



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

9th August 2026

19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

PAUL'S (AND JESUS') BROTHERS AND SISTERS

In the second reading today, St Paul talks about his great desire that the Jewish people come to accept Christ. They are his people, they are the people of the early church, they are the people of Jesus. We recognise that the origins of Christianity are rooted in Judaism. Much of our understanding of God's relationship with his people and our own practice comes from those Jewish roots. We share the Word of God expressed in the Old Testament.

The history of the relationship between the Christian Church and the Jewish people has often been marked by hatred and violence. We have cause to acknowledge the pogroms and persecution over the centuries which ultimately paved the way for the Holocaust. Antisemitism was still around in the language when I was growing up and it has not gone away.

The second Vatican Council produced a historic document on relations with non-Christian religions, *Nostra aetate*. This includes a section on relations with the Jews, acknowledging their special place and quoting the passage from St Paul which is our second reading. This document led to a flowering of dialogue and cooperation between Christians and Jews.

This relationship is challenged today. There is a resurgence of antisemitism. In part this arises from the conflict between the state of Israel and the Palestinians. Atrocities have been committed on both sides. We are particularly aware of the suffering of Palestinian Christians and have supported them through contributions to the Jerusalem Patriarchate and charities such as Aid to the Church in need. Avoiding antisemitism does not mean condoning violence.

Above all, we need to remember the words of the Second Vatican Council, "*The Church reproves, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against people or any harassment of them on the basis of their race, colour, condition of life or religion*".

Chris Pedley, S.J.



A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.
Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You!
Amen.

THE JESUIT INSTITUTE based at the Provincial Offices, Mount Street, London is advertising for a new position of **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE OFFICER** see <https://www.jesuitinstitute.org/news/jesuit-institute-vacancies-august2026>, where full details and an application pack can be found. The post will be home based with in person meeting attendance in London or elsewhere as required.



Please can the person who is bringing these tealights, or similar, into church for the votive stands

contact **01772 554396** 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 **017687 72711**

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST
FOR EVANGELIZATION IN CITIES.**

LET US PRAY THAT IN LARGE CITIES, OFTEN
MARKED BY ANONYMITY AND LONELINESS, WE
FIND NEW WAYS TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL,
DISCOVERING CREATIVE PATHS TO BUILD
COMMUNITY.



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Daily prayer session for portable
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**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/](https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-traditional-roman-rite-study-weekend/)

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.

**Fr Chris will be away on retreat
13th - 21st August**

LITTLE CHURCH

Resumes September.



UNVEILED

Now on summer break



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jesuitmissions.org.uk/donate/
11 Edge Hill London SW19 4LR



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

Gift & Card Shop **OPENING TIMES**

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

**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!**



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 9 August 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a (Ps 85) Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

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

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

Mass 4.30pm

Mon 10 Aug

ST LAWRENCE

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon

Exposition

11.30-1pm Gift & Card

Shop Open Tea/coffee

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 (Ps 112) John 12:24-26

Tue 11 Aug

ST CLARE

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia

Hot Meal Drop In

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 (Ps 119) Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wed 12 Aug

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm

Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia

Clothes Drop In

(Narthex)

Ezekiel 9:1-7;10:18-22 (Ps 113) Matthew 18:15-20

Thu 13 Aug

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

Ezekiel 12:1-2 (Ps 78) Matthew 18:21-19:1

Fri 14 Aug

ST MAXIMILIAN
KOLBE

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30-1pm Gift & Card

Shop Open Tea/coffee

Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63 Isaiah 12:2-6 Matthew 19:3-12

Sat 15 August

ST DOMINIC

Confessions 11-12.10 **Mass 12.15**

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

Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32 (Ps 51) Matthew 19:13-15

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently: Andrew Mather RIP Requiem at St Teresa's Church in Penwortham at 10.00am on Wednesday, 12th August

Anniversaries: Catherine Roe, Fr Hugh Ross SJ

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

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