



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

12th July 2026

15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW

When I was growing up we had a fairly large garden and we had a patch where we grew a few vegetables: peas, beans, lettuce, onions, carrots. I can remember how we carefully dug the rows for the plants, made holes, and carefully planted seeds at the recommended distance apart. The sower in the parable does not do this. He sows broadcast,



taking handfuls of seed and throwing out over the ground. Not all this ground is carefully prepared or suitable for growing crops. Some of it is rocky, some of it has weeds, some seed even falls on the path.

This tells us something about how God works. His word is spread widely but not everybody responds. We live in a society where people often have a vague idea of the Christian message. For some people it does not really touch their lives. Religion is not something for people like them, they do not really understand it. Others have some sense of a religious identity or are aware of being influenced by Christian morality but it is not an important part of their lives. Some may identify themselves as Catholic and come to church at Christmas and Easter or for baptisms and funerals. For most of the people reading this Newsletter the word of God is something which shapes their lives. They come to church regularly and the Gospel has an impact on the choices they make.

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about the different reactions there can be to the word of God. As we hear the parable we can reflect on our own response. Perhaps we are enthusiastic at first but then other things get in the way. Perhaps the concerns of life end up separating us from God rather than our being able to see him at work through them. Let us ask that we may truly respond to the Gospel, allow God to be at work in us and bear fruit.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



STELLA MARIS

SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS
AROUND THE WORLD

Sunday 12 July is Sea Sunday.
There will be a collection for
STELLA MARIS,
the Apostleship of the Sea,
in support of Seafarers.



Prayer to Our Lady, Star of the Sea
O Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,
guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas
that they may reach the haven of peace and
light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.
Bright Star of the Sea, guide us! Our Lady, Star
of the Sea, pray for seafarers. Amen.

Image: Written by Iconographer Pavel Tikhomirov
From the website of the Franciscan Sisters of
Christian Charity, Wisconsin [https://fscs-
calledtobe.org/2022/09/24/why-do-we-call-mary-
star-of-the-sea-by-meg-matenaer/](https://fscs-calledtobe.org/2022/09/24/why-do-we-call-mary-star-of-the-sea-by-meg-matenaer/)



St Ignatius Day, Friday 31st July

We will be joining the Stonyhurst/Hurst Green
parishes **at St Joseph's Hurst Green** for
Evening Prayer at 6pm, followed by pizza and
drinks. Please put the date in your diary.

Gift & Card Shop **OPENING TIMES** After 10.15am Sunday Mass
Monday & Friday 11.30am to 1pm **Cash/cards taken**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PLEASE SEE Shelagh & Mary in the shop,
or Fr Chris, if you are able to help.

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

During August & September Castlerigg Manor in Keswick
is open to families, groups of friends, individuals looking
for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast &
evening meal provided, Mass is celebrated on site. For
info: castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or
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STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS
The Parish of St. Wilfrid welcomes
University of Lancashire students.

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CHAPLAIN**

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UNVEILED

Now on summer break

LITTLE CHURCH

Will be taking a summer
break after Sunday 19th
July. So 19th will be the
last session.

Little Church will resume
in September.

Wishing you all a very
happy summer holiday!



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

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of
human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a
gift from God.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children



Jesuit Missions extend sincere
gratitude for the gift of **£500**
from St Wilfrid's Gift & Card Shop

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

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

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.

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Sunday 12 July 15th Sunday Ordinary Time – Sea Sunday

Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 65 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

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

Mon 13 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon
 Exposition

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

Isaiah 1:10-17 (Ps 50) Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tue 14 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia
 Hot Meal Drop In

Isaiah 7:1-9 (Ps 48) Matthew 11:20-24

Wed 15 July

ST BONAVENTURE

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm
 Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia
 Clothes Drop In
 (Narthex)

Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16 (Ps 94) Matthew 11:25-27

Thu 16 July

OUR LADY OF
 MT CARMEL

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19 (Ps 102) Matthew 11:28-30

Fri 17 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15 Requiem

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

Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 (Ps 38) Matthew 12:1-8

Sat 18 July

ST BENEDICT

Confessions 11-12.10 **Mass 12.15**
Confessions 5-5.30 **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

Micah 2:1-5 (Ps 10) Matthew 12:14-21

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently: Mel Croft Requiem 17/7 @12.15pm, Angelina Di Palma Requiem 24/7 @12.15pm, Angela Harrison RIP

Anniversaries: John Dunne

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

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