



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

25th January 2026

THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston



Today is the 6th Celebration of Sunday of the Word of God and the Church invites us to place the Word of God at the very centre of our lives. The Bible is not simply an ancient book or a collection of inspiring texts; it is God speaking to us here and now. When the Scriptures are proclaimed, Christ himself is present, addressing our hearts, our families and our parish community.

The Word of God has the power to comfort, to challenge and to transform. It reassures us when we are weary and feel uncertain. It strengthens and gives us hope. It guides and shapes us. As the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, the Word of God is “living and active,” able to penetrate deeply and reveal the truth of who we are and who God calls us to be.

As our Lectors are commissioned for the year ahead, we are all reminded that when they proclaim the scriptures, they become the mouthpiece of God. This proclamation is not merely reading, but a true ministry requiring preparation, faith and dignity. Through the Lector, God speaks to His people, making the Word a living part of the liturgy.

As we bring our Bibles for a special blessing, let's renew our love for Scripture. We might ask ourselves: Do I make space for God's Word in my daily life? Do I listen with an open heart at Mass?

Let's ensure that the same Word reaches the ends of the earth, so as to transform the life of all peoples by dwelling among us.

Maria Hall, Catholic Biblical Apostolate CBCEW



**Sunday 25th January is
Sunday of the Word of God**

This year's theme is
"Let the word of Christ dwell among you."

THERE IS A READERS' COMMISSIONING CEREMONY AT ALL MASSES.

A PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD

Heavenly Father, you speak to us through your Holy Word. Open our ears to hear, our hearts to understand, and our lives to live out the truth proclaimed in Scripture. May we not just hear the stories, but find ourselves within them, allowing your Spirit to guide us to be bearers of your light and love in the world. Strengthen us to be missionary disciples, bringing the Good News to all.
Amen.

Also at ALL MASSES we will have a **BLESSING OF BIBLES**
so bring your bibles to be blessed.

May the words of this sacred book become more deeply the living word of God, forming our thoughts, desires and actions.

DAY OF RENEWAL Sat 28 Feb 10am to 4pm
at St Clare's Parish Hall Fulwood, PR2 9HH
*Unpacking the Paschal Mystery—to get
the best celebration of Easter*

with Fr Eamonn Mulcahy

For more info 07745 009694
or 07954 429333.

Take a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson,
Jen Murphy, Margaret Nelson,
Lee Unsworth, Maria Hall,
Ruth White, Fr Chris Pedley SJ &
Fr Hugh Duffy SJ.
The Council meets
approximately once a month.

**Online Donations to St Wilfrid's
can be made via the**

PARISH WEBSITE

www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk

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Miranona Project

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



JOB OPPORTUNITY at JESUIT MISSIONS

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'CAMPAIGNS & OUTREACH OFFICER'
A remote working opportunity, with
travel across the UK.

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global poverty?

Can you engage and motivate others to act on
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If so, and you have a flair for campaigning,
we'd love to hear from you.

For more information about Jesuit Missions,
the Job Description/Person Specification go
to: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/vacancies/>



or scan the QR code

Closing date:

9am, 2nd February 2026

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes for those wishing to make their First Holy Communion this year will begin on Saturday 7th February.



If you have a child who wishes to join the classes please **COMPLETE THE FORM AVAILABLE FROM MONICA HOLDSWORTH** (including anyone who has already been in touch directly with Fr Pedley.)



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



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OPEN After 10.15am Sunday Mass
Monday and Friday 11.30am to 1pm



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

<https://prayasyougo.org>

Founded by the British Province of Jesuits, Pray As You Go has existed as a podcast for 18 years. It is a daily prayer session, designed for use on portable devices.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



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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

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Sunday 25 January

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Isaiah 8:23b-9:3 (Ps27) 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Matthew 4:12-23

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

Mass 4.30pm with Music Group After Mass in the Parish Centre: **Student Group Meeting**

Mon 26Jan

STS TIMOTHY & TITUS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

11.30am-12noon

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

Mass 12.15

Exposition

2 Timothy 1:1-8 (Ps 96) Mark 3:22-30

Tue 27 Jan

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

6-7.30pm Metanoia Hot Meal Drop In

Mass 12.15

2 Samuel 6:12-15,17-19 (Ps 24) Mark 3:31-35

Wed 28 Jan

ST THOMAS AQUINAS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

5.15-5.45 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Metanoia Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

Mass 12.15 REQUIEM

2 Samuel 7:4-17 (Ps 89) Mark 4:1-20

Thu 29 Jan

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

11am Life Ascending (Coffee 10.30am)

Mass 12.15

2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29 (Ps 132) Mark 4:21-25

Fri 30 Jan

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

After 12.15 Mass Lectio Divina Followed by...

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

Mass 12.15

...Soup Lunch

2 Samuel 11:1-10,13-17 (Ps 51) Mark 4:26-34

Sat 31 Jan

St John Bosco

Confessions 11-12.10 **Mass 12.15**

Confessions 5-5.30 **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17 (Ps 51) Mark 4:35-41

WE PRAY FOR Those who died recently: John Sweeney RIP Requiem 28 January 12.15
 Esther Starkie RIP Requiem 3 February 12.15

Anniversaries: Teresa Possamai

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