



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

13th September 2026

24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston



SEASON OF CREATION

This year's Season of Creation began on 1st September. Pope Leo, in his message for that day wrote, "Our Lord Jesus Christ came so that we might have life and have it in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). This gift of life lies at the very heart of our mission as disciples and of our shared calling to build a civilization of love. As we observe this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we are once again invited to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator".

He links the theme of care of creation to the need for peace taking the text, "They shall turn their swords into plough-shares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Isaiah 2:4). He goes on to say, "War leaves wounds that extend far beyond the battlefield. It claims lives, tears families apart and forces millions to flee their homes, thereby deepening fear, injustice and division (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 77-82). War also leaves behind social and ecological destruction that endures for generations."

This time of year gives us an opportunity to pray for peace and for the victims of war around the world. It also invites us to reflect on our own relationship with creation. Do we cherish God's gifts? In our own lives and choices do we do what we can to protect the environment and preserve it for future generations? Those choices are both individual and political. It would be good to revisit Pope Francis encyclical *Laudato Si*. You can find that document and Pope Leo's message on the Vatican Website.

Chris Pedley S.J.

**SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 2026
is EDUCATION DAY**

PRAYER

Lord God,
Source of all true wisdom &
knowledge, we ask your blessing as
we lift up our students, teachers &
school communities.
Grant to our students a spirit of
curiosity, a desire to learn & the
perseverance to overcome
challenges. May their minds be
opened to truth & their hearts be
shaped by your grace, so they may
use their knowledge to serve others.
Grant to our educators patience,
understanding & a deep love for
those they teach. Inspire them with
your Holy Spirit so that they may
not only impart knowledge but also
guide their students toward
goodness, justice & faith.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION



Fr Chris &
Fr Adrian
thank all
those who
joined in
the celebration
last Sunday,
especially those
who worked so
hard to make it
happen.
We thoroughly
enjoyed it.

STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS

The Parish of St. Wilfrid's
welcomes new & returning

University of Lancashire
students.

JOE WHITE,

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN &

METANOIA PROJECT

provide

chaplaincy services for the

University of Lancashire

on behalf of the

Diocese of Lancaster.



From Sunday, 20th September, there
will be food and prayer
after the 4:30 p.m. Mass
at St Wilfrid's in the Parish Centre,
as well as other events happening
during the week.

**Metanoia Project &
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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Thursday 17 September is the
**Solemnity of the
Dedication of the Church**

Our church is named after Wilfrid c.633-
c.709 who was Bishop of Northumbria.



St Wilfrid holds a deep
historical significance in
Preston with St John's
Minster originally being
dedicated to him.

Under the guidance of
Fr Joseph "Daddy"
Dunn (1746-1827)
St Wilfrid's church
opened for worship
on 4 June 1793,
ensuring the legacy of
the saint in Preston
continued. The liturgical feast which
celebrates this Solemnity is observed
annually on 17 September.
The 1793 opening was a monumental
milestone for the local Catholic
community marking its emergence from
centuries of underground worship since,
for over two centuries, following the
English Reformation practicing the
catholic faith in public was illegal in
England, but the Second Catholic Relief
Act 1791 legalised public Catholic
chapels and places of worship. With this
new law Fr Dunn, a highly influential
Jesuit priest in Preston, seized the
opportunity to buy land on Chapel Street
and the ground
was broken in
April 1792 as the
construction
began for a
permanent
home for our
parish.



Donate by debit/credit card



to St Wilfrid's

**There are
2 machines
in the
Narthex**

**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!**



DONATE TO JRS

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



DONATE TO JESUIT MISSIONS

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

Gift & Card Shop

OPENING TIMES

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

RCIA Sacramental Preparation for Adults

Are you interested in the Catholic faith,
being received into the Church, or
receiving the Sacraments of Baptism,
Eucharist or Confirmation? **The RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**
programme begins this Autumn. Adults
are usually received into the Church at
the Easter Vigil. To discuss your journey
contact [Joe White 07481 188102](tel:07481188102) or
email joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk
Or speak with Fr Chris Pedley for info.

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.

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

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Sunday 13 September 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7 (Ps 103) Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **LITTLE CHURCH**
 Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/Coffee Gift & Card Shop open

Mass 4.30pm

Mon 14 Sep

*EXHALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS*

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon

Exposition

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

Numbers 21:4b-9 (Ps 78) John 3:13-17

Tue 15 Sep

*OUR LADY OF
SORROWS*

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia
Hot Meal Drop In

1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31 (Ps 100) John 19:25-27

Wed 16 Sep

*STS CORNELIUS
& CYPRIAN*

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm

Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia
Clothes Drop In
(Narthex)

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (Ps 33) Luke 7:31-35

Thu 17 Sep

*DEDICATION OF
THE CHURCH*

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15 Solemnity

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Ps 118) Luke 7:36-50

Fri 18 Sep

*ST ROBERT
BELLARMINE SJ*

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

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

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Ps 17) Luke 8:1-3

Sat 19 Sep

FERIA

Confessions 11-12.10

Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49 (Ps 56) Luke 8:4-15

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Marlene Roebuck, Margaret Wilson

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

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