



**JESUITS**  
IN BRITAIN

# Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

**St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston**

## GETTING READY FOR LENT

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday when we begin our period of preparation for the celebration of the key events of our faith, the death and the resurrection of Jesus. It is time for us to deepen our faith.

There are a number of things which we will be offering:-

- ◆ There will be a retreat for Lent here with input, a chance to pray on scripture and to share the fruit of our prayer with one another. This will take place on Monday nights from 7.00pm to 8.00pm except 16th March. More details will follow.
- ◆ There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12.15pm Mass.
- ◆ For those not able to join us on a Friday, Jules Gibson of Jesuit Missions has provided a link to a Lenten Stations of the Cross, featuring a thoughtful compilation of pupil reflections from Jesuit schools, inspired by the work of Jesuit Missions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tg01KecpJK4>
- ◆ This is also a time for us to look at our lives. There are many appeals from various charities, especially CAFOD family fast day. However, we can look deeper at the way we live our lives. We can look at what we do for others and what causes we support.



Let us pray for one another during this time that we may strengthen our faith and become Easter People.

Chris Pedley, S.J

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

is organized by Church Action on Poverty as part of "Poverty Action Sunday," and is traditionally held on the last Sunday before Lent. It is a time for churches to focus on, pray for, and support those struggling with unemployment, often addressing the loss of dignity and financial strain.

O God,  
the source of human dignity,  
in your image every person is  
fashioned and by your Son  
all people are redeemed.  
Make us honour the work of your  
hands, that we may reverence you  
in those whom the world  
considers least and serve you  
in all whom society neglects.  
Amen.



The Big Lent Walk  
To sign up go to  
<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Step into the year with hope, reconnect with your faith and raise vital funds for life-saving water with The Big Lent Walk.

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REP BARBARA MACLAREN

has signed up for

### The Big Lent Walk



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

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/barbaras-fundraising-for-water-page>

Please support her!



### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February CAFOD Lent Appeal Family Fast Day Collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought.

#### WAYS TO DONATE:

- \*COLLECT A CAFOD ENVELOPE TO BLESS OTHERS WITH YOUR SUPPORT
- \*DONATE ONLINE AT [CAFOD.ORG.UK/ENVELOPE](https://CAFOD.ORG.UK/ENVELOPE)
- \*CALL 0303 303 3030
- \*TEXT CAFODLENT TO 70085 TO DONATE £10.

## 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/](https://thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2026-blackburn/)

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT FROM 20<sup>TH</sup> 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

07957566741 [jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk)



**UNVEILED PRAISE!**  
27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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



Online Donations to St Wilfrid's  
can be made via the  
**PARISH WEBSITE**  
[www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk)  
Click on the **DONATE** button &  
follow the instructions. It's easy!



**Jesuit Missions**  
extend sincere gratitude for  
the gift of **£528.80**  
from St Wilfrid's Parish

**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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**Gift & Card Shop** Cash/cards taken  
**OPEN After 10.15am Sunday Mass**  
Monday and Friday 11.30am to 1pm



### Catholic Family Retreat

at Castlerigg Manor  
CA12 4AR  
27-29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**£160-230 per family**

Fun activities for everybody, Mass in the  
evening & time to explore Keswick.

For more info [castleriggmanor.com/events](http://castleriggmanor.com/events)  
**017687 72711**

### Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Led by Bishop Swarbrick  
23-30 July



Contact Pilgrimage Director  
Linda Wisdom  
**07738 022054**

[operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)

More details on the Narthex noticeboard



**DONATE TO JRS**  
[www.jrsuk.net/donate/](http://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](http://stwilfridspreston.org.uk)**

**Sunday 15 February**

SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*Sirach 15:16-21 (Ps 119) 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37*

**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 16 Feb**  
FERIA

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15**

**11.30am-12noon**  
Exposition

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

*James 1:1-11,25 (Ps 119) Mark 8:11-13*

**Tue 17 Feb**  
FERIA

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15**

**6-7.30pm** Metanoia  
Hot Meal Drop In

*James 1:12-18 (Ps 94) Mark 8:14-21*

**Wed 18 Feb**  
ASH  
WEDNESDAY

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15 & Ashes**

**5.15-5.45** Adoration  
of Blessed Sacrament

**6.30pm** Metanoia  
Clothes Drop In  
(Narthex)

*Joel 2:12-18 (Ps 51) 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18*

**Thu 19 Feb**  
AFTER ASH WED

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15**

**11am** Life Ascending  
(Coffee 10.30am)

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Ps 1) Luke 9:22-25*

**Fri 20 Feb**  
AFTER ASH WED

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
**Mass 12.15**

After **12.15** Mass  
Stations of the Cross  
followed by ...

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

*Isaiah 58:1-9a (Ps 51) Matthew 9:14-15*

**Sat 21 Feb**  
AFTER ASH WED

**Confessions 11-12.10** **Mass 12.15**  
**Confessions 5-5.30** **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

**10-11am** First Holy  
Communion Class

*Isaiah 58:9b-14 (Ps 86) Luke 5:27-32*

**WE PRAY FOR**

**Those who died recently:**

**Anniversaries:** Leonora Hall, Lucas Edward Everitt, Fr F Lane SJ, Terry Holt

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