



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

31st May 2026

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

TRINITY SUNDAY

In the Gospel today John tells us that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. That love of God, shown for us in Christ, finds its completion in the sending of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrated last Sunday at Pentecost.

Pope Benedict, writing about today's feast of the Most Holy Trinity, focused particularly on our first reading. He said, "On this Solemnity, the liturgy invites us to praise God not merely for the wonders he has worked, but for who he is; for the beauty and goodness of his being from which his action stems." We are invited to contemplate, so to speak, the Heart of God, his deepest reality which is his being One in the Trinity, a supreme and profound communion of love and life. The whole of Sacred Scripture speaks to us of him. Indeed, it is he who speaks to us himself in the Scriptures and reveals himself as Creator of the universe and Lord of history. Today we hear a passage from the Book of Exodus in which – something quite exceptional – God proclaims his own Name! He does so in the presence of Moses with whom he spoke face to face, as with a friend. And what is God's Name?

It never fails to move us: "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness".

Today we acknowledge the God, Father, Son and Spirit, who has revealed himself to us. We give thanks for that steadfast love and faithfulness shown to us in the events we have been celebrating over the last few weeks. We pray that we may live, as St Paul asks us, in peace.



Chris Pedley, S.J



Prayer

Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—I worship You with profound love and adoration. I bow before Your greatness and perfect holiness. You are the One God in Three Persons. I give to You my life, all that I am, and all that I will be. Please take me to Yourself and do with me what You choose. I am Yours, my God. Do with me what You will so that You will be glorified in my life. Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.

FR PAUL HACKETT SJ RIP 20 FEB 1930—26 MAY 2026

Preston Jesuit Community are sad to announce the death of Fr Paul who joined the Society in 1946 and was ordained on 31 July 1961. He had lived in the Preston community for several years and was Chaplain to St Wilfrid's Life Ascending Group until earlier this year. A keen photographer, he could be seen regularly off to Avenham Park seeking to capture images of butterflies.

Requiem arrangements to be announced.



Fr Paul celebrating his 96th birthday in February this year.

Thank you to all who made our **Pentecost Gathering** so full of love.

Big thanks to those who helped tidy up. We had fun being reminded what a gift the Holy Spirit is to each of us, the same Spirit that empowered the early Church still transforms lives today. We are so thankful for our vibrant parish community and can't wait to see how the Holy Spirit spreads all throughout Preston and beyond, all because of your 'yes' to Him!

Jen, Metanoia Project



Walsingham 2026

I am delighted to say that the response to my invitation to join me and other pilgrims from around the diocese has been very good. There remain a few places still open. Bookings will close on 31 May. If you would like to come along contact:

Deacon Charlie Conner on **07711 345 176** or charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk

CHURCH CLEANING

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR?

Volunteers needed to join the church cleaning team at 8.00am each Saturday. Contact Fr Chris or Parish Administrator 01772 554396

THE ANNUAL PRESTON CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 7th June, 2026

beginning at 2.00pm

at St. Walburge's Church & ending there, followed by Benediction.

DAY OF RENEWAL

Saturday 27 June 10am-4pm

at St Clare's, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH

Speaker will be **Philip McParland** on "Love, not Fear – The Good News of Jesus"
Philip is a retreat director, facilitator & spiritual guide.

Mass in church at 10am. Then meet in the Parish Hall for tea/coffee, followed by our usual programme of praise and worship, inspiring talks and adoration, opportunity for reconciliation and prayer ministry.

Bring a packed lunch - tea/coffee provided.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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.

Please pray for our First Holy Communicants Olivia, Sasha, Natalie, Deborah, Sebastian & Mateus.



UNVEILED

12th June 7.30-9pm
in St Wilfrid's Church

POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL

Pope Leo XIV has released his first encyclical, **Magnifica Humanitas**, on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. It is a profound document on what it means to be human in this age of rapid technological development, reminding us of our God-given dignity and the importance of working towards the common good.

Pope Leo warns against the increased inequality that AI could bring and urges us to put human beings, especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable at the heart of all that we do.

He reminds us of our Christian vocation to look beyond the confines of our own interests and commit ourselves to the common good, saying:

"For the Christian community, social justice is a concrete way of following Jesus and remaining faithful to the Gospel."

Gift & Card Shop OPENING TIMES

After 10.15am Sunday Mass
Monday & Friday 11.30am to 1pm
Cash/cards taken

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!

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



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Sunday 31 May

The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9 Daniel 3:52-56 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

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

Mon 1 June

ST JUSTIN

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon
 Exposition

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

2 Peter 1:2-7 (Ps 91) Mark 12:1-12

Tue 2 June

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia
 Hot Meal Drop In

2 Peter 3:11-15,17-18 (Ps 90) Mark 12:13-17

Wed 3 June

ST C LWANGA &
 COMPANIONS

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm
 Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia
 Clothes Drop In
 (Narthex)

2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12 (Ps 123) Mark 12:18-27

Thu 4 June

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

2 Timothy 2:8-15 (Ps 25) Mark 12:28-34

Fri 5 June

ST BONIFACE

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

After 12.15 Mass
 Lectio Divina
 Followed by...

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

2 Timothy 3:10-17 (Ps 119) Mark 12:35-37

Sat 6 June

FERIA

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

10-11am First Holy
 Communion Class

2 Timothy 4:1-8 (Ps 71) Mark 12:38-44

WE PRAY FOR Those who died recently: Fr Paul Hackett SJ RIP, Susan Broadbent RIP
Anniversaries: Patricia Haigh, Edward Wignall

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