




JESUITS
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Newsletter

25th May 2025

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. The occasion of Jesus leaving his disciples might be thought of as a moment of sadness. However, the Gospel for the day tells us that the disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy. This is the fulfilment of Jesus' mission. The second reading makes this clear by using the image of Christ entering into the heavenly temple, having made his offering once for all on the cross. We are called to "enter the house of God" because Jesus has gone before us. This is a feast of hope.

In this Holy Year we are called to be "Pilgrims of Hope". The Ascension of the Lord points us to the destination of our



pilgrimage, to be with him in heaven. The disciples go back to Jerusalem to take up that pilgrimage by carrying out the mission that Jesus has given them. The mission is that "repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations". They are to be his witnesses. It is in the hope of the resurrection that they go back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. As part of the Church, through our baptism, we share that mission. We are to be witnesses to that hope in our world.

We live in a world where there is a great need for that hope. Many are without hope or purpose in their lives. Many situations in our world look hopeless. We have the message of hope. We have confidence that we can follow where Christ, our head, has gone before us. Thursday's feast is a time for renewing our own hope and to share the joy of the disciples. It is also a time to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit at work in us that we may be witness to the hope which Christ brings.

C. Pedley SJ

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 29th May

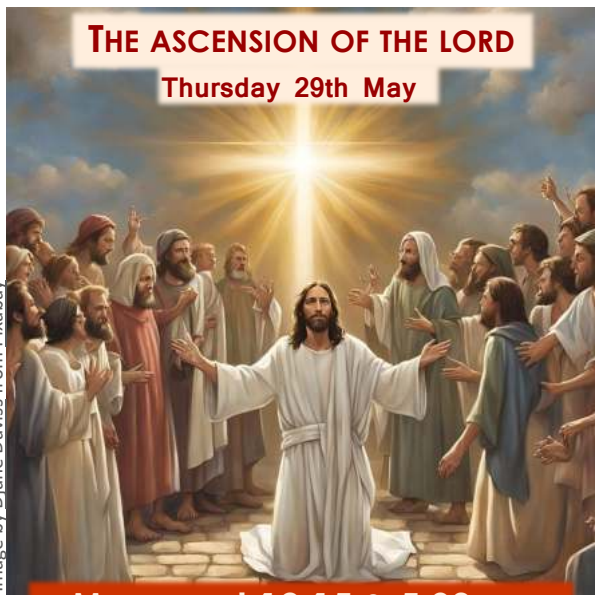


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Masses at 12.15 & 5.30pm



**Thank you
on behalf of the
Jesuit Refugee Service
for your donations
at last Sunday's Masses.**

£263.97



Wynn Kerry RIP 1934 - 2025

Funeral Mass at St Mary's Browndedge RC Church on Monday 2nd June at 11am, followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request donations to be made to St. Catherine's Hospice. You can view and make donations via the tribute page—type/paste the following into your browser

<https://winifredkerry.muchloved.com/>

The service can be watched online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge>

ETERNAL REST BE UNTO HER, O LORD.

THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING

Unfortunately we do not have a car park at St Wilfrid's church.

Any vehicles in the courtyard are booked in and authorised since they are carrying out maintenance or other work for the parish.

YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN THE CHURCH COURTYARD.

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 very easy!

The Card & Gift Shop has some new stock for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, as well as more statues. We also have a good selection of pre-loved religious books for adults & children. Do feel free to browse.

Open after 10.15 Sunday Mass, Mon & Fri 11.30am—1pm

DAY of RENEWAL

Led by Archie Cameron

Archie is a well known and much loved speaker, Dad, Grandad and Lay School Chaplain retired, who by the grace of God, loves life in the good and the dark times.



"Living in Joyful Hope"

Saturday 28th June 2025

10am. to 4pm.

the day starts with Mass at 10am.
at St Clare's Church (Parish Hall)
Sharoe Green Lane Fulwood Preston PR2 9HH



Please Bring Packed Lunch, Tea & Coffee Available
For further information Contact Christine Tel: 07745009694 or Annette Tel: 07954429333



A high-quality, photographic poster of Pope Leo XIV, the 267th Bishop of Rome, has been pre-ordered for display in the Parish Centre. It will be mounted and framed. The image is due for publication on 23rd May so we anticipate its delivery soon.

UNVEILED

23rd May
13th June



Scripture, Talk, Praise and Worship
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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If you are open to try again

Retrouvaille could be the solution.

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for May
for working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person may find fulfilment, families may be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.



DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

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Sunday 25 MAY 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 (Ps 66) Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

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 No Music Group

Mon 26 May **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee
 ST PHILIP NERI **Mass 12.15**

Acts 16:11-15 (Ps 149) John 15:26-16:4a

Tues 27 May **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11-12noon** Holy Hour **6-7.30pm** Metanoia
 ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY **Mass 12.15** **Hot Meal Drop In**

Acts 16:22-34 (Ps 138) John 16:5-11

Wed 28 May **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **5-5.45** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm** Metanoia
 EASTER FERIA **Mass 12.15** *Funeral service Maria Ammer RIP* **Clothes Drop** (Narthex)

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 (Ps 137) John 16:12-15

Thur 29 May **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** **11am** Life Ascending
 ASCENSION OF THE LORD **Mass 12.15 & 5.30pm** (Coffee 10.30)

Acts 1:1-11 (Ps 46) Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53

Fri 30 May **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee
 EASTER FERIA **Mass 12.15** Following 12.15 Mass Lectio Divina with --- **---Soup Lunch**

Acts 18:9-18 (Ps 46) John 16:20-23

Sat 31 May **Confessions 11-12.10** **Mass 12.15**
 VISITATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **Confessions 5-5.30** **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**
Zephaniah 3:14-18a Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 1:39-56

WE PRAY FOR **Those who died recently:** Maria Ammer Funeral service 28 May 12.15pm

Maria Worgan RIP Wynn Kerry Requiem St Mary's Brownedge 2 June 11am

Anniversaries: Karen Marie Ferguson, Patricia Haigh

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,
 Deacon Bill Adams, Agnes Partington.