




JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

20th July 2025

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

WELCOMING THE LORD

In today's readings we have two stories of people welcoming the Lord. In the first story we have the rather mysterious presence of the three men whom Abraham recognises as the presence of God. They come with a message, that Sarah will give birth to Isaac. The second story is the familiar one of Martha and Mary.

In the first story Abraham's hospitality is extraordinary. The "little morsel of bread" is three measures of flour, enough to feed a hundred people. In addition, Abraham kills and prepares a whole calf. It is meant to be disproportionate, reflecting the importance of their guest. It mirrors the abundance which is a sign of God himself. Indeed, Jesus uses the image of three measures of flour in the Gospel as an image of the Kingdom.

The second story is more homely. Martha is the one who is doing the serving. Looking after Jesus and his disciples. Martha is feeling a bit overwhelmed. She wants make sure she has everything they need. However, when she complains that Mary is not helping, Jesus says that Mary has chosen the one thing necessary. Not only is Mary being a good host by paying attention to their guest but there is a deeper significance. We can often be taken up with the mechanics of trying to do what is right. Living out the Gospel often does demand a lot of practical time and energy. However, it is possible to lose sight of why we are doing these things. If we do not spend time with God, do not allow ourselves time for prayer, do not keep our focus on what lies behind our activity, we can find ourselves focusing on our own needs rather really being at the service of God.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

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Congratulations

to Andrew and Salvina, who were married here last Saturday.



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



STELLA MARIS

The collection for **STELLA MARIS** on

SEA SUNDAY

was £355.61

Thank you for your generosity.



Seasons of the Heart: Fr Dermot Preston SJ on the BBC Daily Service aired on 9 July, 2025. Jesuit spirituality and music come together in a heartfelt reflection. To mark the 55th anniversary of Prayer for the Day, BBC Radio 4 Extra invited five of its regular contributors to shape a week of special Daily Service broadcasts. Each was asked to reflect on a given scripture passage and choose music that echoed its message. Among those invited was Fr Dermot Preston SJ, Vocations Director of the Jesuits in Britain and a familiar voice on the early-morning airwaves. You can listen on BBC Sounds.

LITTLE CHURCH

Little Church's last session is on Sunday 20th July . There will then be a summer break. Resumes Sunday 7th 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.



JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE CALLS FOR HUMANE APPROACH TO CHANNEL CROSSINGS

JRS urges UK and France to protect lives by prioritising rights over border enforcement. Asylum is about welcoming and protecting people who need somewhere safe to rebuild

their lives.

The Jesuit Refugee Service encourages cooperation between the French and UK governments to combat human trafficking and prevent dangerous Channel crossings. However, we urge both governments to place protection and human rights at the heart of their negotiations, rather than continuing to treat asylum as a border security issue.

This latest agreement falls significantly short of creating the safe routes to sanctuary that are urgently needed to prevent further loss of life in the Channel. Furthermore, under the Refugee Convention, people arriving in the UK have a right to seek asylum –they are not required to claim asylum in the first safe country they reach.

We are deeply concerned about how this deal will be implemented in practice. It risks increasing the detention of people seeking sanctuary and is set against a backdrop of violent border enforcement measures, including plans to intercept boats—actions that endanger lives and may breach maritime law.

We call for the French and UK governments to take a humane and rights-based approach to asylum, that upholds their international obligations and the dignity of those seeking protection.



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 7th September

3pm Mass & Blessing of the Sick.

Celebrant Bishop Paul Swarbrick

Tea/coffee provided.

Bring your own packed lunch.

Tel 01946 810324 for info.

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www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk**

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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 20 July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10a (Ps 14) Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

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 21 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

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

Exodus 14:5-18 Exodus 15:1-6 Matthew 12:38-42

Tues 22 July

ST MARY
 MAGDALENE

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia
 Hot Meal Drop In

Song of songs 3:1-4b (Ps 63) John 20:1-2,11-18

Wed 23 July

ST BRIDGET

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5-5.45 Adoration of
 Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Metanoia
 Clothes Drop
 (Narthex)

Exodus 16:1-5,9-15 (Ps 77) Matthew 13:1-9

Thur 24 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11am Life Ascending
 (Coffee 10.30)

Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b Daniel 3:52-56 Matthew 13:10-17

Fri 25 July

ST JAMES

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

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

2 Corinthians 4:7-15 (Ps 126) Matthew 20:20-28

Sat 26 July

Sts Joachim & Anne

Confessions 11-12.10

Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Exodus 24:3-8 (Ps 49) Matthew 13:24-30

WE PRAY FOR Those who died recently: James Gilmore RIP Funeral service **9.15am** 25 July
 John William Dunne RIP Requiem 12.15pm 29 July

Anniversaries: Monica Brierley, Wilfred Fletcher

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