



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

6th September 2026

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

JUBILEES

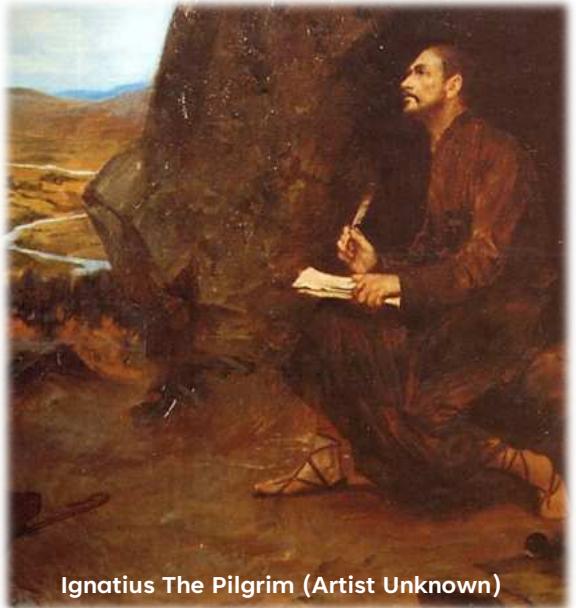
This week I celebrate 50 years as a Jesuit and Fr Adrian celebrates 60 years. I also celebrate 40 years as a priest this year. At the time I entered a meeting of Jesuits from around the world said, "What is it to be a Jesuit? It is know that one is a sinner, yet called to be a companion of Jesus as Ignatius was." As with last week's Gospel, the call Ignatius received was to take up the cross and follow Christ.

As I look back over the last 50 years, I am indeed, aware that I am a sinner. It is said that being a Jesuit is a hard vocation to live

well but an easy one to live badly and I am all too aware of that. However, I am very grateful for being called to live this life of poverty, chastity and obedience at the service of others for the greater glory of God. I have had a variety of jobs over the years in several countries and I am grateful to all those with whom I have worked, lay people, religious and priests. Above all I am grateful for the ways, probably often unknown to me, in which God has been at work over those years.

Among those whom you may know celebrating their golden jubilees are Fr Tim Curtis at Stonyhurst/Hurst Green and Fr David Birchall who was Parish Priest here 2002-2004, both are members of the Preston Jesuit community. Also in our year was Fr Michael Ashworth who was working in the Parish until shortly before his death, may he rest in peace. Let us pray for them, for all those celebrating jubilees at this time, and pray that the Society of Jesus may faithfully follow this particular call of Christ.

Chris Pedley S.J.



Ignatius The Pilgrim (Artist Unknown)

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

Prayer for 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Lord Jesus, may your Word produce plentiful fruits of salvation in me and through me. Make me an instrument of your Spirit of Love to serve the plans of God the Father. Amen.



Christ The Teacher Icon

Donate by debit/credit card



**There are 2 machines in the
Narthex now operational.**

**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.

LITTLE CHURCH

Resumes 6th September
Welcome back!

PREPARE FOR A LIFETIME TOGETHER

Residential Marriage Preparation course
8-10 January 2027, offering engaged couples a theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony.

christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/



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



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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

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 6 September 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9 (Ps 95) Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **LITTLE CHURCH**
 Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Gift & Card Shop open **JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

Mass 4.30pm

Mon 7 Sep

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon
 Exposition

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

1 Corinthians 5:1-8 (Ps 5) Luke 6:6-11

Tue 8 Sep

NATIVITY OF BLD
 VIRGIN MARY

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia
Hot Meal Drop In

Micah 5:1-4a (Ps 13) Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Wed 9 Sep

ST PETER
 CLAVER SJ

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm
 Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia
Clothes Drop In
 (Narthex)

1 Corinthians 7:25-31 (Ps 45) Luke 6:20-26

Thu 10 Sep

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13 (Ps 139) Luke 6:27-38

Fri 11 Sep

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

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

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27 (Ps 84) Luke 6:39-42

Sat 12 Sep

FERIA

Confessions 11-12.10
Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15
VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

1 Corinthians 10:14-22 (Ps 116) Luke 6:43-49

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: James Quigley

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

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