



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

7th September 2025

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

**ANYONE WHO DOES NOT RENOUNCE
ALL THAT HE HAS CANNOT BE
MY DISCIPLE**

In the Gospel in recent weeks we have been hearing Jesus talking about the demands of being his disciple. This week we have that message expressed in very strong language: *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother...and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."*

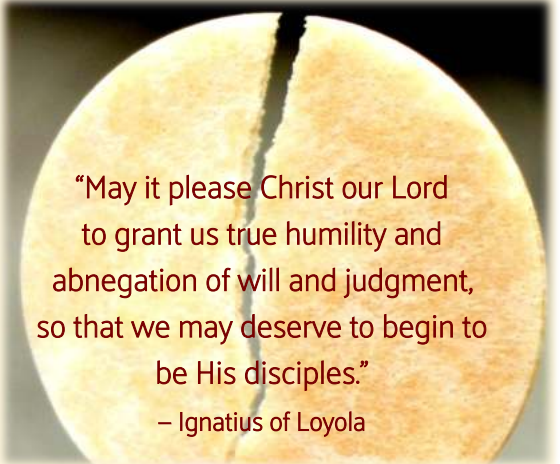
"Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." *"Any one of you who*

does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple". Yes, this is strong language. It does not necessarily mean we are called to be martyrs, turn our back on our family relationships or give up all the gifts we have received. However, the Gospel does challenge us to look at the foundation of our lives and call us to judge what really matters. If we really believe in Christ, and want to follow Christ, we have to put that first in our lives before everything else, including life itself.

In last week's newsletter I mentioned the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. He takes the perspective of today's Gospel as his starting point. Everything we are and have is God's gift to us to enable us to love and serve him. The Exercises are aimed at helping us see what that actually means in our lives, what it is that we are called to do. He ends the Exercises with a prayer which we might make in response to today's Gospel:-

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and Thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

Chris Pedley, S.J.





We are in 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 4th October. This is a time to reflect on our role as stewards of creation and our care for the environment, inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*, calling for all people to care for our shared Earth. This year's theme emphasizes the interconnectedness between caring for creation and fostering peace, highlighting the need for ecological healing and justice.

ACCOMPANYING in HOPE In response to the Synod and 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 14th, 21st & 28th September.** **A Regional Meeting will be held at Stonyhurst on Saturday 4th October**



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UNVEILED PRAISE!

Scripture, Talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praise and Worship, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry

Climb higher in praise to sink deeper in worship around the Blessed Sacrament. Reconciliation and prayer ministry still available

7.30 -9pm at St Wilfrid's Church, PR1 8BU

SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

12th September
10th October
14th November
12th December



FOURTH FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

26th September
24th October
28th November



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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 12th October

St Wilfrid's needs you! In order to mark our Parish Feast with a fitting celebration, we'd love as many parishioners to be involved as possible, and we'd love to reflect the vibrant, international nature of our Parish. We are looking for volunteers to provide food from their culture and to share different expressions of faith through either a display, a presentation, or an activity. Ruth White will speak at Masses this weekend - please pick up a flier with more information.

PRAY as you Go LISTEN TO GUIDED PRAYER, EVERY DAY, FOR FREE <https://prayasyougo.org>



Founded as a Work of the British Province of Jesuits, Pray As You Go has existed as a podcast for 18 years and now reaches a daily combined audience of almost 200,000 listeners a day, from a variety of Christian denominations.

Pray as you go is a daily prayer session, designed for use on portable devices, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling.

Faith in Action Award Ceremony

Bishop Paul Swarbrick will be here at St Wilfrid's to present awards to young people from around Preston who have undertaken to explore and celebrate their faith through prayer, learning, and service. All are welcome to attend to congratulate them.

7pm on Thursday 11th September.

STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

The Parish of St. Wilfrid welcomes new and returning University of Lancashire students. Joe White, Catholic Chaplain and Metanoia Project, provide chaplaincy services for the University of Lancashire on behalf of the Diocese of Lancaster.

From Sunday, 21st September there will be food and prayer after the 4:30pm Mass, as well as other events happening during the week. Metanoia Project and the Catholic Society will be at Masses over the coming weeks to welcome you, and we would be delighted to speak to you about upcoming events.



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www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk

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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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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



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Sunday 7 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b (Ps 89) Philemon 9-10,12-17 Luke 14:25-33

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir. **LITTLE CHURCH DURING MASS**
 Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/coffee Gift & Card Shop Open

Mass 4.30pm with Music Group

Mon 8 Sept **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card
 NATIVITY OF MARY **Mass 12.15 REQUIEM** Shop Open Tea/coffee

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

Tues 9 Sept **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **6-7.30pm** Metanoia
 ST P CLAVER SJ **Mass 12.15** Hot Meal Drop In

Colossians 2:6-15 (Ps 145) Luke 6:12-19

Wed 10 Sept **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **5.15-5.45** Adoration
 FERIA **Mass 12.15** of Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm** Metanoia
 Clothes Drop In
 (Narthex)

Colossians 3:1-11 (Ps 145) Luke 6:20-26

Thu 11 Sept **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11am** Life Ascending
 FERIA **Mass 12.15** (Coffee 10.30am)

Colossians 3:12-17 (Ps 150) Luke 6:27-38

Fri 12 Sept **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card
 FERIA **Mass 12.15** Shop Open Tea/coffee

1Timothy 1:1-2,12-14 (Ps 16) Luke 6:39-42

Sat 13 Sept **Confessions 11-12.10** **Mass 12.15**
 St J Chrysostom **Confessions 5-5.30** **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

1Timothy 1:15-17 (Ps 113) Luke 6:43-49

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently: Helen Charnley RIP Requiem Monday 8th September @12.15pm

Anniversaries: James Quigley

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

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