



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

10th May 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston



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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. In the readings for the day we get two accounts of Jesus taking leave of his disciples. The first reading is the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles which links it to Luke's Gospel. Jesus tells them to go back to Jerusalem and prepare to receive the Holy Spirit so that they can be his witnesses. In Matthew's version Jesus gives the Apostles the instructions to be those witnesses.

Jesus returns to the Father to enable the disciples to carry on his mission. He tells them, “..all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations”. It is this authority, expressed through the presence of the Holy Spirit with

them, that enables the disciples to go and proclaim the Gospel in the way we see them doing on the day of Pentecost.

Through our baptism and confirmation we have that same mission as those first disciples. As part of the Church we are called to proclaim the Good News that Jesus is risen and all authority in heaven and on earth has indeed been given to him. Here is our sign of hope. We recently celebrated the feast of the English Martyrs. We do not face the same sort of persecution but we live in a society in which the message of the Gospel is not understood or seen as relevant. Through the way we live our lives we need to be a challenge to this society. We need to have the confidence which Jesus' Ascension gives us to carry out that mission.

Chris Pedley, S.J



Ascension of The Lord

Thursday 14th May
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at
12.15pm
5.30pm

A Prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter
Lord of all,
You tell us that if we love you, we must keep your commandments.
We pray for the grace to show your love to one another in all that we do.
Open our hearts to our global family, that we may reach out in love to those who are poor, hungry or in need.
Help us to build a better, more just world, and to follow your commandment of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Inspired by  Themes



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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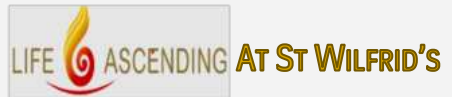
Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson, Jen Murphy, Margaret Nelson, Lee Unsworth, Maria Hall, Ruth White, Anjana Linus, Fr Chris Pedley SJ & Fr Hugh Duffy SJ
The Council meets monthly.



UNVEILED PRAISE!
22nd 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](http://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



The weekly meetings of the Ascent Group in the Parish Centre have sadly had to be brought to closure due to low membership and infirmity of several of those involved.

The last meeting was held on 30 April 2026.

Please remember the Ascent Group in your prayers.

www.lifeascending.co.uk



John & Valerie were welcomed into the Guild of St Stephen on Sunday 4 May

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** 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



Pentecost Sunday 24th May



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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.

There will be 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, to pray to be able to hear the voice of God as the apostles did and it is a time to celebrate in community, to pray for peace, and to ask the Spirit to enlighten us as 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.



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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



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Sunday 10 May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 (Ps 66) 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

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 11 May

EASTER FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon
Exposition

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

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

Tue 12 May

EASTER FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia
Hot Meal Drop In

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

Wed 13 May

OUR LADY OF
FATIMA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15 Requiem

5.15-5.45pm
Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia
Clothes Drop In
(Narthex)

Acts 17:15,22-18:1 (Ps 148) John 16:12-15

Thu 14 May

**ASCENSION OF
THE LORD**

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15 & 5.30pm **Holy Day of Obligation**

Acts 1:1-11 (Ps 47) Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Fri 15 May

EASTER FERIA

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

Acts 18:9-18 (Ps 47) John 16:20-23

Sat 16 May

EASTER FERIA

Confessions 11-12.10
Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15
VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

10-11am First Holy
Communion Class

Acts 18:23-28 (Ps 47) John 16:23-28

WE PRAY FOR Those who died recently: Christine Knight RIP Requiem 13 May 12.15pm

Anniversaries: James Sumner, Wynn Kerry, John Rochford,
Joan Cragg, Maria Worgan

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

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