



Newsletter

8th May, 2022

4th SUNDAY of EASTER

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As is customary, Bishop Paul, has written us a Pastoral Letter on this, Good Shepherd Sunday, focusing particularly on the subject of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I suggest you spend some time reading and reflecting on what he has written.

However, the emphasis of the particular section of John's Gospel we hear today in year C of the liturgical cycle is on where we are being lead by Jesus our Good Shepherd. Jesus says that his sheep know his voice, follow him and he leads them to eternal life. In our second reading the shepherd is the Lamb who leads us to springs of living water. The image of the Lamb is one we see all around us in this city. The Lamb of God is the symbol of the city, although I suspect there are



many people who take it for granted and do not recognise its Christian significance. However, we are fortunate every time we see this symbol, on a letter head or piece of street furniture, to be reminded that it is a message of hope. We remember that the initials "PP" did not originally stand for "Proud Preston" but "Princeps Pacem", "Prince of Peace". Bishop Paul makes references to the many things that are disturbing in the world at this moment. The message of peace and hope that comes to us whenever

we see the Lamb of God is one that we need as we seek to be "a light for the nations", as it says in our first reading, a sign of the resurrection of Christ for our world.

Finally, we might pray particularly for two men shared in the mission of Christ as Good Shepherd in their lives as Jesuits, two men of this community who died recently. Fr Tony Nye and Fr Tom Shufflebotham both contributed regularly to this Newsletter. We give thanks for their lives and ask that they may rest in peace. CP



Most of the Covid 19 restrictions have now been removed but you are encouraged to continue to use face coverings, sanitizer, and social distancing when in the church.



The Provincial, Fr Damian Howard SJ, is doing his visitation of the parish and community 6th-9th May. He will be celebrating the 10.15am Mass this

Sunday, 8th May, and then meeting the Parish Pastoral Council after Mass.



**Ascent Group
11 am on Thursdays**



Coffee from 10.45am. New members most welcome.

LITTLE CHURCH

ALL children welcome during 10.15am Mass.

Please pray for those making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 22nd May at 10.15am Mass. Please pray for them & their families:

**Ernest; Ethan;
Francis; Joan;
Maria; Martin;
Olivia; Rachel**



Metanoia Project

Metanoia Project's **Drop In for the homeless** is looking for volunteers. The Drop In runs 6.30 - 8pm every Wednesday evening in St Wilfrid's

Church. The volunteers assist in setting up and tidying away the space, providing refreshments, assigning the needed clothing or toiletries, as well as spending time listening and talking with the people, so they are reminded of and have an experience of God's love and mercy. If this sounds like a role you would like to give your time to or you would like any more information, please ring Jen 07957566741

Please bring your red Missio box for emptying and leave it in the sacristy anytime between 14th to 22nd May, thanks.



An evening of prayer & praise, through music, scripture, talk & Adoration.



Please join us @ 7.30 pm on Friday **13th May**.



Ukraine Appeal: If you still wish to donate online

see <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/work/emergencies/crisis-in-ukraine-2/> for more information and a link to the donations page.



Please pray for the repose of **Fr. Tony Nye SJ**. His Requiem funeral Mass is arranged for **2:30pm Tuesday 10th May** at Farm Street Jesuit Church, London W1, and will be live-streamed through the Farm Street parish website:

<https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

Sadly **Fr Tom Shufflebotham SJ** died on Wednesday, 4th May, in the community house at St Wilfrid's. He had been suffering from cancer for some time, and his death was peaceful. He was 87 years old and in the 70th year of religious life. May he rest in peace.

His Requiem Mass will be on **Wednesday 1 June 12.15pm** at St Wilfrid's.



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of the
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**With the Jesuit Community for Jesuit Vocations
every Monday 11:30 -12noon**



'Finding Jesus in the Eucharist, the Poor and Creation'

Saturday 4th June 2022

10am to 3.30pm including 12.15pm Mass

**St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Chapel Street, Preston
(5 minutes walk from Railway Station)**

Keynote speaker- **Fr Eamonn Mulcahy**

Fr Eamonn will also celebrate Mass at 12.15pm.

Tea and Coffee provided, please bring your own lunch or buy locally

After lunch there will be several short presentations.

Book via link on lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk

For further details contact Sue Grubic ldfjsue@gmail.com



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Sun 8	4 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 13:14,43-52	(Ps 99)	Apoc 7:9,14-17 John 10:27-30
Mon 9	Feria	Acts 11:1-18	(Pss 41,42)	John 10:27-30
Tue 10	Feria <i>St John De Avila</i>	Acts 11:19-26	(Ps 86)	John 10:22-30
Wed 11	Feria	Acts 12:24-13:5	(Ps 66)	John 12:44-50
Thu 12	Feria <i>St Pancras</i>	Acts 13:13-25	(Ps 88)	John 13:16-20
Fri 13	Feria <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Acts 13:26-33	(Ps 2)	John 14:1-6
Sat 14	St Matthias	Acts 1:15-17,20-26	(Ps 112)	John 15:9-17

Masses & 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 - 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm

Monday

Adoration 11.30am-12pm

The church is open daily

Saturday 10-6.15 Sunday 6.45-5.30

Monday, Thursday, Friday 11.30-6.00

Tuesday, Wednesday 11.30-5.30

Deaf Community Welcome

British Sign Language signed

Mass 4.30pm Sunday 8 May

with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ

Please sit in the front pews.



Signed Mass recordings at www.catholicdeaf.org.uk

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

those recently dead: Fr Tony Nye SJ

Fr Tom Shufflebotham SJ

Deacon Frank Cole (in retirement in Barrow, formerly English Martyrs' & Catholic College Old Boys Association)

James Berry (Requiem Mass Monday 9th May 12.15pm)

anniversaries: Mary Bell, John Rochford

those who are sick: Susan Craft, Barbara

Clark, Pauline Wilding, Theresa Wilkinson,

Joyce Lyons & Simon Osborne.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



May's Intention

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

Sanctuary Bookshop is now open most **Monday & Fridays** 11.15 to 1.30 **with tea & coffee** after **Monday & Friday Mass**, also during **Coffee after 10.15 Mass on Sunday**