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Sunday 26 April Fourth Sunday of Easter -Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 2:14a,36-41 (Ps 23) 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10

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

Mon 27 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30am-12noon** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card
 ST P CANISIUS SJ **Mass 12.15** Exposition Shop Open Tea/coffee

Acts 11:1-18 (Ps 42) John 10:11-18

Tue 28 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **6-7.30pm** Metanoia
 EASTER FERIA **Mass 12.15** Hot Meal Drop In

Acts 11:19-26 (Ps 87 & 116) John 10:22-30

Wed 29 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **5.15-5.45** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm** Metanoia
 ST C OF SIENNA **Mass 12.15** of Blessed Sacrament **Clothes Drop In**
 (Narthex)

1 John 1:5-2:2 (Ps 103) Matthew 11:25-30

Thu 30 April **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11-12noon**
 EASTER FERIA **Mass 12.15** Life Ascending
 (Coffee 10.30am)

Acts 13:13-25 (Ps 89) John 13:16-20

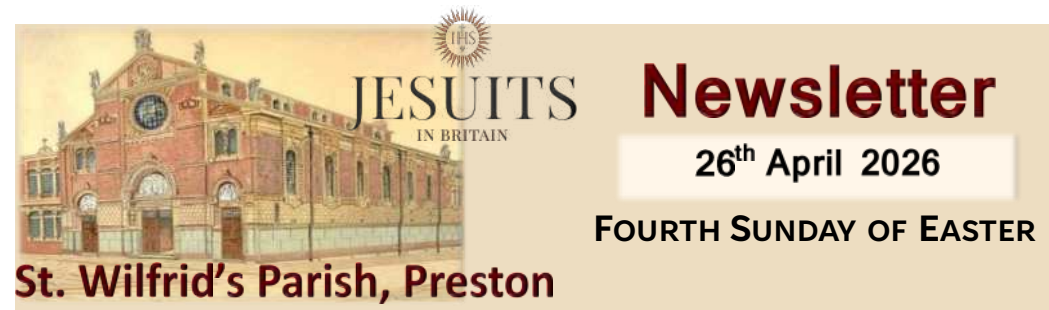
Fri 1 May **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **After 12.15** Mass **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card
 EASTER FERIA **Mass 12.15** Lectio Divina Shop Open Tea/coffee
 Followed by... **...Soup lunch**

Acts 13:26-33 (Ps 2) John 14:1-6

Sat 2 May **Confessions 11-12.10** **Mass 12.15** **10-11am** First Holy
 ST ATHANASIUS **Confessions 5-5.30** **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm** Communion Class

Acts 13:44-52 (Ps 98) John 14:7-14

WE PRAY FOR **Those who died recently:** Christine Knight RIP
Anniversaries: Agnes Bedford
Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,
 Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield.



ST GEORGE PATRON OF ENGLAND

On Thursday we celebrated the feast of St George, the Patron of England. St George was probably Greek and a soldier in the Roman army who was martyred for refusing to give up his Christian faith some time at the end of third or beginning of the fourth centuries. The flag of England is the St George's cross.

Since the Middle Ages St George has been closely associated with England. It is unfortunate that sometimes his flag is used in partisan, sectarian or racially exclusive ways, especially as he is honoured both in the East and the West and is the patron of a number of other countries beside England. This is even more true as his flag carries the cross of Christ upon it.

Celebrating the national patron leads those of us who are citizens to reflect on our role in the life of our country. As a Vatican document says, "It is a mistake to think that, because we have here no lasting city, but seek the city which is to come, we are entitled to shirk our earthly responsibilities" (The Participation of Catholics in Political Life CDF 2002). As Catholics we have a particular call to do what we can to support policies which serve the Common Good, taking into account, particularly, Catholic Social Teaching and especially the recent writings of Pope Francis and Pope Leo. One of the ways to do this is by exercising our right to vote. There are local elections coming up, so I would encourage you to make sure you are registered to vote and take time to think about the issues involved.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE LEO XIV

“Guided and protected by the Risen Jesus, we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter — also called “Good Shepherd Sunday” — the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is an occasion of grace in which we share some reflections on the interior dimension of vocation, understood as the discovery of God’s free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts. Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people, I encourage you to cultivate your personal relationship with God through daily prayer and meditation on the Word. Pause, listen and entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world. May the Virgin Mary, model of the interior acceptance of divine gifts and expert in prayerful listening, always accompany you on this journey!”

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Loving Father,
you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness.
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.
Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross ‘I thirst’ and respond to the call
‘Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations’.
Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call.
Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son,
who was always close to those in need.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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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.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson,
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Fr Chris Pedley SJ & Fr Hugh Duffy SJ
The Council meets monthly.



UNVEILED
8th May 7.30-9pm
in St Wilfrid’s Church

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!

Gift & Card Shop OPENING TIMES
After 10.15am Sunday Mass
Monday & Friday 11.30am to 1pm
Cash/cards taken

Important message from the Diocesan Finance Office to all Gift Aid Donors

A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify me if you are no longer a tax payer or you paid insufficient tax during 20205/26 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure you notify your Parish Priest or Parish Administrator.
Julie Parkinson
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PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2026

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, will take place 28 September to 1 October 2026.

Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others, it will be your first visit. The theme for this year’s pilgrimage is “Mary, cause of our Joy.” During our days in Walsingham, we will consider the causes of John Bradburne, Servant of God and Ann Fenwick, who is intimately linked with the Catholic mission of Hornby. Also, we will spend some time reflecting on the life of St Carlo Acutis and Eucharistic miracles.

The all-inclusive cost is £360.00–£420.00 (dependent on accommodation type). Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster, Preston.

Information and booking contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner [07711 345 176](tel:07711345176) or email charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk

The places will be limited, so please book in good time.

+Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick, Bishop of Lancaster



STAND WITH SUDAN. GIVE MONTHLY.

On the 3rd anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, **CAFOD’s Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:**

“So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I’m asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support.

Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored.”

Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan



**THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY
THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD.**
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August & early Sept. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, lounges and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families or groups of friends.

Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or [017687 72711](tel:01768772711)



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UNATTENDED IN CHURCH**