



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

20th August, 2023

20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE PEOPLES



Matthew 15:21-28

...*"Woman, you have great faith!..."*

Today's Gospel may well strike us as strange and shocking. We take for granted that the Gospel is for all people, not for a particular group. As Catholics we are part of a church which embraces people of all nationalities through out the world. Something reflected in our own diverse parish community. However, for the early Church, and especially for the community for whom the Gospel of Matthew was written, this was a real question.

We have only to look at the letters of St Paul to see how he stresses the Gospel is for the Gentiles as well as the Jews, precisely because that was not universally accepted.

Here Jesus is confronted with an outsider, a woman and a Canaanite. What he says to her may sound insulting, but she is not put off and he draws out from her a profession of faith. She is the only person in Matthew's Gospel to be told "you have great faith".

Perhaps there are two things we can take from today's Gospel. One is to give thanks for the work of Christ, made clear at Pentecost, that has made us all brothers and sisters in him. We are challenged to look at the way we regard others. Do we divided people into us and them? How do we look at those who are in some ways outsiders?

Secondly, we can look at the woman's example of faith. Do we have confidence in the power of Christ, even in the most promising of circumstances, the times when it may seem our prayer has been rejected. Let us ask that we too may hear the Lord say, "you have great faith".

Chris Pedley, S.J.

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

As Fr Paul is moving to Manchester the last signed Sunday Mass with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ will be on 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.



This year Jesuit Missions are selling Christmas cards. The money will be used to support our various projects worldwide.

Please use the below information if you wish to promote our Christmas cards.

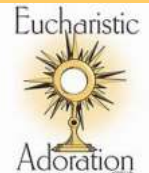
"Informed by the Ignatian call to go where the need is greatest, they work in areas such as anti-human trafficking, educational access, and environmental sustainability in places like India, South Sudan and Ethiopia.

By buying Jesuit Missions Christmas cards, you make their work possible.

To place an order, go to <https://www.charitycardshop.com/JM>



The next meeting of the **Faith and Justice Group**, after **10.15 Mass Sunday 17th September** in the Parish Centre has been **postponed** to allow members to join the celebration of Fr Paul's time in Preston.



For Jesuit Vocations every Monday 11:30 -12 noon



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

IN THE CHAPEL
AT ROYAL
PRESTON
HOSPITAL

Every
Monday at
5:30pm

ALL WELCOME, PATIENTS,
VISITORS AND STAFF

*Holy
Mass*



CAFOD Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

CAFOD school volunteers needed in your area!

Looking for a new challenge? Join CAFOD's team of school volunteers to inspire children and young people and deepen their understanding of global justice. By running inspiring assemblies and engaging workshops, you will tap into their natural compassion and sense of fairness, and they will be excited about making a difference. Use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

For more information, please contact:
Nicola Blanchfield (Supporting CAFOD's work in schools across the Lancaster Diocese)

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Catholic
Safeguarding
Standards
Agency

review of Safeguarding policies and procedures. 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.

Dates for your diaries



September 3rd:
Celebration of the Season of Creation at Masses, details to follow.

September 17th Celebration of Fr Paul Fletcher's ministry in Preston at the 10.15am Mass. Please join us in the Parish Centre for food after Mass.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sun 20	20 th Sunday	Isaiah 56:6-7 Rom 11:13-15,29-32	(Ps 66)	Matt 15:21-28
Mon 21	St Pius X	Judges 2:11-19	(Ps 105)	Matt 19:16-22
Tue 22	Our Lady Queen	Judges 6:11-24	(Ps 84)	Matt 19:23-30
Wed 23	Feria <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	Judges 9:6-15	(Ps 20)	Matt 20:1-16
Thu 24	St Bartholomew	Apoc 21:9-14	(Ps 144)	John 1:45-51
Fri 25	Feria	Ruth 1,3-6,14-16,22	(Ps 145)	Matt 22:34-40
Sat 26	Feria	Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17	(Ps 127)	Matt 23:1-12

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 10th Sept @ 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 Jean Hothersall, Bernie Crook

Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Dorothy Crabtree

Those who are sick: Susan Craft, Bill Beetham

Brendan Rawsthorn, Joyce Lyons, Pauline Wilding, .

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