



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

24th May 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

PENTECOST



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In today's readings we have two versions of the giving of the Holy Spirit. The description of Pentecost itself comes from Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. The Apostles and those with them experience the Holy Spirit accompanied by a rushing wind and tongues of fire. They receive the gift of speaking other tongues. The Spirit gives them the courage to go out and proclaim the Gospel, being heard by their hearers in their own languages.

The Gospel is John's account. Here the risen Jesus appears to the disciples. He breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them. If you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

The word for wind, breath and Spirit are the same. It also reminds us of the Spirit hovering over the water in the story of creation in the book of Genesis, as well as these two accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit.

In both cases the coming of the Holy Spirit is the beginning of the Church and its mission. That mission is to proclaim the Gospel and forgive sins. It is this mission which we too receive by our Baptism and Confirmation. As we celebrate today's feast we ask that we might be open to the Holy Spirit at work in our own lives as individuals and as a Church. May we proclaim the Gospel to people of all nations and be instruments of forgiveness in our world. Chris Pedley, S.J.



WE ARE HAVING A

PENTECOST GATHERING

in the Parish Centre after the 10.15 Mass on Sunday 24th May.

Pentecost is a time to reflect on the Holy Spirit in our own lives. It is a time to celebrate in community, to pray for peace, and to ask the Spirit to enlighten us to where we should go. We will have activities for all ages to help us be guided and to share on how the Holy Spirit is moving and joyfully celebrate as a community the birthday of The Church.

Jen, Metanoia Project

Veni Sancte Spiritus ("Come, Holy Spirit"), sometimes called the "Golden Sequence", is a sequence sung in honour of God the Holy Spirit, prescribed in the Roman Rite for the Masses of Pentecost Sunday. It is usually attributed to the 13th-century Pope Innocent III.

The literal English translation is

Come, Holy Spirit,
and send out from heaven
the ray of your light.

Come, father of the poor,
come, giver of gifts,
come, light of hearts.

Greatest comforter,
sweet guest of the soul,
sweet consolation.

In labour, rest,
in heat, temperateness,
in tears, solace.

O most blessed light,
fill the inmost heart
of your faithful.

Without the nod of your head,
there is nothing in man,
nothing that is harmless.

Cleanse what is unclean,
water what is parched,
heal what is wounded.

Bend what is inflexible,
warm what is chilled,
correct what has gone astray.

Give to your faithful,
who trust in you,
the sevenfold gift.

Give virtue's reward,
give salvation's end,
give joy eternal.



Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work, we pray for a fresh outpouring of Your Spirit on this Pentecost 2026. Empower us with boldness to witness and unify Your church across the globe. Set our hearts on fire with love, strengthen us to be your hands and feet, and renew us to transform our communities with the Gospel. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.

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 ANNUAL PRESTON CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 7th June, 2026

beginning at 2.00pm

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

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



STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS
The Parish of St. Wilfrid welcomes the
University of Lancashire students.

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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.

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!

Catholic Legacy Week, 24-30 May, is a
time when Parishes and Catholic charities
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UNVEILED
12th June 7.30-9pm
in St Wilfrid's Church

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



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Sunday 24 May

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 (Ps 104) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

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 25 May

BVM MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon
 Exposition

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

Genesis 3:9-15,20 (Ps 87) John 19:25-34

Tue 26 May

ST PHILIP NERI

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia Hot Meal Drop In

1 Peter 1:10-16 (Ps 98) Mark 10:28-31

Wed 27 May

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm
 Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

1 Peter 1:18-25 (Ps 147) Mark 10:32-45

Thu 28 May

CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

1 Peter 2:2-5,9-12 (Ps 100) Mark 10:46-52

Fri 29 May

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

NO Lectio Divina

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

1 Peter 4:7-13 (Ps 96) Mark 11:11-26

Sat 30 May

FERIA

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

10-11am First Holy Communion Class

Jude 17,20-25 (Ps 63) Mark 11:27-33

WE PRAY FOR Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Antoine Johnrose, Karen Marie Ferguson

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