive rhetoric fuelling this hostility. Too often, people fleeing danger and searching for a chance to rebuild their lives here have been dehumanised by politicians and others in a position of influence.

“But scenes of people coming together in the hours following rioting, to care for those affected and repair the physical damage, show the kind of society that we can and truly want to be.”

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

Donations to be handed in at

The Salvation Army

Harrington St, PR1 7BN

Mon to Fri 9am to 12noon.

01772 555425.

THE RETURN OF...
CHARITY SHOP
RWANDA

ONE DAY ONLY
17TH AUGUST

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

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

Gift and Card Shop
Open Sunday after 10.15
Mass and Monday &
Friday
11.15am-1.15pm
&Tuesday
10:30 am to 2:00 pm



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The Season of Creation starts 1st Sept. During the next few months Jesuit Missions will be sending information about ways in which the parish and individuals can be involved.

Remedial work in the Parish Centre continues. The toilets have had a fresh coat of paint. The Fire Risk Assessment has moved from high to medium risk so there is more to do to achieve compliance.

NATIONAL ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2024

Saturday 14th September 2024 10.30am – 6pm;

Oscott Seminary, Birmingham.

Come as a pilgrim for the Diocese of Lancaster to join Catholics from all over the country to a full day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist; led by Cardinal Nichols and all the bishops of England and Wales. The event will include Mass, Exposition, Eucharistic procession and benediction, rosary walk, museum visit, presentations and workshops.

Cost £25.00 to cover travel. Free entry. **Coach leaving** Workington (4am) with pick-ups in Carlisle (5am), Lancaster (6.30am) and **Preston (7.30am)**. There are only 44 places for Lancaster Diocese. **Booking is essential; email Helen Mackay at: helen.mackay@lrzd.org.uk** Places will be allocated on a first come basis, following confirmation and payment. Further details of event schedule: [National Eucharistic Congress 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Earlier this year Isabel Murphy made an appeal at St Wilfrid's to help finance her pilgrimage to Lourdes. She has sent a message.



Thank you again to all those who helped me to go to Lourdes with the Lancaster Diocese. It was a busy week looking after the pilgrims, but it was beautiful to be able to do so. It was so fun being with others my age serving Jesus in this way. I offered all your intentions to our mother Mary and lit a candle for the whole of St Wilfrid's parish.

Isabel Murphy



DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

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Sun	11 19 th Sunday	1 Kings 19:4-8 Eph 4:30-5:2	(Ps 33)	John 6:41-51 Matt 17:22-27
Mon	12 Feria	Ezek 1:2-6,24-28	(Ps 148)	Matt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Tue	13 Feria	Ezek 2:8-3:4	(Ps 118)	Matt 18:15-20
Wed	14 St Maximilian Kolbe	Ezek 9:1-7,10,18-22	(Ps 112)	Luke 1:39-56
Thu	15 Our Lady's Assumption	Apoc 11:19;12:1-6-10 1 Cor 15:20-26	(Ps 44)	Matt 19:3-12
Fri	16 Feria	Ezek 16:1-15,60,63	(Isaiah 12)	Matt 19:13-15
Sat	17 Feria	Ezek 18:1-10,13,30-32	(Ps 112)	

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 Fr Hugh Ross SJ, Stella Guest, Francis Melvin, Kath Donnelly

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
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