




JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

1st June 2025

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

MAY THEY BE ONE EVEN AS WE ARE ONE

In our Gospel today Jesus prays for his disciples. It is a prayer, not just for that group gathered in the upper room for the last supper, but for the Church down the ages. He prays that the Church might be one. However, this is not simply a prayer that there might not be disagreements or that there might be a warm feeling of closeness among believers. Jesus prays to his Father that “they may be one even as we are one”.

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the following Sunday we will be celebrating Trinity Sunday. In making his prayer Jesus at the last supper asks that his followers might be united with himself and with the Father. He prays that, “they may be in us”. This unity with the Trinity to which we are called is quite extraordinary. It is something more than getting along with each other, it is an intimate relationship with God. Jesus’ prayer makes clear that this unity with God to which we are called is not simply a matter of me and God, our relationship with God and our relationship with each other are inseparable. What is more, both our unity with God and our unity with each other are not things we can achieve on our own, they are the work of the Spirit. Acts of the Apostles paints a picture of the apostles, the women and Mary all joined together in prayer as they await the Holy Spirit. This gift to the Church enables them to remain united as they go out and proclaim the Gospel, even when the kind of divisions come which we see later in Acts.

There are challenges to the unity of the Church today and we need to pray that the Spirit may be at work in the same way.

Pope Benedict said, “Christian unity can only exist if Christians are deeply united to him, to Jesus.” That unity with Christ and the Father, which is the work of the Spirit is something for which we need to pray as Jesus prayed.



Chris Pedley, S.J

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St Walburge's Summer Fair!

Sunday, 15th June, 12 – 4 pm

Food, cakes, treats, raffle, stalls, tombola, games
and much more!

Lots of fun for all the family. All Welcome!

This summer we have a unique opportunity to join the Church's global debt campaign and make our call for the cancellation of the debts of countries hit hardest by the climate crisis.



Will you join us on Wednesday 9 July to meet MPs in Westminster along with thousands of others from across the country? Co-organised by our friends from The Climate Coalition, supporters of nearly 100 different groups and organisations are expected to come together in Westminster for the 'Act Now, Change Forever' Mass Lobby to speak to their MPs on debt and climate. Over 93 percent of the world's most climate-vulnerable countries face a debt crisis.

In this Jubilee year, it's vital that MPs also hear from people of faith in the mass lobby. As we seek to honour the memory of Pope Francis, let us remind ourselves of his words for this Jubilee Year 2025: **"One of the actions that characterises jubilees is the forgiving of debts"**.

Andrea and the CAFOD Campaigns Team

PS We are working to provide some help with transport arrangements for those who don't live near to London and will be in touch.



The City of Preston Annual Diocese of Lancaster Centenary & Jubilee 2025 Corpus Christi Procession at St Walburge's Shrine Church

Sunday 22 June at 2pm

All are welcome and invited to take part in this public act of
Witness of our Faith on this important Feast Day.

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!

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

STELLA MARIS

(formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year) in this parish.

This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris.

The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend.

If you can do this,
please contact

roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org
or call 07887 893 763.



STELLA MARIS

UNVEILED

13th & 27th June

@ 7.30pm St Wilfrid's Church



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



The Pope's Prayer Intention for June

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation
in a personal relationship with Jesus,
and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

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Sunday 1 June 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Acts 7:55-60 (Ps 96) Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 John 17:20-26

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 2 June
 STS MARCELLINUS
 & PETER

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

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

Acts 19:1-8 (Ps 67) John 16:29-33

Tues 3 June
 ST C LWANGA &
 COMPANIONS

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

11-12noon Holy Hour

6-7.30pm Metanoia
 Hot Meal Drop In

Acts 20:17-27 (Ps 67) John 17:1-11a

Wed 4 June
 EASTER FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

5-5.45 Adoration of
 Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Metanoia
 Clothes Drop
 (Narthex)

Acts 20:28-38 (Ps 67) John 17:11b-19

Thur 5 June
 ST BONIFACE

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15 & 5.30pm

11am Life Ascending
 (Coffee 10.30)

Acts 22:30;23:6-11 (Ps 15) John 17:20-26

Fri 6 June
 EASTER FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

Following 12.15 Mass
 Lectio Divina with ---

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

---Soup Lunch

Acts 25:13b-21 (Ps 102) John 21:15-19

Sat 7 June
 EASTER FERIA

Confessions 11-12.10
Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15
VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Acts 28:16-20,30-31 (Ps 10) John 21:20-25

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently: Maria Worgan RIP

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

Anniversaries: Patricia Haigh, Edward Wignall

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