



# Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

## St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus is teaching his disciples what it means to be his follower. To be a follower of Christ is to go against the values we often see in the world around us. Christ's Church is not a Church of "winners", who value power, wealth and status. We are called to be servants. In today's Gospel we are called to be like powerless, dependent, little children. Above all we are called to take up our cross, to be ready to be "losers" in this world's terms, and to follow Christ.

This is a challenge for all of us, but it is a challenge of which I am particularly aware of as a challenge for me as I take up my new role as Parish Priest. I ask you to pray for me that I may indeed be a servant of those I encounter rather than seeking my own comfort; that I may recognise my dependence on God and neither rely on my own resources nor seek to dominate others; that I may be ready to take up whatever form the cross may take and follow Jesus.

I am very much looking forward to serving this St Wilfrid's community. In some ways it will be different from the Farm Street Parish in the West End of London, where I have been for the last eight years, but I am learning that some of the practical demands of money and buildings as well as people will reflect much of what I have been doing in my last thirty-five years as a priest.



As we look forward to the challenges ahead, we might also pray that we might be the kind of community of peacemakers, which St James talks about in today's second reading. May we all have the "wisdom" which "is kindly and considerate... is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good".

May God Bless you all.

Chris Pedley SJ

# Moves to partial normality in church and parish centre from 4<sup>th</sup> 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** 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 24<sup>th</sup> September** 11.15am to 1.30pm, including providing tea & coffee after Friday Mass when volunteers are available. From **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10.15am Mass** will be available when volunteers are available, if you are willing to help please contact Geoff.



The final draft of the Oct/Nov Readers / Ministers of Holy Communion list is ready to be collected from the sacristy.

## 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**



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](mailto:jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

## 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](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk) will continue to be updated



Please pray for Afghanistan  
To help [cafod.org.uk/donations](http://cafod.org.uk/donations)

## Public Masses & Confession Times

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September** Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September** Masses at 7am, 10.15am & 4.30pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm Mass at 12.15pm



**Peter and Monica present Fr Peter with your gifts**

‘Thank you also for your generosity in your gifts, cards, and prayerful messages at this time. They help to ease the impact of changes at the personal level, and are encouraging.’ Fr Peter (£775 collected—given as 43 Trees for Life planted, £150 Amazon Voucher & 2 pairs of specialized outdoor trousers)



**This Family Fast Day, please give to help those who are protecting God's creation.**

Donate at [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

climate crisis appeal

**GO GREEN**

CAFOD  
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

climate crisis appeal

Next weekend (25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>) we launch the **Cafod Climate Crisis Appeal for Harvest Fast Day**. An **electronic card reader** will be available 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> and the following weekend for your donations.

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WORLD DAY  
MIGRANTS  
REFUGEES

**JRS**  
JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

UNITED KINGDOM

Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September, also, marks the **107<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. Pope Francis has decided upon the theme of **‘Towards an ever wider “we”**’ as his theme for this year. He calls on us to remember we are part of a wider human family, all made in the image and likeness of God. He asks us to live out a *‘culture of encounter’* rather than bowing to those who would have us build walls against those who are different to us. His powerful message has much for us to reflect on. (links to JRS resources will be available)

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### The week's readings:

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|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Sun 19 | 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday           | Wisdom 2:12,17-20- | (Ps 53)    | James 3:16-4:3<br>Mark 9:30-37 |
| Mon 20 | St Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions | Ezra 1:1-6         | (Ps 125)   | Luke 8:16-18                   |
| Tue 21 | St Matthew                        | Eph 4:1-7,11-13    | (Ps 18)    | Matt 9:9-13                    |
| Wed 22 | Feria                             | Ezra 9:5-9         | (Tobit 13) | Luke 9:1-6                     |
| Thu 23 | St Pius (Padre Pio)               | Haggai 1:1-8       | (Ps 149)   | Luke 9:7-9                     |
| Fri 24 | Feria                             | Haggai 1:15-2:9    | (Ps 42)    | Luke 9:18-22                   |
| Sat 25 | Feria                             | Zech 2:5-9,14-15   | (Jer 31)   | Luke 9:43-45                   |

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**those recently died:** Mary Holme  
**anniversaries:** Raymond Billsborough,  
Agnes Whittaker

**those who are sick:** Theresa Wilkinson,  
Barbara Clark, 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.



**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 10<sup>th</sup>  
October at  
4:30pm**

Signed Mass recordings at [www.catholicdeaf.org.uk](http://www.catholicdeaf.org.uk)

We are asked to pray the **Anima Christi** during this year of the 500<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### 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



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