



Newsletter

14th May, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Jesus Christ says to us what he said to the Apostles, "If you love me keep my commandments." We cannot call ourselves his disciples if we do not listen to his words and make an effort to live by them. Most of us fail on occasions and our lives are poorer for that. We need the Lord's help to heal us and forgive us, and to encourage us to do better.

The words of Scripture remind us of God's love and care for us.

In today's First Reading (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17) we learn of the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritan received the gospel and was imbued with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the Second Reading (1 Peter 7:15-18) Peter encourages the early Christians to remain steadfast in their attachment to Christ.

In the Gospel (John 14:15-21) John writes that to love Christ is to listen to his words and with the help of the Holy Spirit to put his words into practice. Jesus tells his disciples he is going away, "going to the Father". He is not abandoning them or rejecting them but returning to the Father to give and receive honour and glory; but, above all, he is going to send us the gift of the Holy Spirit: "I will not leave you orphans."

Jesus did not leave his Apostles orphaned, desolate and rejected, but through their obedience to his commandments and with the Holy Spirit they are drawn into loving communion with him. The same is true for us; we have access to his presence and to the help of the Holy Spirit in the same way as the first Christians. Jesus is not present as a vague memory of a person who lived long ago but as a real lifegiving presence that transforms us. When we receive Holy Communion we are not just in communication with him but in communion with him – *A Holy Communion*. We are sustained and fed. We are not orphans, abandoned and rejected. We are part of the Body of Christ.

AHsj





SURVIVE-MIVA
Missionary Vehicle Association

This weekend appeal at the Vigil & 10.15 am 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.

UNVEILED

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

19th May at 7pm in Church



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

Kayode will speak for a few of minutes just before the end of the **today's 4.30pm Mass** 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 is 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.



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

**Ascension of The Lord
Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday 18 May
Masses at
5.35pm Vigil Wed 17
12.15pm Thurs 18 May**

Ascent Group

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



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

DAY of RENEWAL

Led by Barbara Mason

Barbara has been in faith formation for over 35 years, giving retreats in the UK and internationally she is also the author of the recent CTS publication *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*.



"The Obedience of Faith"
Saturday 17th June 2023

10am. to 4pm.

the day starts with Mass at 10am.
at **St Clare's Church [Parish Hall]**

On the weekend of **3rd-4th June** we will have our annual appeal for JRS. The 10.15am will Mass will also be followed by a **Parish BBQ** to socialise and raise funds for JRS. **All welcome.**

Dear Friends,

Throughout my life, I have acquired different identities, and each has carried their own unique adjectives. Once I was a smart student who was passionate about literature and history, spent years painting landscapes and portraits, then a hardworking social worker who wanted to aid those who were in need and empower those who were left behind. And one day I was just an “illegal immigrant”, an “invader”, “swarm” or whatever they call people like me from newspapers to the halls of the Houses of Parliament.

Truthfully, I had not cared about this kind of language until I became a subject of it. Then I realised these are not just words. They build a completely new identity, which then justify how you will be treated, seen and talked about. The language that dehumanises people makes it seem acceptable to place them in inhumane conditions and cut off from society. Acting as if they are criminals by putting them in a disused army camp, surrounded by barbed wire fences and keeping them under their constant watch.

Accommodating around 30 in each block with no privacy and having them to share only 2 toilets and 2 showers in total. All of these and more, played their role in dehumanising us and crushing our dignity and decency.

I was in Napier barracks for more than 2 months. I waited for a decision on my asylum claim for almost a year and half, I am now looking back at what I have been through and think how traumatising that experience was. The whole asylum process was traumatising, and Napier barracks was emblematic of that. Even though I got out of that system, started working as a professional and have built my life, I still carry the pain, fear, and trauma I experienced. There are still people, who are going through that degrading experience at Napier barracks. People who are dealing with trauma, anxiety and limbo but still hear the slogans of those who legitimise the dire situation they are dealing with. Living that life is not easy. No one would choose to flee their home country, family and friends and cross the channel to experience a life like that, unless the situation back home is so unbearable that they are left with no other option. Yet the government still create such a hostile environment, and others still support it.

JRS UK's recent report sheds a light on how it is to live a life like that and how it affects our mental health. It does so even long after we get out of the system, something that is hard to predict. What you are going to read in this report is a window into an experience in Napier barracks. It is important to bear in mind, human beings who have had their own identities before being labelled as “Illegals”, “Invaders” experience all these. Those words set a new tone and attitude that stigmatise and justify discrimination.

Amid a wider attack on refugees and the very principle of asylum, the government wants to make asylum camps like Napier barracks the new normal for asylum accommodation. It would not do this if it really looked at the human beings it was doing it to.

Erfan

Erfan resided in Napier Barracks for several months shortly after it opened. He has consistently worked to shine a light on the reality at Napier. His reflection is taken from the Foreword of JRS UK's latest report 'Napier Barracks: the inhumane reality' which details the experiences of men held in quasi-detention at Napier Barracks.

St Wilfrid's Presbytery, 1 Winckley Square, Preston, PR1 3JJ
(01772) 555244

Parish Priest: Fr. Chris Pedley SJ (555244) cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk

Deacon (Retired): Rev. Bill Adams (726653) (07866104144)

Parish Administrator: (554396) stwilfridspa@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Barbara MacLaren (07986940883) barbara@hornworks.co.uk

Superior of the Jesuit Community: Fr. Paul Fletcher SJ paulmfletchersj@gmail.com

Parish Website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk



Sun 14	6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:5-8,14-17	(Ps 65)	1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21
Mon 15	Feria	Act 16:11-15	(Ps 149)	John 15:26-16:4
Tue 16	Feria	Acts 16:22-34	(Ps 137)	John 16:5-11
Wed 17	Feria	Acts 17:15,22-18:1	(148)	John 16:12-15
Thu 18	The Ascension	Acts 1:1-11	(Ps 46)	Eph 1:17-23 Matt 28:16-20
Fri 19	Feria	Acts 18:9-18	(Ps 46)	John 16:20-23a
Sat 20	Feria	Acts 18:23-28	(Ps 46)	John 16:23b-28

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

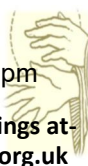
Sunday 6.45am-5.30pm

Monday to Friday 8.00am-6.00pm

Deaf Community Welcome

British Sign Language
signed Mass 14th May @ 4.30pm
with Fr Paul Fletcher

Signed Mass recordings at
www.catholicdeaf.org.uk



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Marie Garlington

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

LITTLE CHURCH

ALL children welcome during 10.15am Mass.



Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults

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