



Newsletter

12th May 2024

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

JOINED IN PRAYER WITH MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS



We are in the time between Ascension and Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the Apostles spent the time in the upper room and that, "With one heart all these joined constantly in prayer, together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers". We can see this time as the first novena. I would suggest you might like to read the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles this week.

Here we have a model of the Church: of one heart, joined in prayer with Mary the mother of Jesus. One of the things this scene gives us an indication of the place of Mary in the community of the Apostles.

Appropriately, in this month of May we especially ask the prayers of Mary for ourselves, for the Church and for our world. This picture of the beginnings of the Church also gives us an indication of the importance of being gathered in prayer. It is in this context that they have make a decision. Who is to replace Judas? The wider group of one hundred and twenty gather to pray for the Spirit to guide them, select candidates and then allow the Spirit to make the choice. Here, perhaps we can see the kind of Church envisaged by the present emphasis on Synodality. A Church, gathered together in prayer, attentive to the way the way in which the Spirit is leading.

We, ourselves, can spend these days, uniting ourselves with the Church throughout the world, praying that we may be open to the coming of that Spirit which we celebrate next Sunday. Let us pray with Mary that we may given the grace to be witnesses, like the Apostles, to the Good News of the Resurrection to our world.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Each year the Jesuit Parishes in the North West get together the celebrate the Solemnity of St Ignatius Loyola on 31st July. This year we will be hosted by Stonyhurst/Hurst Green. Please put the date in your diary. Further details in due course.

A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice.



Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our



local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments.

Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on 25 April and 4 May to learn more.

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.

CAFOD SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for the CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal last week. £671.43 was raised, which has been forwarded to CAFOD.

JRS Appeal



This week Victoria Firth will be speak at all Masses on behalf of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK.

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organisation, at work in over 50 countries around the world with a mission to **accompany**, **serve** and **advocate** for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons.

JRS UK has a special ministry to those who find themselves destitute as a consequence of government policies and those detained for the administration of immigration procedures.

Our work is carried out in the spirit of mutual respect, dignity and solidarity with the refugees and forced migrants, and in collaboration with other organisations. Our work expresses the commitment of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) to stand with refugees around the world.

Pope Francis has often spoken of the need for us to see asylum seekers and other migrants not as a problem but as brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved.

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

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Sun 12	7 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15-17,20-26 1 John 4:11-16	(Ps 102)	John 17:11-19
Mon 13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Acts 19:1-8	(Ps 67)	John 16:29-33
Tue 14	St Matthias	Acts 1:15-17,20-26	(Ps 112)	John 15:9-17
Wed 15	Feria	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11	(Ps 15)	John 17:11-19
Thu 16	Feria	Acts 15:7-21	(Ps 95)	John 17:20-26
Fri 17	Feria	Acts 25:13-21	(Ps 102)	John 21:15-19
Sat 18	Feria	Acts 28:16-20	(Ps 10)	John 21:20-25

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**

**Ascent Group Thursday
11am in Parish Centre.
Coffee 10.45am.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Lately Dead Fr Peter Brook SJ

Anniversaries

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



May's Intention -

**For the Formation of Men & Women
Religious & Seminarians**

Let us pray that men & women religious
and seminarians grow in their own
vocational journey through human,
pastoral, spiritual & community formation
that leads them to be credible witnesses
of the Gospel.

LITTLE CHURCH During 10.15 Sunday Mass

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