



JESUIT'S
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

8th February 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

JESUIT MISSIONS PARISH APPEAL AT ST WILFRID'S

A CALL TO ACTION: HELP JESUIT MISSIONS BRING HOPE

Jesuit Missions, the international mission and development agency of the Jesuits in Britain, works tirelessly to bring hope, dignity, and opportunity to communities living with the realities of poverty, conflict, and injustice.

Across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, our partners walk alongside some of the most marginalised communities on a range of projects including support to victims of conflict and displacement, women's empowerment, education, and environmental sustainability. Whether it is helping a child in South Sudan take their first steps into education, nurturing young leaders in Madagascar as they work to heal their land, or standing with communities in India in their struggle for basic rights, Jesuit Missions shows that true transformation grows from solidarity. Their mission is about long-term presence, deep listening, and partnership rooted in faith and compassion, striving for justice.

Even the smallest gift can make a real difference:

£10 plants 10 trees in Madagascar, protecting the future environment.

£37 provides a child with a school uniform, opening the door to education.

£100 supplies essential school materials for children living in refugee camps.

ON SATURDAY 7TH AND SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY,

JULES GIBSON FROM JESUIT MISSIONS WILL SPEAK AT ALL MASSES

To learn about Jesuit Missions visit:

<https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/>

You can also donate using this QR code and please make certain to gift aid your donation so we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 given



Sunday 8th February Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking

The International Day of Prayer & Awareness Against Human Trafficking is held annually on 8th February, which is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of trafficking victims.

This day focuses on praying for survivors, raising awareness and urging action against modern-day slavery. Pope Francis inaugurated this day to highlight the "scourge" of human trafficking and to encourage action from government leaders, communities and individuals to support victims and combat trafficking.

St Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947), a Sudanese woman, was kidnapped and sold into slavery as a child, later finding freedom and faith in Italy.



O God, who led St Josephine Bakhita from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and a bride of Christ, grant, we pray, that by her example we may show constant love for the Lord Jesus crucified, remaining steadfast in charity and prompt to show compassion. Through Christ our Lord.
St Josephine Bakhita: Pray for us

Wednesday 11th February World Day of the Sick

The theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the 2026 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick to be held on 11th February is the compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain. The figure of the Good Samaritan "is always relevant and essential for rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion" and helps further "direct our attention towards the needy and all those who suffer, especially the sick." The Pope invites the faithful to join him in praying to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, to assist all who suffer and are in need of compassion, consolation and a listening ear, with the following ancient prayer, often invoked in families for those living with illness and pain.

**"Sweet Mother,
do not part from me.
Turn not your eyes away from me.
Walk with me at every moment
and never leave me alone.
You who always protect me
as a true Mother,
obtain for me the blessing of the
Father, Son and Holy Spirit."**



Wednesday 11th February
**FEAST OF
OUR LADY OF
LOURDES**
Patron of
Lancaster Diocese
PRAY FOR US

FRIDAYS DURING LENT FROM 20TH FEB

after 12.15 Mass there will be

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

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.



**Art and Faith:
The Legacy of
Fenwick Lawson
at St Wilfrid's**

is an article
available to read at
[www.jesuit.org.uk/
news](http://www.jesuit.org.uk/news)

with a contribution from
Fr Denis Blackledge SJ

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR
FEBRUARY 2026**

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



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.**

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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CONGRATULATIONS!

St Wilfrid's Parish sends warm
congratulations and prayers to
Assunta Russo for her 18th birthday
on Sunday 8th February. Assunta was
an Altar Server and Volunteer here for
several years.

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

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Sunday 8 February

FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58:7-10 (Ps112) 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

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 9 Feb

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

11.30am-12noon

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

Mass 12.15

Exposition

1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13 (Ps 132) Mark 6:53-56

Tue 10 Feb

ST SCHOLASTICA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

6-7.30pm Metanoia Hot Meal Drop In

Mass 12.15

1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30 (Ps 84) Mark 7:1-13

Wed 11 Feb

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Confessions 11.50-12.10

5.15-5.45 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Metanoia Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

Mass 12.15

Isaiah 66:10-14 Judith 13:18-19 John 2:1-11

Thu 12 Feb

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

11am Life Ascending (Coffee 10.30am)

Mass 12.15

1 Kings 11:4-13 (Ps 106) Mark 7:24-30

Fri 13 Feb

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

After 12.15 Mass Lectio Divina followed by ...

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

Mass 12.15

7.30-9pm Unveiled

1 Kings 11:29-32,12-19 (Ps 81) Mark 7:31-37

Sat 14 Feb

STS CYRIL, MONK & METHODIUS

Confessions 11-12.10

Mass 12.15

10-11am First Holy Communion Class

Confessions 5-5.30

VIGIL MASS

Acts 13:46-49 (Ps 117) Luke 10:1-9

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Joan Campbell, Paul Tassiker, Bernard Richardson

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