



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

# Newsletter

7th May, 2023

**5th Sunday of Easter**



## **THE KING'S FAITHFUL SERVANT BUT GOD'S FIRST** (St Thomas More)

The occasion of King Charles coronation challenges us to examine our values. On Thursday we celebrated the feast of the English Martyrs, many of them from this area. Typically, while giving their lives for the Catholic faith, they professed their loyalty to the sovereign, whether that was Elizabeth I, James I, Charles I or Charles II. However, they refused to accept the authority of the state in matter of religion.

We have similar questions around what it means for us to be British and Catholic. On the one hand, as people living in this country, being British gives an identity. Britain is the country in which we live. Our laws, our government, many of the services we receive are in the name of the crown. For many of us we may feel that we also identify with some other country, for example, Ireland, Nigeria, India, Poland or another part of the world. However, like those English Martyrs, we belong to a Church which is universal, where there is neither Jew nor Greek. As Pope Francis was reminding us on his recent visit to Hungary, we must be open to those in need from wherever they may come. As Catholics this shapes our attitudes to people like refugees and to the way we look at people of other races and religions. It also shapes our attitudes to political questions. We cannot say "my country right or wrong", we cannot be exclusive and simply put our own interests first, nor can we ignore global issues like the environment. The Catholic Church has something to say about all these things.

There are different views about what values the monarchy embodies and, therefore, different attitudes to the coronation. We may be grateful that in King Charles we do have someone who takes faith and concern for others seriously as I know from some of my fellow Jesuits who have worked with him and his staff, for example in working for Christians facing persecution. Let us take this opportunity to celebrate the good things about this country but also to think seriously about our values and what kind of country we, as Catholics, want this to be.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



**SURVIVE-MIVA**  
Missionary Vehicle Association

**13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
May  
appeal  
at all**

**Masses for Survive Miva**, a charity that provides vehicle grants to support the Catholic Church's health outreach work and pastoral ministry in the developing world.

Saint Bede's Catholic High School, Lytham, has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. This is a particular responsibility within Catholic schools in preserving and developing the distinctive Catholic character and ethos of the school. To apply, or for further information, please contact Mrs S Kelly, Headteacher's PA, on 01253 667 526 or [skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:skelly@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk)



## JESUIT PROVINCIAL

**Fr Peter Gallagher SJ** has been appointed as the new Provincial superior of the British Province of the Society of Jesus. He will take over on 1<sup>st</sup> September. He is originally from Coatbridge in Scotland and is currently teaching Philosophy in Paris. He has experience of helping in a number of parishes over the years in addition to his main work of teaching and being the superior of a number of Jesuit communities. He is due to visit us in Preston

next year. Please pray for him as he takes up his new appointment.



The next meeting of the **Faith and Justice Group**, to which all are invited, is after **10.15 Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May** in the Parish Centre.

**All welcome.**

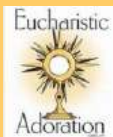


Please bring your **Missio Red Box** to the Sacristy between 6<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May for emptying.



## Ascent Group

Meet Thursdays 11am in Parish Centre. Coffee 10.45am.  
**All welcome**



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

# UNVEILED

Scripture, Talk, Praise and Worship  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**5<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Church**



## 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 [lmmy@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:lmmy@metanoiaproject.co.uk)



THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

St Peter's Church



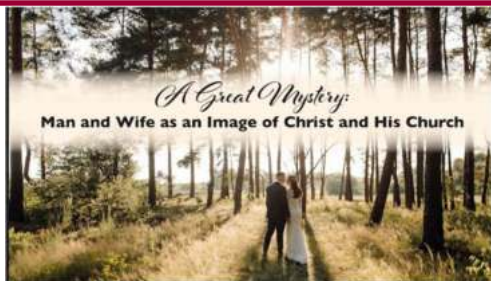
# Sponsored WALK for LIFE

In aid of RightToLife

Monday, 8th May 2023

- 2pm for 2:15pm start at Theodore House, Stonyhurst
- 2:30 to 5pm walk Tolkien trail (short route)
- 5:15pm prayers and Benediction at St Peter's, Stonyhurst
- Refreshments at Theodore House

10% off B&B at Theodore House



“A Great Mystery”:

## Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Running from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May and responding Pope Francis' call for ongoing formation for married couples, this retreat will ground couples in the Church's vision of marriage as an icon of Christ and His Church, strengthening their sense of the supernatural and ecclesial dimensions of the marital vocation.

Visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/a-great-mystery-marriage-enrichment/>

Visit [christianheritagecentre.com/events/walk-for-life/](https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/walk-for-life/) to register or for more information

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD in Lancaster Diocese are welcoming **Kayode Akintola, their Head of Region in Africa**, for a couple of days in May.

Kayode will speak for a few of minutes just before the end of the **4.30pm Mass next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** to say a big thank you to our parishioners for the tremendous support given to CAFOD by St. Wilfrid's over many years, and to mention a couple of examples of how we have helped make a difference. **This will not be an appeal.**

After Mass, Kayode will be joining the Metanoia Student and Young Adult Group for food and chat and speaking to them about his work with CAFOD partners in the Region, and answer any questions they might have. It will be great opportunity to meet the young adults and engage with them.



**LITTLE CHURCH**

ALL children welcome during 10.15am Mass.

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



## This Week's Readings

Sun 7	5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-7	(Ps 32)	1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12
Mon 8	Feria	Act 14:5-18	(Ps 113B)	John 14:21-26
Tue 9	Feria	Acts 14:19-28	(Ps 144)	John 14:27-31
Wed 10	Feria	Acts 15:1-6	(Ps 121)	John 15:1-8
Thu 11	Feria	Acts 15:7-21	(Ps 95)	John 15:9-11
Fri 12	Feria	Acts 15:22-31	(Ps 56)	John 15:12-17
Sat 13	Feria <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Acts 16:1-10	(Ps 99)	John 15:18-21

## 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 - 12.10pm

**Mass 12.15pm**

**Monday Adoration 11.30am-12pm**

**The church is open daily**

**Saturday 8.00am-6.15pm**

**Sunday 6.45am-5.30pm**

**Monday to Friday 8.00am-6.00pm**

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**Those who died recently:** Mary Sweeney RIP  
Requiem 12.15pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

**Anniversaries:** Mary Bell, Jim Rochford,  
James Sumner.

**Those who are sick:** Susan Craft, Joan Cragg,  
Joyce Lyons, Pauline Wilding, Bill Beetham.



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**



### May's Intention -

#### For Church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**Sanctuary Bookshop** 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**  
**1st Communion & Confirmation gifts.**  
**Closed May Bank Holidays**

## Deaf Community Welcome

British Sign Language  
signed Mass 14<sup>th</sup> May @ 4.30pm  
with Fr Paul Fletcher

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



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