



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

15th October, 2023

28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

CALLED TO THE WEDDING FEAST

Over the last few weeks we have been hearing the parables which Jesus tells to the chief priests and the elders, the religious leaders who might have been expected to respond to the call of God. Today we have the image of the wedding feast.



We see from the first reading that the banquet was a traditional image of God's goodness to his people. The reign of God is marked by abundance. The image in the parable would, therefore, have been familiar to Jesus' hearers. The people who were expected do not respond to the invitation, they are taken up with their own business. Some even kill the messengers, as people did with some

of the prophets. The people who are brought into the feast in the place of the invited guest are of all sorts, good and bad alike. As in the other parables, Jesus theme is that it is the unexpected people, the sinners, the tax collectors, foreigners, who respond to his call. These are the people who make up the Church, these are the people invited to the Kingdom.

As with the earlier parables, we can be grateful for that call of Christ. We are the ones brought in from the crossroads to sit at the table of the Lord. However, again there is a challenge to us. We can be like those invited guests who have something more important to do that pay attention to the call, more important than spending time with God, more important than putting living out the Gospel first in our lives. Perhaps here is a clue to the strange ending to the Gospel, the man without the wedding garment. The meaning is not altogether clear but we can ask ourselves how prepared are we to come into the presence of the Lord. Have we taken steps to be reconciled to God and to our neighbour? Have we opened ourselves to God in prayer?

Chris Pedley, S.J.

CHURCH OPEN

Normal times have resumed for opening the church, confessions and Mass. Some scaffolding remains as there is still work to be done renewing the gutter between the church and the Sodality Chapel.



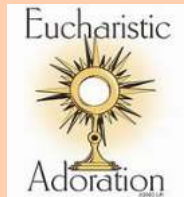
WELCOME TO FR. HUGH DUFFY SJ

Welcome to Fr Hugh Duffy, the new Superior of the Preston Jesuit Community.

Fr. Hugh has replaced Fr. Paul Fletcher, who is on sabbatical prior to moving to Manchester. Fr Hugh was most recently Superior of the Jesuit nursing home in Boscombe near Bournemouth.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

Pope Francis says the Synod is an opportunity for the Church, "to listen to the Spirit in adoration and prayer." We will, therefore, have **exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.30am to 12.00am each weekday until the Synod finishes on 29th October.**



Saint Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Chaplaincy Coordinator (Lay Chaplain). We are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with good catechetical formation and strong personal faith to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of our Catholic community. For further information, or to arrange a visit to the school, please **contact Mrs S Kelly, School Manager, on 01253 667 526 or skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk**

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS



Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) are looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District.

For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk



Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults

Metanoia Project are now officially offering Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults on behalf of the Diocese of Lancaster and St. Wilfrid's Parish. Further info about groups and events please contact joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk

On sale in St Wilfrid's Bookshop A beautiful new set of modern art cards

These cards have been produced from the original art of a parishioner. The images & words together are a powerful commentary. RRP £1.50. Please support by purchasing.



ArtforGod



@ 7.30 pm in Church on
Friday 20th October



Thursday 12 Oct
Coffee from 10.45 for
an 11am start.



during 10.15am Sunday
Mass.
All children welcome



The month of October is dedicated to the
Holy Rosary

The Lady Chapel will be, once again, decorated to guide us in this way of praying and **Metanoia Project** will be leading the **Rosary in the Lady Chapel after Mass every Friday in October.**

Please join us in asking Mary, our Mother, to be near us, to lead us to her Son, to slow down our hearts and minds, and to show us the simple, beautiful path to holiness.

After 12.15 Mass 13th, 20th, 27th October
In the Lady Chapel

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Superior of the Jesuit Community: Fr. Hugh Duffy (554387)

Parish Website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk



Sun 15	28 th Sunday	Isaiah 25:6-10	(Ps 22)	Phil 4:12-14,19-20 Matt 22:1-14
Mon 16	Feria <i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	Rom 1:1-7	(Ps 97)	Luke 11:29-32
Tue 17	St Ignatius of Antioch	Rom 1:16-25	(Ps 18)	Luke 11:37-41
Wed 18	St Luke	2 Tim 4:10-17	(Ps 144)	Luke 10:1-9
Thu 19	Sts John De Brebeuf Isaac Jogues & Companions SJ	Rom 3:21-30	(Ps 129)	Luke 11:47-54
Fri 20	Feria	Rom 4:1-28	(Ps 31)	Luke 12:1-7
Sat 21	Feria	Rom 4:13,16-18	(Ps 104)	Luke 12:8-12

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 to 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm

Adoration 11.30am to 12.00am

each weekday until the Synod finishes on 29th October.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Recently Died: Lucy Matthews RIP

Anniversaries

Those who are sick:

Susan Craft, Bill Beetham, Brendan Rawsthorn,
Joyce Lyons, Pauline Wilding, Geoff Thompson,
Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp, Robert Swan.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



October's Intention -

For the Synod

We pray for the Church; that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Sanctuary Gift and Card shop

Open Mondays & Fridays 11.30-1.30 and 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.



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For details see narthex noticeboard or contact joel@metanoiaproject.co.uk