



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

26th July 2026

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston



ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Friday, 31st July, is the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. At the 12.15pm Mass we will celebrate the Solemnity and that evening we have been invited to join the Jesuit parishes of Stonyhurst and Hurst Green for Evening Prayer and pizza.

Among St Ignatius insights are:-

Firstly, the idea that our lives have a purpose. We are here to love and serve God and all the things around us are there to help us achieve that purpose. This ties in with today's Gospel of the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price.

Secondly, that we can recognise the way God is calling us by reflecting on our experience. As we look back, what leads us closer to God, what brings us joy, peace and greater faith and love. On the other hand, what brings disturbance and a loss of that joy, peace and closeness to God. By noticing those movements we can learn where God is leading. It can be beneficial to have someone or some group who can help us in that reflection.

Thirdly, that gratitude is key. I need to be aware of God's gifts to me and in creation, above all the gift of Jesus Christ. If I have that awareness then I can make the prayer which Ignatius puts at the end of his Spiritual Exercises. Take, Lord, and receive, all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, all that I have and possess. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. All is yours, dispose of it wholly according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace, for this is enough for me.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

Image from the painting of Ignatius by Georgie Rands 2024

The prayer for the 17th Sunday asks God to be our guide.

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has value, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



St Ignatius Day, Friday 31st July

We will be joining the Stonyhurst/Hurst Green parishes **at St Joseph's School Chapel Hurst Green** for **Evening Prayer at 6pm**, followed by pizza made to order and drinks. **All welcome.**

Ignatius of Loyola 1491 –1556, was a Spanish Basque Catholic priest and theologian, who, with six companions, founded the religious order of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and became its first Superior General, in Paris in 1541.

Ignatius envisioned the purpose of the Society of Jesus to be missionary work and teaching. In addition to the vows of chastity, obedience and poverty of other religious orders in the church, Loyola instituted a fourth vow for Jesuits of obedience to the Pope, to engage in projects ordained by the pontiff.

As a former soldier, Ignatius paid particular attention to the spiritual formation of his recruits and recorded his method in the Spiritual Exercises (1548). In time, the method has become known as Ignatian spirituality. He was beatified in 1609 and was canonized as a saint on 12 March 1622. His feast day is celebrated on 31 July. He is the patron saint of the Society of Jesus.

Can we ask that those going to the Ignatius Day gathering at Hurst Green let us know and also let us know if they would be able to provide transport.

Fr Chris



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

SPUC Preston have booked a coach to the March for Life, tickets are on sale now available on Eventbrite, search 'Coach from Lancaster and Preston to M4LUK'. For the itinerary/queries contact the secretary on 07523 183758 or spucpreston@gmail.com



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STUDY WEEKEND, 11 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Join us in the beautiful setting of Stonyhurst to explore the key elements of the Roman Church's liturgical tradition. The weekend is intended to offer a deeper understanding of both the Traditional Rite specifically as well as of the New Rite of the Mass, which draws principally on the same heritage of the Church's worship over the centuries.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-traditional-roman-rite-study-weekend/>

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

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Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson,
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The Council meets monthly.

LITTLE CHURCH

is now on summer break .
Resumes September.



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Now on summer break



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QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS

During October half term Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults looking for a few days of peace, relaxation & prayer in the Lake District. Each day: a talk, Mass, evening prayer, time to explore the area, pray, or just relax.

Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING
YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK
YOUR VEHICLE IN THE COURTYARD.**

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS
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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Sunday 26 July 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Psalm 119 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir

Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/coffee Gift & Card Shop open

Mass 4.30pm

Mon 27 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon

Exposition

11.30-1pm Gift & Card

Shop Open Tea/coffee

Jeremiah 13:1-11 Deuteronomy 32:18-21 Matthew 13:31-35

Tue 28 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia

Hot Meal Drop In

Jeremiah 14:17-22 (Ps 79) Matthew 13:36-43

Wed 29 July

STS MARY, MARTHA
& LAZARUS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm

Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia

Clothes Drop In
(Narthex)

1 John 4:7-16 (Ps 34) John 11:19-27

Thu 30 July

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

Jeremiah 18:1-65 (Ps 146) Matthew 13:47-53

Fri 31 July

ST IGNATIUS
LOYOLA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30-1pm Gift & Card

Shop Open Tea/coffee

Jeremiah 20:7-11a,13 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Matthew 8:18-27

Sat 1 August

ST ALPHONSUS

Confessions 11-12.10 **Mass 12.15**

Confessions 5-5.30 **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

Jeremiah 26:11-16,24 (Ps 69) Matthew 14:1-12

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Francis Scahill

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

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