



  
**JESUITS**  
IN BRITAIN

# Newsletter

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

## St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

### EVERYONE WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED

This week we had the funeral of Patrick Rooney. Patrick was someone who was outstanding in his care for those who were in need, especially the homeless. One of the things in which he was involved was our drop in meal on a Tuesday evening. The second part of today's Gospel is particularly appropriate as we remember Patrick. He was someone who cared for those who could not repay him.

St Ignatius of Loyola, in the Spiritual Exercises, describes the process through which the spirit of evil works as, "riches, honour, pride". One leads on to the other. He contrasts this with Jesus, poor, rejected and humble. This is the Jesus of the cross. The person doing the Spiritual Exercises asks to follow the way of Jesus. This is the way Jesus suggests that the Pharisees need to follow rather than seek the kind of honour that reflects pride not humility. What does this mean for us? There is a difference between the humility which comes from the evil one and a failure to acknowledge the gifts we have received from God or a holding back which does not use those gifts in the service of others. However, today's Gospel does challenge us to look at ourselves and our values. In various places we see riches, honour and pride at work in public life and extolled as if they were the purpose of life. Jesus points out the vanity of these things. We are called to follow the way of Jesus. Called to serve others and not to look for a reward.



We give thanks for the example of people like Patrick and others, such as those who continue, through the Metanoia Project, to provide our Tuesday and Wednesday service to the poor. We ask that we too may follow the example of Christ in unselfish service.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

## World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is an annual event observed by the Church on 1<sup>st</sup> September, initiated by Pope Francis in 2015. It serves as the starting point of the Season of Creation, a month-long period of prayer and action for environmental protection, concluding on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4<sup>th</sup> October. This day encourages us, as Catholics, to reflect on our role as stewards of creation and to renew our commitment to caring for the environment. The day is inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls for all people to care for our shared Earth. Pope Francis also introduced a specific Mass, *Missa pro custodia creationis*, for use on this day and during the Season of Creation.

For 2025 the theme is "Peace with Creation" and uses the symbol of the "Garden of Peace". The "Garden of Peace" symbol features a dove carrying an olive branch, drawing inspiration from the biblical story of Noah's dove, which signified the end of the flood and the beginning of a new peace. This year's theme emphasizes the interconnectedness between

caring for creation and fostering peace, highlighting the need for ecological healing and justice.



**PEACE  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-18

**ACCOMPANYING HOPE** *"We need to be capable of being a people who stand at the side of others, listening to them, becoming a Church that accompanies all people," Pope Francis.* In response to the Synod and in preparation for the Jesuit Parishes Conference in November we will be holding **a series of sessions, open to everyone of the Parish, after the 10.15pm Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

**A Regional Meeting will be held at Stonyhurst on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY**



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



# St Wilfrid's Day Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**To celebrate our patronal feast  
there will be a shared world buffet after 10.15am Mass**



**CRISIS IN GAZA** We've seen an incredible wave of generosity and love. Our partners know you are standing with them through your donations, writing to your MPs and prayers. Thank you.

With the attacks intensifying on the overcrowded Gaza city, where so many have taken refuge, we must not turn away from our neighbours in need. We must continue to raise our voices to our government to urge them to do all they can. Earlier this month Cardinal Vincent Nichols called for peace: "Already too much innocent blood has been shed; too many lives destroyed; too much hunger and starvation. This war must be ended not increased."

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN GAZA.**



**Resumes Thursday  
4 September  
11am.**

**Coffee 10.30am. All welcome**

**LITTLE CHURCH**

**Resumes Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
during 10.15am Mass**

## **Gift & Card Shop**

### **OPENING TIMES**

**After 10.15 Sunday Mass**

**Monday and Friday**

**11.30am to 1pm**

## **TYMPANUM SCULPTURES OVER THE FRONT DOORS**

Phase 1 works scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> September.

May cause some disruption.

**CHURCH OPEN &**

**ALL SERVICES AS USUAL.**



## **The Martyr-Saints of the North-West**

**12 – 14 September at The Christian Heritage Centre, Theodore House, Stonyhurst, BB7 9PZ**

A weekend studying some of the Reformation era martyrs of the North-West. Part retreat, part biographical. **Led by Mgr John Allen of Salford Diocese.**

**To book: [christianheritagecentre.com](http://christianheritagecentre.com)**

## **CASTLERIGG OPEN DAY**

Castlerigg Manor annual  
**Open Day Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.**

Open at midday. Mass with  
Bishop Paul at 2pm.

Enjoy afternoon tea.

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## **THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

**For our relationship with all of creation.**

**Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.**

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

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**Sunday 31 August 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Ecclesiasticus 3:17-18,20,28-29 (Ps 67) Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a Luke 14:1,7-14*

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

**Mass 4.30pm** *Music Group on summer break*

**Mon 1 Sept**  
**FOR CREATION**

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15**

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

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Ps 96) Luke 4:16-30*

**Tues 2 Sept**  
**FERIA**

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15**

**6-7.30pm Metanoia**  
**Hot Meal Drop In**

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11 (Ps 27) Luke 4:31-37*

**Wed 3 Sept**  
**ST GREGORY**  
**THE GREAT**

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15**

**5-5.45** Adoration of  
 Blessed Sacrament

**6.30pm Metanoia**  
**Clothes Drop In**  
 (Narthex)

*Colossians 1:1-8 (Ps 52) Luke 4:38-44*

**Thu 4 Sept**  
**ST CUTHBERT**

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15**

**11am Life Ascending**  
 (Coffee 10.30am)

*Colossians 1:9-14 (Ps 98) Luke 5:1-11*

**Fri 5 Sept**  
**FERIA**

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15**

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

*Colossians 1:15-20 (Ps 100) Luke 5:33-39*

**Sat 6 Sept**  
**FERIA**

**Confessions 11-12.10**  
**Confessions 5-5.30**

**Mass 12.15**  
**VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

*Colossians 1:21-23 (Ps 54) Luke 6:1-5*

#### WE PRAY FOR

**Those who died recently:** Helen Charnley RIP Requiem Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September @12.15pm  
**Anniversaries:** Barbara Clark, Mary Ettles.

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