



JESUITS  
IN BRITAIN

# Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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

## DAY FOR LIFE

Sunday is the Day for Life, when the Church prays for life to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year the theme is the wonder of the child in the womb. It is also a day when we focus on families as we celebrate Father's Day.

We have a reminder of the child in the womb and particularly of those who have lost children, still born or in early life, in the Hidden Life sculpture in the narthex of our church. This year we are invited to pray especially for them as well as praying and campaigning that the life of children in the womb might be protected from abortion. Our concerns about the end of life are also especially relevant at the moment as another attempt is being made to reintroduce a bill in Parliament to permit assisted dying.

The Church's teaching makes clear that human life is to be nurtured and protected throughout life. There is a danger, given the polarisation in politics, particularly coming from the United States, of seeing a concern about abortion and euthanasia as competing with concerns about human rights, international collaboration, and concern for the poor. One is seen as "right wing" and the other "left wing". This is a false dichotomy. As the Popes have made clear, we need to be concerned to protect human life from all the threats to which it is exposed. This means working for peace, for the elimination of poverty, for international cooperation, through things like vaccination programmes, to eliminate diseases, as well as defending the rights of the unborn and the elderly. These things stem from a recognition of the dignity of the human person as created and redeemed by Christ. This is something brought out by Pope Leo in his latest encyclical. Let us pray that this human dignity be respected throughout life.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



**Papal Message: Day For Life**

can be read at [www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/day-for-life/papal-message-day-for-life-2026/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/day-for-life/papal-message-day-for-life-2026/)

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

## Father's Day Celebration 21<sup>st</sup> June

There will be a Father's Day celebration on **Sunday, 21st June, immediately after 10.15 am Mass.** All fathers, grandfathers, father figures & families are warmly invited to join us for an afternoon of food, music, fellowship, appreciation & celebration. The programme will include a welcome & opening prayer, quick introductions, food & social time, short fatherhood reflections, light-hearted awards, group photos & closing thanks.

**Everyone is warmly welcome.**

## A Prayer For Fathers

**Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ  
our rock and defender.  
Amen.**

St Joseph,  
the patron of fathers



## A Prayer for Daily Faith

Lord Jesus, you commanded us not to fear those who can harm the body, but to trust entirely in our Heavenly Father who numbers every hair on our head. When the storms of life feel overwhelming, I ask for the grace to boldly confess you before others. Free my heart from anxiety, and remind me always of my infinite worth in your eyes. Amen.



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**The Hurtado Jesuit Centre,  
2 Chandler Street, London  
E1W 2QT**

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[07887 296 983](tel:07887296983) or [07973 380 443](tel:07973380443)

**PRAY as you Go LISTEN TO GUIDED PRAYER, EVERY DAY, FOR FREE**



<https://prayasyougo.org>

Daily prayer session for portable devices.

### **DAY OF RENEWAL**

**Saturday 27 June 10am-4pm**

**at St Clare's, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH**

Speaker will be **Philip McParland** on "**Love, not Fear – The Good News of Jesus**"

Philip is a retreat director, facilitator & spiritual guide.

Mass in church at 10am. Then meet in the Parish Hall for tea/coffee, followed by our usual programme of praise and worship, inspiring talks and adoration, opportunity for reconciliation and prayer ministry.

Bring a packed lunch - tea/coffee provided.

### **THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS**

**Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.**

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson, Jen Murphy, Margaret Nelson, Lee Unsworth, Maria Hall, Ruth White, Anjana Linus, Fr Chris Pedley SJ & Fr Hugh Duffy SJ**  
The Council meets monthly.



**UNVEILED**  
**26<sup>th</sup> June 7.30-9pm**  
**in St Wilfrid's Church**

**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE, STONYHURST, BB7 9PZ**

**Free Will & Grace,**

**28-1 August**

Join us for a theological and philosophical deep dive on one of the great themes of the Christian Faith: human freedom and Divine grace. Lectures and workshops building on St Thomas Aquinas' writings, the course will also explore questions of conscience and the problem of evil. Guest speaker: Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP.

[christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/](http://christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/)

Join Bishop Swarbrick on the London **MARCH FOR LIFE** on 5<sup>th</sup> September. SPUC Preston Branch want to arrange a coach with pick up in Preston. Please register your interest by contacting the Secretary at [spucpreston@gmail.com](mailto:spucpreston@gmail.com) or on **07523 183758**



Society for the **Protection** of Unborn Children

### **Gift & Card Shop OPENING TIMES**

**After 10.15am Sunday Mass**  
**Monday & Friday 11.30am to 1pm**  
**Cash/cards taken**

**Online Donations to St Wilfrid's can be made via the PARISH WEBSITE**  
[www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk)  
**Click on the DONATE button & follow the instructions. It's easy!**

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS UNATTENDED IN CHURCH**

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**CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM**



**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://stwilfridspreston.org.uk)**

**Sunday 21 June** 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Day For Life

*Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 69 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33*

**Mass 7am** **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **LITTLE CHURCH DURING MASS**  
 Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/coffee Gift & Card Shop open

**Mass 4.30pm** Music Group

**Mon 22 June** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30am-12noon** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card  
*STS JOHN FISHER & THO MOORE* **Mass 12.15** Exposition Shop Open Tea/coffee

*2 Maccabees 6:18,21,24-31 (Ps 126) Matthew 24:4-13*

**Tue 23 June** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **6-7.30pm** Metanoia  
*FERIA* **Mass 12.15** Hot Meal Drop In

*2 Kings 19:9-11,14-21,31-36 (Ps 48) Matthew 7:6,12-14*

**Wed 24 June** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **5.15-5.45pm** **6.30pm** Metanoia  
*NATIVITY OF ST J THE BAPTIST* **Mass 12.15** Adoration Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

*Isaiah 49:1-6 (Ps 139) Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80*

**Thu 25 June** **Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
*FERIA* **Mass 12.15**

*2 Kings 24:8-17 (Ps 79) Matthew 7:21-29*

**Fri 26 June** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **7.30-9pm** Unveiled **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card  
*FERIA* **Mass 12.15** Shop Open Tea/coffee

*2 Kings 25:1-12 (Ps 137) Matthew 8:1-4*

**Sat 27 June** **Confessions 11-12.10** **Mass 12.15**  
*FERIA* **Confessions 5-5.30** **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

*Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19 (Ps 74) Matthew 8:5-17*

**WE PRAY FOR**

**Those who died recently:**

**Anniversaries:** Maria Allen, Kathleen Towers

**Those who are sick:** Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,  
 Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield, Mel Croft.