



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

30th August 2026

22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

TAKING UP THE CROSS

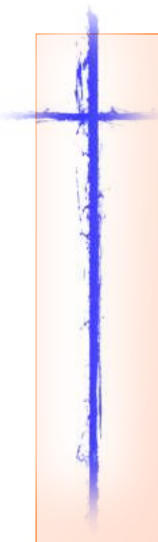


No sooner has Jesus said to Peter, “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church” that he is saying, “Get behind me Satan. You are a hindrance to me”. Peter is unable to accept Jesus’ prediction of the Passion. Peter has said Jesus the Christ but his idea of what this means does not include Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Jesus not only predicts his own Passion but goes on to say that his disciples must follow the same way, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”. For once, our second reading has a similar theme. Paul tells those to whom he is writing that they should present their bodies as a living sacrifice and not “be conformed to his world”.

For Peter following Christ would literally mean martyrdom on a cross. However, it can be more difficult to see what this means for us. The cross is a sign of total generosity. Christianity is not a part time religion nor one where we can put limits on how far we are prepared to follow Christ. This can mean accepting whatever God brings us in our life and seeing in our own suffering a way of sharing in that self-giving of Christ. Simon Bishop, a Jesuit who died of cancer last year, was able to do this. When he first visited the hospice he wrote, “What a gift! Who would have thought that God would ask this of me? What a privilege – to offer this up with the Lord for His needs and intentions and those of the Church and the world”. We may not all be as close to Christ as Simon, but we might pray for the ability to take up Christ’s call to follow him.

Chris Pedley S.J.



JUBILEE CELEBRATION

**On Sunday, 6th September
at the 10.15am Mass, we
will be celebrating**

**Fr Chris Pedley's
50th anniversary as a Jesuit
and 40 years as priest**

&

**Fr Adrian Howell's
60th anniversary as a Jesuit.**

**These will be marked during the
Sunday Mass.**

**This will be followed by a celebration
and meal in the Parish Centre to
which all are invited.**



Thanks be to God



**Tuesday 1st September
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

This is celebrated annually.

**It marks the start of the ecumenical
Season of Creation, a month-long period
of prayer and action for the environment
that concludes on 4th October, the feast
day of St. Francis of Assisi.**

**Christians worldwide unite to pray, give
thanks for the Earth, and commit to
ecological conversion and healing the
planet.**

**2026 Theme: Living Water “Wherever the
river flows, all living creatures teeming in
it will live...on either bank, will grow
every kind of fruit tree...”**

Inspired by Ezekiel 47: 9,12

Prayer

**Dear God, Creator of all things,
We thank you for the beautiful gift of
the Earth.**

**You made the oceans, the trees, the
animals, and the sky.**

**You trusted us to take care of your
world, but we have not always been
gentle with it.**

**We live in a world where conflict
hurts both people and the land.**

Help us to change our ways.

**Teach us to turn our anger into
kindness, and our waste into care.**

**Help us to beat our swords into
ploughshares, so we can cultivate life
instead of destroying it.**

**Give us the wisdom to protect the air
we breathe, the water we drink, and
the soil that grows our food.**

**Guide the leaders of the world to
make choices that heal the planet.**

**Help each of us to do our small part
every day to love our neighbours and
respect your creation.**

Amen.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR
SEPTEMBER **FOR THE CARE OF WATER.**

LET US PRAY FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT OF WATER, A VITAL RESOURCE,
SO THAT EVERYONE MAY HAVE EQUAL ACCESS
TO IT.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



LITTLE CHURCH

Resumes 6th September



DONATE TO JRS
www.jrsuk.net/donate/
The Hurtado Jesuit Centre,
2 Chandler Street, London,
E1W 2QT



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gratitude for the gifts of
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from **St Wilfrid's Parish**
jesuitmissions.org.uk/donate/
11 Edge Hill London SW19 4LR



PRAY as you Go LISTEN TO GUIDED
PRAYER, EVERY DAY, FOR FREE

<https://prayasyougo.org>

Daily prayer session for portable devices.

DAY OF RENEWAL

Sat 3 October 10am-4pm

at St Clare's, Sharoe Green Lane,
Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH
Mass in the church at 10am.

Guest speaker: **Fr Stephen Bamber**
on "Being lost, being found"

Fr Stephen Bamber was ordained to the
priesthood for the Diocese of Lancaster on
27 June 2026. Before entering formation, he
worked in the drug and alcohol treatment
sector in a variety of roles, including training
and programme development. Recently was
appointed Assistant Priest at the Cathedral
Parish of St Peter and the Lancaster Martyrs.
Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee available.

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.

Gift & Card Shop **OPENING TIMES**

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

**CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY 31 AUGUST**

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 30 August 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9 (Ps 63) Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

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

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

Mass 4.30pm

Mon 31 Aug

ST AIDAN

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon

Exposition

SHOP CLOSED

BANK HOLIDAY

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (Ps 119) Luke 4:16-30

Tue 1 Sep

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

1.15PM FUNERAL SERVICE
JOSEPH CAWLEY RIP

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR CARE OF CREATION**

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

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 (Ps 145) Luke 4:31-37

Wed 2 Sep

JESUIT
MARTYRS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm

Adoration

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

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (Ps 33) Luke 4:38-44

Thu 3 Sep

ST GREGORY
THE GREAT

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 (Ps 24) Luke 5:1-11

Fri 4 Sep

ST CUTHBERT

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

10.30AM FUNERAL SERVICE
RAYMOND LYDIATE RIP

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

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (Ps 37) Luke 5:33-39

Sat 5 Sep

ST MOTHER TERESA

Confessions 11-12.10

Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

1 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Ps 145) Luke 6:1-5

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently: Raymond Lydiate RIP, Joseph Cawley RIP

Anniversaries: Marie Hull, Barbara Clark, Marjorie Ettles

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

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