



## St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

# Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### *My Lord and my God!*

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, we rejoice and celebrate the new life promised us by the Risen Jesus. Because it is by his blood and water, poured out from the pierced crucified Jesus, we are saved.

Our second reading today from St. John's first epistle testifies to this: that Jesus Christ, Son of God, overcame the world by the shedding of his water and blood.

In today's gospel, the apostles especially Thomas, have their faith strengthened by seeing the Risen Jesus in the Upper Room. Jesus reveals his raw wounds and invites us to doubt no longer but believe. Indeed, blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Twenty-one years ago, Pope Saint John Paul II at the canonisation Mass of St. Faustina in 2000 explained:

*From that Heart [of Christ], Sr. Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that heart and illuminating the world. "The two rays", Jesus Himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water" (Diary, entry 299).*

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope Saint John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified." Rejoice!

*Give thanks to the Lord for ... his merciful love has no end.*

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## **Public Masses & Confession Times**

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm**

**Mass 12.15pm**

**Confessions 5 to 5.30pm**

**Vigil Mass 5.35pm**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Masses at 7.30am, 10.15am & 4.30pm**

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm**

**Mass each day at 12.15pm**

## **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**

**11.30am to 1pm**

**It is now the law to wear a face covering in church, unless you are exempt.**

**Unveiled next session will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30-8.30pm. Join in person in St Wilfrid's church or online for an hour of Scripture, Teaching, Praise, Worship and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Broadcast live via Facebook (although you don't need to have a Facebook account) just put the following in your browser [www.facebook.com/MetanoiaProject](http://www.facebook.com/MetanoiaProject) and the video should appear at the required time. Also you can take part in a Zoom group. If you want to join over Zoom or have any queries please contact [anna@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:anna@metanoiaproject.co.uk).**

**Congratulations to Rory Kennedy & Emily Prest whose wedding takes place at St. Wilfrid's on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Fr. Randall will be acting as Registrar.**

**SPUC White Flower Appeal will take place at Sunday Masses 17/18<sup>th</sup> Apr.**

**St. Wilfrid's Sanctuary Bookshop will re-open from the window on Chapel Street on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 11.30am to 12.10pm.**

**Then from 23<sup>rd</sup> April it will be open most Fridays 11.30am to 12.10pm.**

## **Jesuit Villa in Barmouth**

**If anyone is interested in going to Barmouth later in the year let Geoff know 07932 792773. If enough people are interested he will contact Brother Ken to see if any dates are available.**

**If you wish to make a donation to the parish or maybe submit a Mass intention you can now do so via our website *DONATE* button**

**[www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk). It is simple, quick and easy.**

**Metanoia Project thank St. Wilfrid's parishioners for their generosity during their recent fundraising, especially the weekend collection, to enable their work with the youth, the poor and homeless to continue.**

**The Rwanda Group Trust would like to say a big thank you to everyone who responded to our Lenten appeal. We had a fantastic response raising £6,300 - divided between donations for basic necessities and purchase of 100 goats. May God Bless you all for your generosity to the poor people of Rwanda.**

### **CAFOD Lent Appeal**

**Thank you for your generous donations. £595 was donated using the contactless machine. There were also cash donations taken.**

### **CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal**

**£155.50 was collected in the Coronavirus Appeal envelopes.**

**CAFOD Walk for Water Just Giving Pages collected £860 (£640 on the page Geoff set up and £220 on the page Barbara set up).**

**Plus £223.75 was collected in envelopes and cash.**

**Thanks to all who took part by walking or supporting.**

**The Just Giving Page for this appeal remains open if you wish to support with a donation at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-wilfrids-preston-cafod-lent-appeal-walk-fo>**

### **Forthcoming Preston Catholic College Book Launch**

**Jim Clune has written a book based on the accounts of 24 old boys of the Preston Catholic College who would have been among the last intakes of the College before closing. He plans to launch the book at Waterstones in Preston when the shop can open up in May.**

### **Preston Community Transport 01772 204 667 (Select Option 2)**

**For anyone struggling for transport, this is a door-to-door service for shopping trips, getting into town or social events. Fares start at £1.50 each way.**

**Community Car Scheme is a volunteer car scheme for those who need help attending surgery appointments. Call 01772 516208**

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## New Parish Website [www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk)

### The week's readings:

Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35 (Ps 117 & 1 John 5:1-6 & John 20:19-31)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Acts 4:23-31 & John 3:1-8
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Acts 4:32-37 & John 3:7-15
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Acts 5:17-26 & John 3:16-21
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Acts 5:27-33 & John 3:31-36
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Acts 5:34-42 & John 6:1-15
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Acts 6:1-7 & John 6:16-21

#### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**those recently died:** Denise Kirby RIP funeral 16 April 10am. Joe Porter RIP

**anniversaries:** Sheila Huyton, Fr Manus Keane SJ  
Mary McSharry, John Bretherton, Martin Lucas,  
Edward Holden

**those who are sick:** Barbara Clark, Mary Holme, Joyce Lyons, Simon Osborne, Pauline Wilding, Kath Moss, Susan Craft, Theresa Wilkinson, Joseph Murphy, John Browne, Marie Gardner & their carers.

#### April's PRAYER INTENTION

We pray for those  
who risk their lives while fighting  
for fundamental rights under  
dictatorships, authoritarian  
regimes and even in  
democracies in crisis



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

**Want to join in a BSL/SSE signed Mass with family, friends and parishioners??**

Come to our monthly signed parish Masses in St. Wilfrid's RC Church, Chapel Street, (off Fishergate by Hays Travel) Preston PR1 8BU:

**2nd Sundays monthly at 4:30pm**

**Please wear face-covering {visor/mask}  
and come to front (or 3rd) pew**

Student trainee SLI may sign readings + responses as Fr. Paul signs Mass

By kindness of St. Wilfrid's Parish Priest and parish.

For more information, contact:

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

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will be open Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Apr  
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**Geoff 07932 792773**

#### How to make a donation to the parish

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 misspelling of Wilfrid with an 'e')

**Account no. 12585636**

**Sort code 162833**

RBS Preston Fishergate Branch.