



Newsletter

22nd August, 2021

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

We're on the cusp of a wave.....

As I prepare to hand-over to Fr Chris Pedley, a few markers (not a comprehensive list) may help all our Newsletter readers near and far to view some challenges ahead.

On Sunday 12th September the 10.15am Mass will be a focal point for the fortnight hand-over. Br Ken Vance will come and stay for the month of October, then depart for a 3 month sabbatical. Br Ken has various duties, but he's hoping to give a third of his time to serve the parish.

There are very significant practical challenges to do with maintenance, which the Parish Council and Finance Group have had partial opportunities to consider. This is a dynamic, and keeping up is not easy! Besides the immanent maintenance work to the exterior of the Parish Centre, there are many issues to appraise in the interior of the building. These anticipated interior changes are connected to the Provincial's request that all parish offices and small meeting rooms be located in the Parish Centre, so that the parish is no longer dependent on the Presbytery for such facilities. The practicalities of this will be challenging, as will the process of coming to decisions.

An inspection of the church building on a scale not seen for a long time has been completed thanks to the guidance and work of Dominic Roberts, and the encouragement of Sam Eastham and other members of the Finance Group. Over the next 12 months there will be maintenance work to do, nothing major, but longer term complications of the alignment in the building structure will also have to be addressed at some point.

Bishop Paul Swarbrick doubled his anticipated meeting time recently, in a meeting with me, and Citizens organisers Davinia Jackson and Stefan Baskerville. The parish has already contributed £20,000 to help develop Preston Citizens, but the future of this local community organising will depend on the people of Preston, and their religious and non-religious institutions.

The parish is on the cusp, and today's Scripture Readings seem to be on a similar wavelength!

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Public Masses & Confession Times

Saturday 21st & 28th August

Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

Mass 12.15pm

Confessions 5 to 5.30pm

Vigil Mass 5.35pm

Sunday 22nd & 29th August

Masses at 7am, 10.15am & 4.30pm

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th August

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm

Mass each day at 12.15pm

Maintaining a COVID-secure Church & Parish Centre

It is recommended to continue wearing face masks in church and in the Parish Centre. Please continue to sanitise your hands on entering and maintain social distancing.

Toilets will now reopen during weekend Masses—volunteers requested to clean afterwards please.

Parish Administrator Limited Access to mid September

Chris Lloyd is not working on site until sometime in September, due to surgery. Some essential tasks will be done via home working. There may be a delay in responding to emails and telephone messages. The website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk will continue to be updated

Church Opening Times

Saturdays

10am to 1pm

Sundays

6.45am to 7.30pm,

9.30am to 11.30am,

4pm to 5.30pm

Monday to Friday



September 12th will be Fr Peter's last weekend in the Parish.



You are invited to a **BBQ after 10.15am Mass** to say "Goodbye" to Fr Peter and "Hello" to Fr Chris Pedley.



Climate Sunday

The Climate Sunday initiative is calling on all local churches across Great Britain & Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 in November 2021.

We will hold ours in St Wilfrid's on **September 5th**.

www.climatesunday.org



We are looking at moving the **Tuesday**

Drop in back inside sometime during September, as well as moving back to using washable crockery. Our stock of mugs for use on Tuesday night's is a bit depleted, so we would welcome any old, uncracked & unchipped mugs—please leave in the Narthex in the blue donation box or bring to the Parish Centre on a Tuesday.

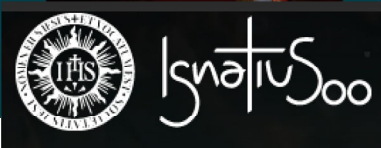
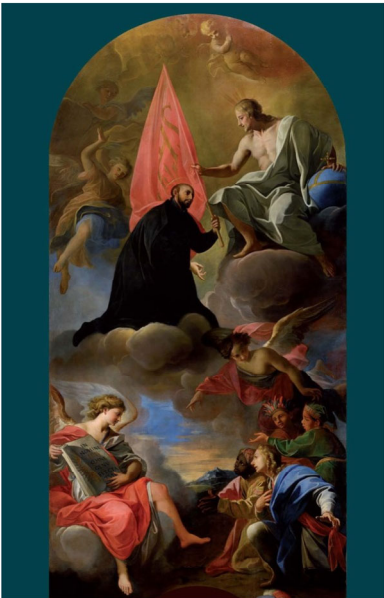
Sanctuary Books hopes to reopen in September, including providing tea & coffee after weekday Mass.

Opening days and times will depend on the recruitment of new volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact Geoff 07932 792773



Parish Holiday in Barmouth

We have a booking at the Jesuit Villa in Barmouth between Monday 27th and Thursday 30th September. If you are interested let Geoff know - email stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com. Booking forms will be available next week.



