



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

27th September 2026

26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

Today's second reading is the famous passage from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians which talks about following the example of Christ. It describes the way in which Christ, who though God, emptied himself to become one of us, and went further, accepting death on the cross. The cross leads to the resurrection and Christ's glory. The end of this passage is the line which appears above the sanctuary in our church, "In the name of Jesus let every knee bow". This passage can be seen as a summary of the Gospel.

What does it mean to, "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus"? The humility and generosity of Christ is our model. Paul spells this out, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others". Thinking of the interests of others is not very fashionable in some quarters these days. It is seen as a sign of weakness or as letting down "our" people. However, it is fundamental to living out the Gospel, fundamental to following the example of Christ, who gave himself for us.

There are all sorts of ways in our daily lives in which we can show this concern for others. One particular way, this coming week, is through CAFOD Family Fast Day. We are given the opportunity to give something up in order to help others in greater need than ourselves.

As we hear this reading today we are challenged to focus on the example of Christ and to ask that our own lives might reflect that same generosity. It is above all through living that kind of life that we proclaim the Gospel to those around us.

Chris Pedley S.J.



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Sunday 27 September is Harvest Sunday



**Generous God,
we praise and thank you
for the gifts that you have given
us:**

**the fruits of the harvest
and the joy of your love.
Free us from the fear that leads us
to store up more than we need.
Fill our hearts with gratitude
which moves us to share what we
have.**

**Show us how to plant seeds of hope
and together reap a better world,
where each and every person
can share in the fullness of your
love.
Amen.**

By Catherine Gorman/CAFOD



**Family Fast Day
Friday 2 October**

**A collection will be taken at
Masses on Sundays
4th & 11th October**

GIFTS IN WILLS fund a third of
CAFOD's work, helping us respond quickly to
emergencies, stay committed to communities
overcoming poverty, and challenge the
structures that stop them from flourishing.

Jess Boniface, CAFOD Gifts in Wills team
email legacy@cafod.org.uk or call me on 020
7095 5367.



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.



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 will be
delighted to speak to you about
upcoming events.



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YOUNG LECTORS

There will be a meeting for young
Lectors and those interested in
becoming a young Lector,
after the 10.15am Mass on
Sunday 27th September.

Sunday 27 September

ULAN Catholic Society will be holding a

BAKE SALE after 10.30am & 4.30pm

Masses to raise funds for their work with students in the coming year.

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!**

LITTLE CHURCH

**cancelled for Sunday
27th September**



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

ROSARY FOR THE FAMILY

On-line Rosary for Voice of the Family on
Zoom at 7.45pm every evening.

Access via www.voiceofthefamily.com

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/](http://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/)

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY Let us pray
that the mental health ministry be
established throughout the Church, helping
to overcome the stigma and discrimination
of persons with mental illnesses.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT

AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING

**YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK YOUR
VEHICLE IN THE COURTYARD.**

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** 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 27 September 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28 (Ps 25) Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **NO LITTLE CHURCH**

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

Mass 4.30pm Music Group After Mass - **Student Group Meeting in Parish Centre**

Mon 28 Sep

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon

Exposition

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

Job 1:6-22 (Ps 17) Luke 9:46-50

Tue 29 Sep

STS MICHAEL,
GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia
Hot Meal Drop In

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 (Ps 138) John 1:47-51

Wed 30 Sep

ST JEROME

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm

Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia
Clothes Drop In
(Narthex)

Job 9:1-12,14-16 (Ps 88) Luke 9:57-62

Thu 1 Oct

ST THERESE OF
CHILD JESUS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

Job 19:21-27 (Ps 27) Luke 10:1-12

Fri 2 Oct

HOLY GUARDIAN
ANGELS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

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

Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5 (Ps 139) Matthew 18:1-5,10

Sat 3 Oct

ST FRANCIS BORGIA SJ

Confessions 11-12.10

Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-16 (Ps 119) Luke 10:17-24

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries:

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

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