



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

12th September, 2021

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

The local People of God.

During this final phase before leaving, I'm aware that there are decisions that I should not take, as they are more fittingly left to Fr Chris. On the other hand, there are decisions which I should make, as they would be particularly difficult for a new arrival. Then there's the challenge of deciding which is which!

Ending well is part of the overall mission of being a parish priest, which cannot be overlooked. Unfortunately, in the race of so many things to be covered in the "hand-over", it's easy to fall at some fences. As well as the practicalities, there are the emotions of endings, which also demand attention.

I am very grateful to those who have been employed members of parish staff during my time at St Wilfrid's, for their service and care for the parish, and their adaptations from one PP to the next. I am referring of course to Maria Hall, Chris Lloyd, and Eric Knight. Before Chris Lloyd, there was Pat Carter.

But there are also those who've been a part of the Parish Council, while I was an assistant priest, and then parish priest. The umpteen meetings they've attended, and the multiple matters arising! The Finance Group is younger in the tooth, as far as recent history goes, but I'm grateful to them for responding to the challenge.

The clergy include Deacon Bill, and of course the Jesuits from the Jesuit Community, who've been offering their ministry, one weekly Mass rota after another.... All part of what St Wilfrid's has been offering in a distinctive way, for a long time. I thank them, and the ministry and service of a throng of others, who work in harmony and discipline to "make things work", and show Christ to others amid routine activities.

Finally, for all who come to St Wilfrid's, thank you, for you too support this local People of God, and place for the people of Preston, and the geographical and electronic beyonds.

May you continue to walk in the presence of the Lord!

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Moves to partial normality in church and parish centre from 4th September.



In the church.

The central doors of the church are 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 Processions and Prayers of the Faithful have resumed.

A big clean of the church will have to happen in due course.

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.

Sanctuary Books hopes to reopen **Friday 24th September** 11.15am to 1.30pm, including providing tea & coffee after Friday Mass when volunteers are available. From **Monday 4th October** we aim to do the same on Mondays. Other opening days will depend on the recruitment of new volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact Geoff 07932 792773.

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



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

Public Masses & Confession Times

Saturday 11th & 18th September Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

Mass 12.15pm Confessions 5 to 5.30pm Vigil Mass 5.35pm

Sunday 12th & 19th September Masses at 7am, 10.15am & 4.30pm

Monday 13th to Friday 17th Sept Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm Mass at 12.15pm



This weekend (11/12th) will be Fr Peter's last weekend in the Parish.

Please take the opportunity to say "Goodbye and Thank You" at our **BBQ after 10.15am Mass** .
At the same time say "Hello" to Fr Chris Pedley.

Fr. Joseph Duggan's Funeral Mass is at 12md on Thursday 16th Sept, at St Francis Xavier in Liverpool.



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

No transport has been arranged but a number of people are travelling to Liverpool by train and would be happy for you to travel with them.



Unveiled will take place here at St Wilfrid's on Friday 24th Sep then alternative

Fridays 19.30-21.30 . It will be a time of Adoration, Proclamation of the Word, a short talk and Praise and Worship. We look forward to worshipping with you. Any questions please email jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk



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.

Parish Administrator Limited Access:

Chris Lloyd is not working on site due to surgery. There may be a delay in responding to emails and telephone messages.

www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk will continue to be updated



Prayer of commitment

by Canon Michael Fitzsimmons

Used at St Wilfrid's Climate Sunday Masses last weekend

Lord, I come to do your will

Lord, allow my ears to listen to the cry of the earth, the voices of my sisters and brothers, those who face the harsh reality of climate change.

Lord, I come to do your will

Lord, allow my eyes to see the beauty of creation, in flowers, creatures, forests and cities alike.

Lord, I come to do your will

Lord, allow my voice to speak out for justice and ensure people living in poverty are heard.

Lord, I come to do your will

Lord, allow my hands to care for the earth, to toil, to reap, to celebrate.

Lord, I come to do your will

Lord, allow my feet to take the path less trod, to walk the extra mile, to take your message out to the world.

Lord, I come to do your will.

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



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The week's readings:

Sun 12	24 th Sunday	Isaiah 50:5-9	(Ps 114)	James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35
Mon 13	St John Chrysostom	1 Tim 2:1-8	(Ps 27)	Luke 7:1-10
Tue 14	Exaltation of the Cross	Numbers 21:4-9	(Ps 77)	John 3:13-17
Wed 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	Heb 5:7-9	(Ps 30)	John 19:25-27
Thu 16	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	1 Tim 4:12-16	(Ps 110)	Luke 7:36-50
Fri 17	St Robert Bellarmine SJ	1 Tim 6:2-12	(Ps 48)	Luke 8:1-3
Sat 18	Feria	1 Tim 6:13-16	(Ps 99)	Luke 8:4-15

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

those recently died: Fr Joe Duggan SJ
anniversaries: Molly Fry, Marlene Roebuck
those who are sick: Theresa Wilkinson,
Barbara Clark, Mary Holme, Joyce Lyons,
Simon Osborne, Pauline Wilding, Susan Craft,
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.



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

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



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



committed to this.

Sanctuary Bookshop is open via Chapel Street window on most Fridays 11.15 to 12.10 (**Not September 17th**) or contact Geoff 07932 792773 to arrange other times