EMERGENCY
Haiti Earthquake Appeal

Please pray for Haiti
To help cafod.org.uk/donations

Prayer for the Ignatian Year

Loving God,

We come before You asking for Your special grace as we go through the year dedicated to the memory of the conversion of Saint Ignatius.

We remember the battle of Pamplona, the bravery of Ignatius, his recklessness, his ability to relate to his comrades.

We remember his wound; his broken dreams; his apparent failure; the vulnerability of his health; his return to Loyola and the long days of soul searching to try to find his way in life, finally surrendering his life to You as he listened to Your voice speaking to him through his reading, his dreams, his prayers and his imagination.

We remember his journey to Manresa; his inner struggles; his desire to reach out to others, helping souls to discover the consolation of Your Risen Son.

We ask, Lord, that You renew, also today, Ignatius' spirit in us.

May we grow closer to his total trust in the Holy Spirit, following Him faithfully, neither running ahead or falling behind.

May we make our own his ability to discern, his courage, his vulnerability, his search for companionship; his openness to young people and his desire to share with them his wisdom.

May we learn from his fearlessness in going forward even if it meant, sometimes, making mistakes.

Grant, Lord, that we may be on fire with his apostolic zeal and full of love for this beautiful but broken world.

Help us, Lord to set aside our narrow views, our preconceptions of ourselves, of each other, of our world and to see everything with new eyes. Help us to live ever more deeply the Ignatian charism of *seeing all things new in Christ*, of seeing Your grace at work, even in darkness and suffering.

May this Ignatian Year help us to know Jesus poor and humble, to love Him more dearly, and follow Him more closely.

We ask the intercession of Our Lady of the Way. May she help us journey with Your Son, Jesus, putting our hand in His, stepping out, every day, into the world with a sense of adventure, of love and hope.

Amen.

#ignatius500

www.ignatius500.global

Calling all Lancastrians...It's YOUR Parish and YOUR Planet...

Join us between **3rd - 6th September** for a long weekend of talks & discussions on Zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of Laudato Si' in and through your parish. The sessions are Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening, Sunday afternoon and evening and Monday evening, on Zoom, led from Boarbank Hall & the Ecological Conversion Group)

Building on a very successful and lively series of shared experiences, these sessions are open to anyone interested.

If this topic interests you, or you have been thinking about starting something in your own parish/area, please contact **Sr Margaret** margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk to register your interest,

WHY? Faith is the place to start. **WHAT?** Understanding is the place to start. **HOW?** Sharing experience is the place to start.

Speakers include: Cardinal Vincent Nicolls and Bishop Paul Swarbrick, who will begin and end the September weekend with prayer and reflection.



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Parish Website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk

The week's readings:

Sun 22	21st Sunday	Joshua 24:1-2,15-18	(Ps 33)	Eph 5:21-32 John 6:60-69
Mon 23	Feria (<i>St Rose Of Lima</i>)	1 Thess 1:1-5,8-10	(Ps 149)	Matt 23:13-22
Tue 24	St Bartholomew	Apoc 21:9-14	(Ps 144)	John 1:45-51
Wed 25	Feria	1 Thess 2:9-13	(Ps 138)	Matt 23:27-32
Thu 26	Feria	1 Thess 3:7-13	(Ps 89)	Matt 24:42-51
Fri 27	St Monica	1 Thess 4:1-8	(Ps 96)	Matt 25:1-13
Sat 28	St Augustine	1 Thess 4:9-11	(Ps 97)	Matt 25:14-30

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

those recently died: Gerard Smith

anniversaries: Dorothy Crabtree,
Bernie Crook

those who are sick: Barbara Clark, Mary
Holme, Joyce Lyons, Simon Osborne, Pauline
Wilding, Susan Craft, Theresa Wilkinson, John
Browne, Veronica Judge & their carers.

How to make a donation to the parish by bank transfer

If you wish to make a donation to St. Wilfrid's
Parish by bank transfer the account is
St. Wilfred's Parish Account (please note the 'e')
Account no. 12585636 **Sort code 162833**
RBS Preston Fishergate Branch.

We are asked to pray the **Anima Christi**
during this year of the 500th anniversary of
St. Ignatius' death.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the wicked foe, defend me.

At the hour of my death, call me

and bid me come to you

That with your saints I may praise you

For ever and ever. Amen.

Sanctuary Bookshop

is open via Chapel
Street window on most
Fridays 11.15 to 12.10

Closed 13th & 20th

August

**Or contact Geoff 07932
792773 to arrange
other times**



**Struggle to follow
and lip-read the
Mass?**

**Want to join in a BSL/
SSE signed Mass ??**

Next monthly signed Parish
Mass at St. Wilfrid's

Sunday 12th August at 4:30pm

Signed Mass recordings at
www.catholicdeaf.org.uk

August's PRAYER INTENTION

The Church

Let us pray for the Church,
that she may receive from the
Holy Spirit the grace and
strength to reform herself in
the light of the Gospel.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network