



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

11th October 2026

28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

ST WILFRID'S DAY

Today, in this church, we celebrate the Solemnity of St Wilfrid.

St Wilfrid is the patron, not only of this church, but also of Preston. The lamb and flag which is the symbol of Preston, is a reminder of our Christian heritage going back to the seventh century, when St Wilfrid is believed to have founded a monastery here. We will be having a celebration meal in the Parish Centre after the 10.15am Mass.

St Wilfrid was a bishop and missionary, but he is chiefly remembered for being the champion of following the practice of Rome when the question arose of which practices, for example the date of Easter, the Church in this part of the world should follow. He quoted the passage in the Gospel where Jesus tells Peter, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven". For this reason, St Wilfrid is often depicted holding a set of keys.

The example of St Wilfrid highlights for us the importance of our own part in maintaining the unity of the church. We belong to a universal church, spread throughout the world, all united under the leadership of the Pope. It was this faith which so many people in this area held on to during penal times, for which the local martyrs gave their lives. We can be grateful that our own congregation reflects the diversity and the unity of the whole Church. Today is a reminder to listen to Pope Leo as he leads the Church through the challenges of our own time and to pray for him and for the needs the Church as a whole.

Chris Pedley, S.J

Prisons Week 11 –17 October

Prisoners' Sunday takes place on 11 October and is the Catholic Church's national day of prayer and action for prisoners, their children and families, and all those affected by imprisonment. It is an opportunity to reflect on Christ's call, "I was in prison and you visited me" and to respond with prayer, compassion and practical support.

Pact (the Prison Advice and Care Trust) is the national Catholic prison charity. We support prisoners, people with convictions and their families. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, we believe in the dignity of every person and in the possibility of a fresh start.



Your Fast Day Envelopes

**will be collected at Masses on
Sunday 11th October**

STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS

The Parish of St. Wilfrid's welcomes
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.



Weekly food & prayer in the Parish Centre
after the 4:30pm Mass at St Wilfrid's,
& other events during the week.

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Feast of St Wilfrid Parish Celebration Sunday 11th October

There will be a
CELEBRATION MEAL
in the Parish Centre
after the 10.15am Mass
to which all are invited.

RCIA Sacramental Preparation for Adults

Are you an adult wishing to receive
the Sacraments at Easter?

Our Sacramental Preparation sessions
begin on Friday 23rd October at 7pm
in the Narthex (back of church) at
St Wilfrid's.

They will then take place weekly
each Friday at 7pm.

These sessions are also open to anyone
who would simply like to learn more
about the Catholic faith.

Everyone is very welcome!

To register your interest & for more
information, please

scan the QR code

or email

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All Saints Celebration

There will be an all age parish
celebration for the Feast of All Saints
after 10.15 Mass Sunday 1st November
A time to gather as a community with
saintly snacks, saintly games &
saintly feast day fun.

RETREAT: 20th–23rd November 2026

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God.

Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. Find out more and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/>



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

<https://prayasyougo.org>

Daily prayer session for portable devices.



**MARRIAGE
SUPPORT
Need help?**

www.retrouvaille.org.uk

07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443

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/

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.

**THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT
AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING**

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

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



Heritage Open Afternoon at Lancaster Cathedral

An opportunity to explore our diocesan cathedral. **Saturday 10th October 1-4pm.** There will be guides in the cathedral to show you details & explain the story of our cathedral, as well as an exhibition of historic vestments & art in the sacristy. **3.30pm Organ Recital by Dr Damian Howard** Refreshments served in Cathedral House. Please pop in and bring a friend!

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 11 October 28th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8 (Ps 137) Romans 12:3-13 Matthew 16:13-19 readings for Feast of St Wilfrid

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **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 12 Oct

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon

Exposition

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

Galatians 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1 (Ps 113) Luke 11:29-32

Tue 13 Oct

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia
Hot Meal Drop In

Galatians 5:1-6 (Ps 119) Luke 11:37-41

Wed 14 Oct

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm

Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia
Clothes Drop In
(Narthex)

Galatians 5:18-25 (Ps 1) Luke 11:42-46

Thu 15 Oct

ST TERESA OF JESUS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

Ephesians 1:1-10 (Ps 98) Luke 11:47-54

Fri 16 Oct

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

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

Ephesians 1:11-14 (Ps 33) Luke 12:1-7

Sat 17 Oct

ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

Confessions 11-12.10

Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Ephesians 1:15-23 (Ps 8) Luke 12:8-12

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Glen Snape, Trevor Quinn, Pauline Wilding, Irene Hopkins

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell,

Doreen Flynn, Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield

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