



## St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

# Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

### *You raise me up*

This song by Josh Groban is easily found on YouTube, sung by himself, Westlife, young Jeffrey Li, or others. A box of issues may be needed by some when viewing. The “you” is not explicit, but in one YouTube of Westlife the images are of children and families.

The language of relationship is biblical, or close to it, to speak of a loved one. The song could be one of praise and thanksgiving to God, who raises us up to walk on stormy seas, and to “be more than we can be”.

In chapter 3 of John's Gospel there's a comparable metaphor in being born again, in connection to baptism. *You rebirth me is not an expression we would use, but we might say you give me new life. Later in that same chapter, we read the Son of Man must be lifted up.*

This kind of faith experience of being raised up or born again (in Christ) is what Popes Francis, Benedict and John Paul II have referred to in their writings about the New Evangelisation. The faith experience leading to give praise in any words like *you raise me up is what I call existential resurrection, as one way of grasping what these Popes mean when speaking about the “new” evangelisation. The Beatitudes of Luke in chapter 6 say “Blessed / happy are you.....”, which may be helpful for us in thinking about Easter joy.*

May you be raised up this Easter!

**Many thanks for all your Easter offerings, which go to support the work of the British Province of Jesuits.**

**Fr. Paul Fletcher (Superior) also conveys his thanks for gifts given at Easter, to the Jesuit Community.**



## **Holy Week & Easter 2021—Services, confessions & church opening times**

### **Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Church opens 11.30am to 1pm for private prayer. *No Mass*

**Confessions 11.30am to 12.30pm**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm** church opens 7pm, closes 8.30pm  
(Watching at the Altar of Repose is not possible this year)

### **Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Church opens 9.30m

**Stations of The Cross 10am** Led by Deacon Bill Adams

**Confessions 10.30am to 12noon**

**Stations of The Cross with music 12noon**

Church closes 1pm & opens again at 2.30pm

**Service of the Lord's Passion 3pm** Church closes at the end of the service

### **Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Church opens 11am for private prayer & closes at 1pm. *No Mass*

**Confessions 11am to 12noon**

Church opens 7.30pm **Easter Vigil 8pm** church closes at the end of the Mass

**Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April Masses at 7am, 8.30am\* & 10.15am** *No evening*

*Mass* Church opens 6.30am to 7.30am, 8am to 9am & 9.30am to 11.30am.

**Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April** Church opens 11.30am to 1pm.

**Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm** **Mass 12.15pm**

Church closes 1pm

**Easter Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April to Easter Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Church opens 11.30am to 1pm

**Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm** **Mass 12.15pm**

**Easter Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Church opens 11am to 1pm

**Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm** **Mass 12.15pm**

Church opens 5pm to 6.30pm

**Confessions 5pm to 5.30pm** **Vigil Mass 5.35pm**

**Second Sunday after Easter 11<sup>th</sup> April Masses at 7am, 10.15am & 4.30pm**

Church open 6.30am to 7.30am, 9.30am to 11.30am & 4pm to 5.30pm

**It is now the law to wear a face covering in church, unless you are exempt.**

## **Livestreaming of services from St. Wilfrid's for Triduum & Easter**

Name of the Channel is "St Wilfrid Catholic Church Preston". This is searchable on YouTube. URL link to the channel is

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiki0ZA2SU69XWWKkSo> 7GA which isn't very user friendly. We can have a customised URL once we have over 100 subscribers, so **please subscribe!** Services you can watch:

### **Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

YouTube: [https://youtu.be/9ZJY\\_q-ox7I](https://youtu.be/9ZJY_q-ox7I)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridschurchpreston/videos/349022906529455>

### **Friday**

Stations of the Cross 12 noon

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/y224WnzCF5A>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridschurchpreston/videos/557395635204672>

Service of the Lord's Passion 3pm

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/k2KWbsQ89-c>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridschurchpreston/videos/3764322443604136>

### **Saturday**

Easter Vigil 8pm

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/-jDYe8EnaVk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridschurchpreston/videos/276611743941152>

### **Sunday**

10:15 Easter Day Mass

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/9-elvXsVj9k>

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

### The week's readings:

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34,37-43 (Ps 117) & Col 3:1-4 & John 20:1-9
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Easter Monday	Acts 2:14,22-33 & Matt 28:8-15
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Easter Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41 & John 20:11-18
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Easter Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10 & Luke 24:13-35
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Easter Thursday	Acts 3:11-26 & Luke 24:35-48
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Easter Friday	Acts 4:1-12 & John 21:1-14
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Easter Saturday	Acts 4.13-21 & Mark 16:9-15

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR** those recently died: Joe Porter RIP, Denise Kirby RIP funeral 16 April 10am  
**anniversaries:** James Charnley, Edward Cragg, Irene Adams, Tom Killeen

**those who are sick:** Barbara Clark, Mary Holme, Joyce Lyons, Simon Osborne, Pauline Wilding, Kath Moss, Susan Crai , Theresa Wilkinson, Joseph Murphy, John Browne & their carers.

### Struggle to follow and lip-read the Mass?

#### Want to join in a BSL/SSE signed Mass with family, friends and parishioners??

Come to our monthly signed parish Masses in St. Wilfrid's RC Church, Chapel Street, (off Fishergate by Hays Travel) Preston PR1 8BU:

#### 2nd Sundays monthly at 4:30pm

**Please wear face-covering {visor/mask}  
and come to front (or 3rd) pew**

Student trainee SLI may sign readings + responses as Fr. Paul signs Mass  
By kindness of St. Wilfrid's Parish Priest and parish.

For more information, contact:  
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Signed Mass recordings  
at  
[www.catholicdeaf.org.uk](http://www.catholicdeaf.org.uk)

### April's PRAYER INTENTION

**We pray for those  
who risk their lives while fighting  
for fundamental rights under  
dictatorships, authoritarian  
regimes and even in democracies  
in crisis**



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

**St. Wilfrid's Sanctuary Bookshop  
is temporarily closed. If you need  
anything contact Geoff on  
07932 792773 or email  
[stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com)**

### How to make a donation to the parish

If you wish to make a donation to St. Wilfrid's Parish by bank transfer the account is **St. Wilfred's Parish Account** (please note the misspelling of Wilfrid with an 'e')  
**Account no. 12585636**  
**Sort code 162833**  
RBS Preston Fishergate Branch.