



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

18th October 2026

29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

RENDER TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S AND TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S

The Pharisees try to trap Jesus. If he says it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar he will offend those Jewish nationalists who do not accept Roman rule, if he says it is unlawful then he will be in trouble with the Roman authorities. In pointing out the image of Caesar on the coin Jesus draws a broader lesson from the encounter.

This passage might seem to suggest that there are two separate spheres, the secular sphere of Caesar and the religious sphere of God. Many people see things this way. Religion for them is a purely private affair which should have no impact on the world. It is much more comfortable this way. However, the first reading sees the world in a very different way. God is in control. He uses Cyrus, the Persian emperor, to free the Jewish people from the Babylonian captivity. The Psalm says, "God is king". There is nothing which does not belong to God, no sphere which does not concern him and which he does not control.



The Tribute Money by Titian

Where do we find the "image and likeness" of God? All creation is the work of God and we can recognise God in what he has made. This is of particular significance in this Season of Creation. Above all, Genesis tells us, we human beings are made in the likeness of God. Seeing the image of God in those around us changes the way we look at them and relate to them. This too prevents us from treating religion as a private sphere with no impact on the rest of life. It shapes how we live and everything we do. It includes our interaction with the things of Caesar, what we do as a society, as well as what we do as individuals.

Chris Pedley, S.J

World Mission Day

Holy Father, make us one in Christ,
rooted in his love that unites and
renews.

May all members of the Church be
united in mission, docile to the Holy
Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to
the Gospel, proclaiming and embodying
daily your faithful love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women,
support them in their efforts, and watch
over them in hope!

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany
our work of evangelisation in every
corner of the earth: make us
instruments of peace, and grant that
the whole world may recognise in Christ
the light that saves. Amen. *LEO PP XIV*

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.

Feast of St Wilfrid

**Thank you to all who helped make our
Parish Celebration
so successful and enjoyable.**

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/
be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/](https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/)

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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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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Men of Faith

Walk for Men's Health Awareness Month

Sat 7th Nov 2026

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Cor 5:7

REFLECTION PRAYER FELLOWSHIP SCRIPTURE

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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!



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2 Chandler Street, London,
E1W 2QT



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11 Edge Hill London SW19 4LR



MARRIAGE SUPPORT
Need help?

www.retrouvaille.org.uk
07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443

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.**

Gift & Card Shop

OPENING TIMES

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

ROSARY FOR THE FAMILY

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

Access via www.voiceofthefamily.com



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

<https://prayasyougo.org>

Daily prayer session for portable devices.

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 18 October 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1,4-6 (Ps 96) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21
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 19 Oct <i>SJ MARTYRS</i>	Confessions 11.50-12.10 Mass 12.15	11.30am-12noon Exposition	11.30-1pm Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee
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Ephesians 2:1-10 (Ps 100) Luke 12:13-21

Tue 20 Oct <i>FERIA</i>	Confessions 11.50-12.10 Mass 12.15	6-7.30pm Metanoia Hot Meal Drop In
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Ephesians 2:12-22 (Ps 85) Luke 12:35-38

Wed 21 Oct <i>FERIA</i>	Confessions 11.50-12.10 Mass 12.15	5.15-5.45pm Adoration	6.30pm Metanoia Clothes Drop In (Narthex)
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Ephesians 3:2-12 Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 12:39-48

Thu 22 Oct <i>ST JOHN PAUL II</i>	Confessions 11.50-12.10 Mass 12.15
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Ephesians 3:14-21 (Ps 33) Luke 12:49-53

Fri 23 Oct <i>FERIA</i>	Confessions 11.50-12.10 Mass 12.15	11.30-1pm Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee
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Ephesians 4:1-6 (Ps 24) Luke 12:54-59

Sat 24 Oct <i>FERIA</i>	Confessions 11-12.10 Confessions 5-5.30	Mass 12.15 VIGIL MASS 5.35pm
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Ephesians 4:7-16 (Ps 122) Luke 13:1-9

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Paddy Donnelly

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