



# Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

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

## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN HAS COME NEAR TO YOU

After Lent, Easter and a number of major feast days we return to ordinary time and our reading of St Luke's Gospel. However, today's reading is an appropriate one following on from the feast of Saints Peter and Paul last week. The great apostles preached the Gospel to the people of their time and the Church is founded on the way God was at work through them. Today we hear of Jesus sending out seventy-two others to prepare the way before him telling people that "the Kingdom of heaven has come near to you".

This seventy-two are sent out without resources of their own. They are told, "Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals". They are to depend on the people to whom they are sent. In our second reading, St Paul says he only boasts in the cross Christ. As with the seventy-two, he depends on the Gospel he was sent to preach.

The seventy-two come back rejoicing in what has happened through them. Jesus' account of the authority and protection he has given them reminds us of what he says to the disciples at the end of Mark's Gospel, where he similarly gives the authority and tells them that nothing will hurt them. However, this is not the reason they should rejoice, this is simply the power of God at work in them. The reason for them to rejoice is the Good News itself, that the names are written in heaven.

Through our baptism, we too are sent to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God through our lives. Although the Church has to use all sorts of resources in its work, ultimately it is dependent on that Good News and on the power of God at work with it. Jesus invites us to pray that the Lord send labourers to the harvest. We pray that many people, clergy, religious and lay people, may respond to the Lord's call and that we ourselves may take our part in the work of proclaiming the Gospel.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



STELLA MARIS

Next Sunday, 13 July, is

**SEA SUNDAY**

There will be an appeal made at Masses  
on behalf of **STELLA MARIS**



Thank you to TJ for sending in this  
photo taken, in the church court-  
yard, of the  
**First Holy Communicants**  
on 22 June.  
We pray for them all.

On Sunday 29 June Hailey was  
baptised and welcomed into the  
church. Please pray for Hailey,  
her parents  
**Jason Ariyanto Darsono &  
Elizabeth Cahya,**  
and godparents  
**Herma Holt & Gunawan Cahya.**



**THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING**

Any vehicles in the courtyard are booked in and authorised since they are carrying  
out maintenance or other work for the parish.

**YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN THE CHURCH COURTYARD.**

## POPE LEO XIV

An official photograph of Pope Leo XIV purchased for the Parish Centre is now in situ in the main room.



## St Ignatius' Day, Thursday 31st July

6.00pm Mass followed by barbeque

Stonyhurst/Hurst Green will be joining us here at St Wilfrid's



## The Gift & Card Shop

### OPENING TIMES

After 10.15 Sunday Mass

Monday and Friday

11.30am—1pm

## Annual Pilgrimage to the DIOCESAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES at Cleator CA23 3AB

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

3pm Mass & Blessing of the Sick.

Celebrant Bishop Paul Swarbrick

Tea/coffee provided.

Bring your own packed lunch.

Tel 01946 810324 for info.



## JESUITS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE FAITH IN ACTION AT COP 30

To be held in BELEM, BRAZIL 10-21 NOVEMBER 2025

Calling for global leaders to take decisive action on the environment

For more information see [jesuitmissions.org.uk](https://jesuitmissions.org.uk)

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 very easy!

# UNVEILED

11<sup>th</sup> July  
@ 7.30pm  
in St Wilfrid's Church



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

**PRESTON SPUC GROUP** branch meetings will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 2.00 pm at St Joseph's Church Hall, Skeffington Road, PR1 5UQ.

Next meeting **Saturday 12 July**

Contact: Nicola [spucpreston@gmail.com](mailto:spucpreston@gmail.com) or telephone 07523 183758 or

just turn up.  
All welcome.



Society for the Protection  
of Unborn Children



## The Pope's Prayer Intention for July

FOR FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT—Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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

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**Sunday 6 July 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 66:10-14c (Ps 65) Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12,17-20*

**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** with Music Group

**Mon 7 July**

FERIA

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

**11.30-1pm** Gift & Card  
 Shop Open Tea/coffee

*Genesis 28:10-22a (Ps 90) Matthew 9:18-26*

**Tues 8 July**

FERIA

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

**6-7.30pm** Metanoia  
 Hot Meal Drop In

*Genesis 32:23-33 (Ps 16) Matthew 9:32-38*

**Wed 9 July**

FERIA

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

**5-5.45** Adoration of  
 Blessed Sacrament

**6.30pm** Metanoia  
 Clothes Drop  
 (Narthex)

*Genesis 41:55-57,42:5-7a,17-24a (Ps 32) Matthew 10:1-7*

**Thur 10 July**

FERIA

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

**11am** Life Ascending  
 (Coffee 10.30)

*Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5 (Ps 104) Matthew 10:7-15*

**Fri 11 July**

ST BENEDICT

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

**11.30-1pm** Gift & Card  
 Shop Open Tea/coffee

*Genesis 46:1-7,28-30 (Ps 36) Matthew 10:16-23*

**Sat 12 July**

FERIA

**Confessions 11-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

**Confessions 5-5.30**

**VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

*Genesis 49:29-32,50:15-26a (Ps 104) Matthew 10:24-33*

**WE PRAY FOR** Those who died recently: James Gilmore RIP Funeral service **9.15am** 25 July  
**Anniversaries:** Freda Holdsworth

**Those who are sick:** Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,  
 Deacon Bill Adams, Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield.