



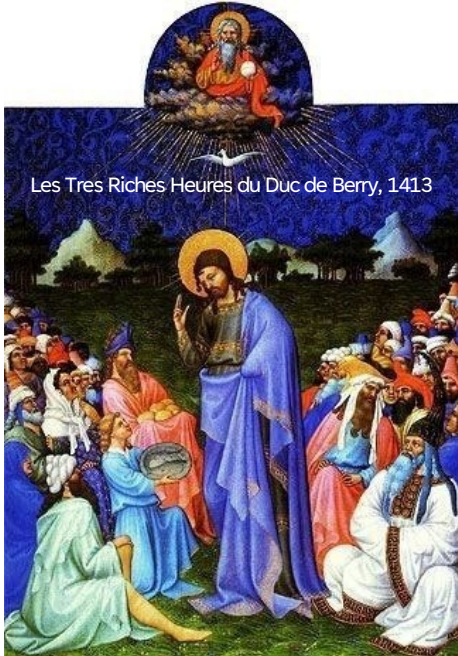
JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

2nd August 2026

18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston



Les Tres Riches Heures du Duc de Berry, 1413

FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND

In today's Gospel Jesus hears the news that his cousin, John the Baptist, has been beheaded by King Herod. Not only is he grieving for John but knows that he too will be put to death. He seeks time alone but when he gets to the place he is going he finds the crowds are already waiting for him.

We might expect Jesus to seek to protect his privacy, to go away and find some way of avoiding all these people. However, Jesus' reaction is very different. He has compassion on them and spends his time healing them. That compassion continues into the evening. The disciples tell him that the crowds have nothing to eat and need to search for a place where they can get food. He tells the disciples to feed them but they

do not think they have the resources to do so. However, Jesus takes the little that they have, the five loaves and two fish, and transforms them so that they are all fed and there are twelve baskets left over. This is more than compassion for the hungry crowd. The overwhelming abundance of food is a sign that here is God's Kingdom, the promises of the Old Testament are being fulfilled, including the passage from Isaiah which is our first reading.

For us here is the sign of the overwhelming generosity of Christ. The generosity expressed in his death and resurrection. This miracle makes us think of the Eucharist, where Christ gives his own body and blood to us.

The passage also shows us that we are called to make our own inadequate contribution to the mission of Christ. He says to us, "feed them yourselves". As he does with the loaves and the fish, he takes the little we have to offer and transforms it so that it becomes part of his abundance of compassion and generosity.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



Prayer

**Lord, renew my mind and
transform the way I think
and respond.**

**Fill my mind with Your truth, peace
and understanding.**

**Help me to think like Christ and respond
with wisdom in every situation.**

Amen.



**Thursday 6 August
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

FRIDAY 7 AUGUST COMMEMORATES THE LANCASTER MARTYRS of Sts Edmund Arrowsmith & Ambrose Barlow, along with the 12 who are Blessed James Bell, John Finch, Robert Nutter, Edward Thwing, Thurstan Hunt, Robert Middleton, John Thules, Roger Wrenno, Richard Hurst, Edward Bamber, John Woodcock, Thomas Whittaker & the Venerable Lawrence Bailey who was a lay person helping priests in their mission.

From 1584 to 1646 these 15 Catholics were executed in Lancaster for their faith. The law at this time made it illegal to convert or be converted to Catholicism, to say or hear Mass, or to help or conceal the presence of a priest. To be a priest ordained abroad was classed as treason. For more info see www.lancastercastle.com/history-heritage/further-articles/lancasters-catholic-martyrs/



Please can the person who is bringing these tealights, or similar, into church for the votive stands contact [01772 554396](tel:01772554396) or email stwilfridspa@gmail.com

We are not able to use these tealights in Church in place of the votives provided and need to return them to you.

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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Daily prayer session for portable devices.

**THE TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE
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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Fr Chris Pedley SJ & Fr Hugh Duffy SJ
The Council meets monthly.

Gift & Card Shop OPENING TIMES

After 10.15am Sunday Mass
Monday & Friday 11.30am to 1pm
Cash/cards taken

LITTLE CHURCH

is now on summer break.
Resumes September.



UNVEILED

Now on summer break



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**Click on the DONATE button &
follow the instructions. It's easy!**



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

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

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

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Sunday 2 August 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3 (Ps 145) Romans 8:35,37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

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

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

Mass 4.30pm

Mon 3 Aug

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon

Exposition

11.30-1pm Gift & Card

Shop Open Tea/coffee

Jeremiah 28:1-17 (Ps 119) Matthew 14:13-21

Tue 4 Aug

ST JOHN VIANNEY

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia

Hot Meal Drop In

Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 (Ps 102) Matthew 14:22-36

Wed 5 Aug

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm

Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia

Clothes Drop In

(Narthex)

Jeremiah 31:1-7 Jeremiah 31:10-13 Matthew 15:21-28

Thu 6 Aug

TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 (Ps 97) Matthew 17:1-9

Fri 7 Aug

ST E ARROWSMITH
ST A BARLOW &
LANCASTER MARTYRS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30-1pm Gift & Card

Shop Open Tea/coffee

Nahum 2:1,3,3:1-3,6-7 Deuteronomy 32:35-36,39,41 Matthew 16:24-28

Sat 8 August

ST DOMINIC

Confessions 11-12.10 **Mass 12.15**

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

Habakkuk 1:12-2:4 (Ps 9) Matthew 17:14-20

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Patrick Rooney, Dennis George, Jimmy Ferry

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

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