



**St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston**

# Newsletter

21st April 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## OUR JESUIT PARISH

Last Sunday the Jesuit Provincial, Fr Peter Gallagher, was carrying out his visitation of the St Wilfrid's community and the parish. Thank you very much to those of you who met with him after the 10.15am Mass. He was very grateful.

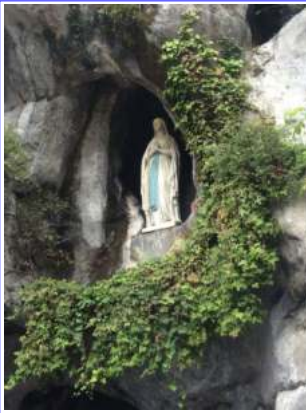
I was away most of last week at the Jesuit Province Meeting in Swanwick, Derbyshire, which takes place every two years. It was a gathering of Jesuits in Britain and those who work closely with us. Among those you would know were Lynn McWilliams of Jesuit Missions and Megan Knowles of the Jesuit Refugee Service, who have made appeals here. Fr Peter Randall and Fr Paul Fletcher were also present and seemed on good form.

The focus of the meeting was on the outcome of a meeting of representatives from the Jesuit Provinces around the world with Fr General. This happens every three years and Fr General had produced a document looking at various aspects of Jesuit life and mission. We also had a session on the meaning of synodality in our lives in the light of the recent Synod in Rome.



These events remind us of that this Parish is a work of the Jesuits in Britain and part of a long history of Jesuit activity in Preston going back over 200 years. We give thanks to all those who have served the parish over the years. We also pray that the apostolic preferences of showing the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment; walking with the poor, the outcasts of the world and those whose dignity has been violated; accompanying young people in the creation of a hope-filled future and collaborating in the care of our common home, may continue to influence our work as members of this parish in the centre of Preston.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



Thank you everyone who has supported my fundraising to go to Lourdes. I'm very thankful and I really enjoyed seeing so many of you. I will be saying a prayer for each of you when I do go to Lourdes, and I know in doing so you will be blessed. If you would like me to take a written intention to place at the Grotto please leave in a sealed envelope in the sacristy or shop and I'll happily take them with me.

Thank you again. Isabel

Patrick Rooney is due to be moved to Blackpool Victoria Hospital for a triple bypass heart operation next Wednesday. He thanks everyone for their visits and good wishes and asks for your prayers next week.

### **Papal Message for Vocations Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024:**

#### **“Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace”**

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to?

Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today. Let us take time to stir the hearts and minds of the people around us to think about the topic of Vocation. The National Office for Vocation (NOV) invites you to talk and encourage children, young people, grandchildren, students, family members to respond generously to the calling of the Lord.

### **Sanctuary Gift and Card shop**

Open Mon & Fri 11.15-1.15 and after 10.15 Mass on Sunday.

We offer a large number of cards for most occasions at competitive prices.

#### **Gifts for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation**

All of our profits go to charities.

**Please come and have a look around.**



## FRIDAY 19 APRIL@7pm PARISH BINGO NIGHT

with refreshments. BYOB

In aid of the Jude Christian Orphanage.

Tickets £10

available from Maria Hall & the shop



The Ascent group is a meeting for retired men and women who assemble each **Thursday** in the Parish Centre. We meet at **10.45** for friendship, chat, tea and

coffee and at 11am Fr. Paul Hackett SJ, our Chaplain, leads us through the Sunday readings for contemplation and discussion.

Please come and join us and you will be made most welcome.

If you regularly come to 12.15pm Mass on a Thursday please think about coming a bit earlier and joining the group.



### Let's Go Green

**Eat less meat and dairy - try one meat free day a week and explore the wonderful world of meatless cuisine - there is much variety.**

**Avoid buying water in a plastic bottle, have a refillable bottle. Similarly avoid buying coffee or tea in a disposable cup: have your own and save money too.**

***Living in a way that honours rather than threatens the planet is living out what it means to be made in the image of God.***

***....What we face today is nothing less than a choice about how genuinely human we want to be. (Rowan Williams)***

### Gift Aid envelopes

for the next financial year are available for collection in the Sacristy.

Forms also available for anyone who wants to Gift Aid their donations so we can recover the tax.

### 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](mailto:joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sun 21	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2-	(Ps 117)	John 10:11-18
Mon 22	Mary Mother of the SJs	Apoc 21:1-5	(Judith 13)	John 19:25-27
Tue 23	St George	Apoc 12:10-12	(Ps 125)	John 15:1-8
Wed 24	Feria	Acts 12:24-13:5	(Ps 66)	John 12:44-50
Thu 25	St Mark	1 Peter 5:5-14	(Ps 88)	Mark 16:15-20
Fri 26	Feria	Acts 13:26-33	(Ps 2)	John 14:1-6
Sat 27	St Peter Canisius SJ	Acts 13:44-52	(Ps 97)	John 14:7-14

**Mass & Confession Times**

**Saturday**

Confessions 11am to 12.10pm & 5-5.30pm

**Mass 12.15pm Vigil 5.35pm**

**Sunday**

**Masses 7, 10.15am & 4.30pm**

**Monday to Friday**

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm

**Mass 12.15pm**

Eucharistic



Adoration

**For Jesuit Vocations  
every Monday  
11:30 -12 noon**

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR**

**Lately Dead Seamus Ryan RIP**

Funeral Service 10.15 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**Anniversaries** Fr Michael Hayward SJ

Agnes Bedford.

**Those who are sick:** Susan Craft, Patrick Rooney, Joyce Lyons, Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp, Fr Michael Murphy.



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**



**April's Intention - For the Role of Women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**LITTLE CHURCH**

**During 10.15 Sunday Mass**



Tuesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> April is  
the feast of  
St George  
patron saint  
of England.

St George  
Pray for us.

The Parish Newsletter is to reflect what happens in the Parish & news regarding parishioners. If you would like something to be included please send information to the Parish Administrator