



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

5th September, 2021

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Today's readings, in referring to the dumb speaking and the deaf hearing, are highlighting Our Lord's burning desire to empower people to really **be** who they are and, in their speech, to break out of their dumbness.

One of Ken Dodd's jokes was: "*The sound engineer was a bit dim – he asked the ventriloquist to hold the microphone nearer to the dummy's mouth*". As usual, Ken's humour contained food for thought. The ventriloquists' success depends on how well they can get you to look where you **expect** the talking to be coming from.... and not to look where you assume it won't be. It's a reflection of the world situation. Millions are virtually "dumb" and are expected to be dumb... or to be of no interest anyway. Opinions worth hearing are expected to be coming from the politically or economically powerful and, nowadays, 'celebrities'. 'Money talks' and the poor go to the wall. Glamour talks and the plain ordinary are ignored.



It's connected with something which teachers can sometimes spot in the classroom... or more likely the playground or the canteen or the sports field: a child who has been ignored by others will be **more** ignored as they lose their self-confidence. Every child, every person is important but not only that, Jesus wants his Gospel to make a difference to the whole world. To sit alongside him and gaze at the world – Afghanistan, Beirut, Sudan and our own towns – is to feel the burning need of change.

What can we do individually? A good start is in our own environment to notice that shy or unself-confident person and look in their direction to encourage them to venture their opinion, and then to give that opinion our attention, which means that they are feeling valued as persons. They count! And to Christ Our Lord everyone counts. The Gospel passage tells of him healing one person who is deaf and dumb, but he wants to unloose the tongue of *everyone* on our planet and values the help we can all give.

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Welcome

to Fr Chris Pedley who arrived on Wednesday.

Further moves to partial normality in church and parish centre starting 4th September.

In the church.

The central doors of the church will be open ending the one-way system.

Mass times and church opening times will remain the same till Fr Chris has had time to settle and decide on changes. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will similarly depend on Fr Chris' decision.

Place markers on pews are no longer being used Monday-Friday, as there is no sanitising on the basis that once-per-day use is acceptable without sanitising (as with hymnbooks).

Please continue to use face coverings, sanitiser, and social distancing. We await further guidance from the Bishop on such precautions.

The Offertory Procession and Prayers of the Faithful will resume as from 4/5th September.

A big clean of the church will have to happen in due course, but many thanks to Tony Robinson and Maureen Steele who've been working each Saturday to keep the floor clean.

In the parish centre.

In the parish centre some groups have resumed meetings. Returning to previous patterns of use is gradual, and dependent on various considerations, not least the willingness of present users to maintain cleanliness.

The previous professional cleaners are no longer available, so an alternative system is being explored by Fr Peter. This will involve systematic cleaning of the parish centre chairs on a rotation basis.

Thank you, and congratulations, to all who have helped in the continuation the Tuesday and Wednesday outreach to the homeless through thick (or sick) and thin during the pandemic.

Baptisms since the beginning of 2021.

Congratulations to the following infants and children who have been baptised:



Glimsy Guddinti
Gael Miles Bracho Diaz
Wulnaankus Bernice Dabok
Marcus James Berones Sigley
Emilia Berones Sigley
Nevaeh Smith



Parish Administrator Limited Access:

Chris Lloyd is not working on site until sometime in September, due to surgery. Some essential tasks will be done via home working.



The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed 1 September as a day of prayer for creation for the Orthodox as the Orthodox church year starts on that day with a commemoration of how God created the world. The World Council of Churches was instrumental in making the special time a season, extending the

celebration until 4 October. Now Christians worldwide embrace the season as part of their annual calendar.

Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015. In recent years, statements from religious leaders around the world have also encouraged the faithful to take time to care for creation during the month-long celebration. The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Church Opening Times

Saturdays: 10am to 1pm

Sundays: 6.45 to 7.30am, 9.30 to 11.30am, 4 to 5.30pm

Monday to Friday: 11.30 to 1pm



Next weekend (11/12th) 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.

Public Masses & Confession Times

Saturday 4th & 11th September

Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm
Mass 12.15pm

Confessions 5 to 5.30pm

Vigil Mass 5.35pm

Sunday 5th & 12th September

Masses at 7am, 10.15am & 4.30pm

Monday 6th to Friday 10th August

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm
Mass each day at 12.15pm

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 available from Geoff



Fr. Joseph Duggan's

Funeral Mass is at 12md on Thursday 16th Sept, at St Francis Xavier in Liverpool.

His body will be received into the Church at 7pm Mass on Wednesday 15th Sept.



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.

www.ignatius500.global



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 this weekend.

www.climatesunday.org

Sanctuary Books hopes to reopen 25th 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

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The week's readings:

Sun 5	23 rd Sunday	Isaiah 35:4-7	(Ps 145)	James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37
Mon 6	Feria	Col 1:24-2:3	(Ps 61)	Luke 6:6-11
Tue 7	Feria	Col 2:6-15	(Ps 144)	Luke 6:12-19
Wed 8	The Birthday of Our Lady	Micah 5:1-4	(Ps 12)	Matt 1:1-16, 18-23
Thu 9	St Peter Claver SJ	Col 3:12-17	(Ps 150)	Luke 6:27-38
Fri 10	Feria	1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14	(Ps 15)	Luke 6:39-42
Sat 11	Feria	1 Tim 1:15-17	(Ps 112)	Luke 6:43-49

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

those recently died: Fr Joe Duggan SJ

anniversaries: James Quigley

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

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.

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.

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 September at
4:30pm**

Signed Mass recordings at
www.catholicdeaf.org.uk



Sanctuary Bookshop

is open via Chapel
Street window on most
Fridays 11.15 to 12.10
**Or contact Geoff 07932
792773 to arrange
other times**

September's Intention

We pray that we will all
make courageous choices for
a simple and
environmentally sustainable
lifestyle rejoicing in our
young people who are
resolutely committed to this.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network