



# Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

## St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

In today's Gospel we have the story of the Good Samaritan. The phrase "Good Samaritan" has become part of the language, meaning someone who helps someone they see in need. The Samaritans are a charity who provide help to those suffering distress, especially those contemplating suicide. That positive connotation can lead us to forget how shocking the story would have been for Jesus' hearers. Samaritans and Jews were related and worshiped the same God. However, they had a different heritage and different ideas, including where God was to be worshiped. This led them to be rejected by the Jews of Jesus' time and regarded as unclean.

Having any sort of social contact was unacceptable.

As we look at this story, perhaps we can think of situations in which different groups sometimes have the same sort of antagonism today.

It is in this context that Jesus answers the question, "Who is my neighbour?" This has become a very topical question in our own time. The tendency to divide people into "us" and "them" can be seen around the world. The idea that "charity begins at home", that we should focus on our own needs, whoever "us" might be, has gained in popularity. This is even true among some Christians. Jesus' parable is a radical challenge to that idea. It is the unexpected person, one of "them", who shows such care to the man who has been mugged, not the priest or the Levite who are probably concerned with their ritual purity rather than the needs of the man.

As Christians we are called to see all people as created and redeemed by God, brothers and sisters in Christ. We are commanded to love our neighbour, no matter who they might be. Let us pray that we may hear this story and follow Jesus' command, "Go and do likewise".



The Good Samaritan  
by George Frederic Watts  
1849-1904

Chris Pedley, S.J.



STELLA MARIS

This Sunday is Sea Sunday and Beryl Spencer will be appealing at Sunday Masses on behalf of Stella Marris, the charity which provides chaplaincy services and support to seafarers, many of whom spend long periods of time away from their families.



## St Ignatius' Day, Thursday 31st July

6.00pm Mass followed by barbeque

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

If you can bake a cake for the barbeque please contact  
Christine Cox at [christinecox2912@gmail.com](mailto:christinecox2912@gmail.com)

## Jesuit Fr General Meets Pope Leo

On 20 June, Pope Leo XIV received Father Arturo Sosa SJ in audience at the Vatican. The meeting between the Holy Father and Father General underscores the deep and historically significant relationship between the Holy See and the Society of Jesus. Following the death of Pope Francis, Fr Sosa had sent out a letter to the whole Society, reiterating the Society's availability to receive from the Vicar of Christ on earth "the mission with which we can offer the best service to the universal Church". Father General

underlined that this is "one of the characteristic dimensions of the charism received through Saint Ignatius and the early fathers, founders of the Society of Jesus".



For those in the parish who knew Fr Paul Fletcher SJ, now based at Holy Name in Manchester, he send his prayers and best wishes to everyone at St Wilfrid's.



## LITTLE CHURCH

Little Church's last session will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July . There will then be a summer break. Resumes Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10.15am Mass.

### 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.

## FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS AUGUST

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and this summer they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups.

A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/open/> or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)



## JOHN BRADBURN PILGRIMAGE WALK

**Saturday 6th September 2025**

10am Mass at St John the Evangelist Church, Skirwith, CA10 1RQ. 11am Walk Starts from Melmerby, CA10 1HE People will need to drive from Skirwith to Melmerby for start of walk. Walk will take 4 hours. 4pm Refreshments, an exhibition and talks after the walk at Skirwith Village Hall. For information call 01568 760632 or 07979 187498 Email [info@johnbradburne.com](mailto:info@johnbradburne.com)



## 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](http://jesuitmissions.org.uk)



## 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.

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!



## 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 13 July 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sea Sunday**

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14 (Ps 68) Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37*

**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 14 July**

FERIA

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

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

*Exodus 1:8-14,22 (Ps 123) Matthew 10:34-11:1*

**Tues 15 July**

ST BONAVENTURE

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

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

*Exodus 2:1-15a (Ps 68) Matthew 11:20-24*

**Wed 16 July**

OUR LADY OF MT  
 CARMEL

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

**5-5.45** Adoration of  
 Blessed Sacrament

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

*Exodus 3:1-6,9-12 (Ps 102) Matthew 11:25-27*

**Thur 17 July**

FERIA

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

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

*Exodus 3:13-20 (Ps 104) Matthew 11:28-30*

**Fri 18 July**

FERIA

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

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

*Exodus 11:10-12:14 (Ps 115) Matthew 12:1-8*

**Sat 19 July**

Martyrs of Lancashire

**Confessions 11-12.10**

**Confessions 5-5.30**

**Mass 12.15**

**VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

*Exodus 12:37-42 (Ps 135) Matthew 12:14-21*

**WE PRAY FOR** Those who died recently: James Gilmore RIP Funeral service **9.15am** 25 July  
 Richard Swarbrick RIP Roy Sharples RIP

**Anniversaries:** Anne Freeman, Robert Rawsthorn

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