



Newsletter

27th July 2025

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston



ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

As a Jesuit parish, on Thursday, we celebrate the solemnity of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. We will be having a special Mass at 6.00pm followed by a barbeque and we will be welcoming those from the Jesuit Parishes at St Peter's Stonyhurst and St Joseph's Hurst Green.

Having undergone a conversion and while at the University of Paris, St Ignatius gathered around him a group of students whom he helped to find their own way to God as he had done. Eventually this group realised that to do what they were called to do they need to bind themselves together as a religious order and, having got permission for this from the Pope, they elected Ignatius as their first Superior General. He died

on 31st July, 1556. Jesuits have been working in this area since the 17th Century, including St Edmund Arrowsmith.

Who are the Jesuits? The Jesuits in Britain website says, in the vision of our founder, we seek to "find God in all things" and dedicate ourselves to Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, or the "greater glory of God" and the good of all humanity. We do all of this in grateful collaboration with others who share our values, including lay people who are part of the extended Jesuit family. With roughly 16,000-plus priests and brothers worldwide, we are the largest male religious order in the Catholic Church. We are pastors, teachers, chaplains, doctors, lawyers, and astronomers, among many other roles in the Church and society. In our varied ministries, we care for the whole person: body, mind, and soul. In all our activities — especially our educational ministries, we seek to nurture "men and women for others."

The feast is a chance to give thanks for that legacy of those generations of Jesuits who worked in Preston and those many lay people and religious who worked with them. It is also a chance to reflect on what we have inherited from St Ignatius, the call to work for the greater glory of God, using those tools which he developed from his own experience of conversion. Let us pray for our continued mission as Jesuit Parishes to the people of this area.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

St Ignatius' Day, Thursday 31st July

6pm Mass followed by BBQ

Stonyhurst & Hurst Green will be joining us at St Wilfrid's
for this celebration of the Feast Of St Ignatius Loyola
Founder of the Jesuits

All Welcome

Bakers, please bring a cake to share!



St. Wilfrid's Altar Servers 2025



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Our Altar Servers *Back L to R*
 Front L to R

Karachi, Kamsi, Francisca, Kosi, Lilian
Valerie, John, Ernest, Chisom

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.

THE UK'S CATHOLIC LEPROSY CHARITY



WORKING FOR A WORLD WITHOUT LEPROSY

Founded in 1895, St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity.

Today, with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as our patron, SFLG supports work in 13 countries, caring for people who have been marginalised by leprosy. We aim to detect and diagnose people affected by leprosy as early as possible to stop the transmission of the disease and prevent life-changing disabilities occurring.



The Catholic community can help end leprosy in our lifetime.



Connected by our shared values and faith, with your support we can reach the most vulnerable and stop leprosy for good.

To make a donation or learn more about St Francis Leprosy Guild, please visit our website www.stfrancisleprosy.org or contact us at parishes@stfrancisleprosy.org if you would like to discuss ways of supporting our work.

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.

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 very easy!

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST -For Mutual Coexistence



Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

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Sunday 27 July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32 (Ps 137) Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir. *Little Church on summer break.*
 Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/coffee Gift & Card Shop Open

Mass 4.30pm *Music Group on summer break*

Mon 28 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

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

Exodus 32:15-24,30-34 (Ps 105) Matthew 13:31-35

Tues 29 July

STS MARY, MARTHA
 & LAZARUS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15 Requiem

6-7.30pm Metanoia
 Hot Meal Drop In

1 John 4:7-16 (Ps 33) John 11:19-27

Wed 30 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5-5.45 Adoration of
 Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Metanoia
 Clothes Drop
 (Narthex)

Exodus 34:29-35 (Ps 98) Matthew 13:44-46

Thur 31 July

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 LOYOLA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6pm Mass
 then BBQ
 for the Feast of
 St Ignatius Loyola

11am Life Ascending
 (Coffee 10.30)
*Last meeting before
 summer break*

Exodus 40:16-21,34-38 (Ps 83) Matthew 13:47-53

Fri 1 August

ST ALPHONSUS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

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

Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37 (Ps 80) Matthew 13:54-58

Sat 2 August

FERIA

Confessions 11-12.10

Mass 12.15

Confessions 5-5.30

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Leviticus 25:1,8-17 (Ps 66) Matthew 14:1-12

WE PRAY FOR Those who died recently: John William Dunne RIP Requiem 12.15pm 29 July

Anniversaries: Francis Scahill

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