



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

1st March 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Praying with St. Francis Xavier *The Novena of Grace*

THIS NOVENA IS NINE DAYS OF PRAYER, 4-12 MARCH, WITH ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

As a Jesuit, Francis underwent and then, in turn, led others through the Spiritual Exercises of his great friend St. Ignatius Loyola. His writings reflect the spiritual insights and preoccupations of the Spiritual Exercises. We pray to know ourselves better, to discern the will of God for each of us in the daily unfolding of our lives, to hear and generously answer Christ's call to follow him, whatever the cost, and to understand that everything is unmerited gift from God, poured out lavishly upon us "as rays from the sun or waters from the spring."

O most kind and loving saint,

in union with you I adore the most divine majesty.

The memory of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death fills me with joy.

And I unite with you in offering to him my humble tribute of thanksgiving and praise.

I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession, the all-important blessing of living and dying in a state of grace.

I also ask you to obtain the favour I ask in this novena.

(Here pause to ask the favour you seek.)

But if what I ask is not for the greater glory of God, or the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both.

Amen.

O God, who was pleased to gather to your Church the peoples of the East by the preaching and miracles of St. Francis Xavier, mercifully grant that we, who honour his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now pray **Our Father**
Hail Mary
Glory be to the Father





WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

worship service has a special annual theme which is developed

by women of a different country each year

2026:

Nigeria

"I will give you rest, come."

Friday, 6th March



Your prayers are asked for those receiving Sacraments at St Wilfrid's this Easter.

On Saturday 21st Feb, 11 members of St Wilfrid's Parish travelled to Lancaster Cathedral alongside Fr Chris and Joe White, where they joined a record number of **CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION**. They were greeted by Bishop Paul Swarbrick and stated their intention to become full members of the Catholic Church this Easter. **Receiving Baptism and all Sacraments of Initiation:** *Amy, Ashraf, Daniel, Jordan & Keeley.*

Reception into the Church, Confirmation and Eucharist: *Blessing, Jack, Michael,*



Rachel & Scott. Confirmation: Caitlin.

Please keep them in your prayers and come to support & welcome them to our Church family at the Easter Vigil – the most powerful Mass of the Church's year.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

For the Jude Christian Orphanage, Zambia.

FRI 20th MARCH, 7^{PM} in Parish Centre

The Choral Pilgrimage 2026

by The Sixteen

25 April 2026 3.00 – 4.45 pm

at Blackburn Cathedral

£10 - £35 Tickets available at

thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2026-blackburn/

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REP BARBARA MACLAREN

has signed up for



The Big Lent Walk

£183 raised so far

Here's the link to view Barbara's page where you can make a donation:

walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/barbaras-fundraising-for-water-page

Please support her!

CAFOD Lent Appeal -Thank you Family Fast Day Collection
Please return your envelope

Gift & Card Shop OPENING TIMES

After 10.15am Sunday Mass

Monday 11.30am to 1pm

Friday 11.30 am to 12.10pm * 12.40 to 1pm

*Closed for 12.15 Mass during Lent

CASH & CARDS TAKEN

Adult Lectors

Lent meeting on Saturday 7th March
10:30-12noon Meet in Church

Young Lectors

Meeting on Sunday 8th March
after the 10:15 Mass to 12noon.

STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS
The Parish of St. Wilfrid welcomes
University of Lancashire students.
There will be food and prayer in
St Wilfrid's Parish Centre after the
4:30pm Sunday Mass weekly.



Sign up here for info on all
events for Students &
Young Adults



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FRIDAYS DURING LENT after 12.15 Mass
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

followed by **Soup Lunch**. If you would like
to read on any of the Fridays, or assist in
any way, please contact Jen
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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.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Let us pray that nations move toward
effective disarmament, particularly nuclear
disarmament, and that world leaders
choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy
instead of violence.

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!



UNVEILED
13th March 7.30-9pm
in St Wilfrid's Church

TWO LENT RETREATS

ST WILFRID'S LENT RETREAT

Mondays 7- 8pm (except 16th March) in
the Parish Centre. Reflection on the theme
& ways of praying, time for personal
prayer & sharing.

TEACH US TO PRAY

An Online Week of Retreat &
a School of Prayer.

9th-13th March(7-8.30pm) plus day retreat
(10am-3pm) on Saturday 14th March. No
need to register. To receive the zoom link,
and a reminder nearer the time, email
Ursula, the Diocesan Spirituality Rep.
uwalker@uwclub.net



FROM ST WILFRID'S
TO LADYEWELL
SHRINE

21 MARCH 26

Metanoia Project

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WALK FROM ST WILFRID'S TO LADYEWELL SHRINE

We will walk through the city carrying a 6ft
cross and stop along the way to pray each
station. **9am** leave **St Wilfrid's**. **12.30 Mass**
Ladyewell. Then social time, eat our packed
lunches, visit the well and explore the shrine.
If you can't manage the 4 mile walk join us at
the Shrine. Transport back to St Wilfrid's for
walkers. Vital you sign up so there is
enough transport.

See fliers at back of Church.

Sign up by scanning QR code:



VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

To refill dispensers in Parish Centre,
check all is tidy, note any repairs
needed, restock. Twice weekly.
Contact Parish Administrator
01772 554396
stwilfridspa@gmail.com

**THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT
AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING
YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK YOUR
VEHICLE IN THE COURTYARD.**

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

