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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://stwilfridspreston.org.uk)

**Sunday 28 June** Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

*Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 Matthew 16:13-19*

**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 29 June** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30am-12noon** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card  
 FERIA **Mass 12.15** Exposition Shop Open Tea/coffee

*Amos 2:6-10,13-16 (Ps 50) Matthew 8:18-22*

**Tue 30 June** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **6-7.30pm** Metanoia  
 FERIA **Mass 12.15** Hot Meal Drop In

*Amos 3:1-8,4:11-12 (Ps 5) Matthew 8:23-27*

**Wed 1 July** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **5.15-5.45pm** **6.30pm** Metanoia  
 FERIA **Mass 12.15** Adoration Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

*Amos 5:14-15,21-24 (Ps 50) Matthew 8:28-34*

**Thu 2 July** **Confessions 11.50-12.10**  
 FERIA **Mass 12.15**

*Amos 7:10-17 (Ps 19) Matthew 9:1-8*

**Fri 3 July** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card  
 ST THOMAS **Mass 12.15** Shop Open Tea/coffee

*Ephesians 2:19-22 (Ps 117) John 20:24-29*

**Sat 4 July** **Confessions 11-12.10** **Mass 12.15**  
 FERIA **Confessions 5-5.30** **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

*Amos 9:11-15 (Ps 85) Matthew 9:14-17*

**WE PRAY FOR**

**Those who died recently: Tom Hough**

**Anniversaries:** Philip Platt, Pauline Alston, Fr Patrick Connors SJ, Maria Belous

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



# Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

## St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Today we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. These are the two key leaders of the early Church. Peter was the one called to be the leader of the apostles, the rock on which the Church was built. Paul was the great missionary and his letters give us much of our understanding of the significance of Jesus' mission, death and resurrection. The Acts of the Apostles focuses on the story of these two great figures. Both of apostles bore witnesses to the Gospel by their martyrdom.

I find the picture we get of both of these individuals in the New Testament a comforting one. Peter comes across as impetuous and enthusiastic but when it comes to it he is less reliable.

Paul himself was an unlikely apostle. He need to encounter Christ and undergo a conversion. In his life and mission Paul is very conscious of his own weakness.

For both Peter and Paul it is the Spirit at work with them that enables them to be the ones who lead the early Church and spread the Gospel around the world of their time. In the Gospel Jesus tells Peter that it is not flesh and blood that has enabled Peter to confess that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God" but his Father in heaven. Church, not because of Peter's natural skill and understanding. Paul tells us that when he asked to be freed of his weakness God told him, "My grace is enough for you: for power is at full stretch in weakness".

We see that same humanity both in the Church and in ourselves if we are honest. That should give us compassion and hope, for ourselves and for the Church.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

## Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul

Ask for the intercession of these foundational apostles to strengthen your faith, grant courage, and unite the Church.

### Prayer

**Loving God, you gave us  
Saints Peter and Paul as  
fearless witnesses to the  
Gospel.**

**Fan the flame of faith in our  
hearts so that, inspired by their  
courage, we may build a  
brighter, more just world for all  
our sisters and brothers.**

**We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Image:

Saints Peter and Paul, probably 1470s  
by Carlo Crivelli  
[www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/)

### PETER'S PENCE

This Sunday we will have the annual collection for the work of the Pope.

**To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See who assist him every day.

**To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

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

**JOE WHITE,  
UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC  
CHAPLAIN**

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**UNVEILED**  
10<sup>th</sup> July 7.30-9pm  
in St Wilfrid's Church

**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE,  
STONYHURST, BB7 9PZ**  
**Free Will & Grace,**

**28-1 August**

Join us for a theological and philosophical deep dive on one of the great themes of the Christian Faith: human freedom and Divine grace. Lectures and workshops building on St Thomas Aquinas' writings, the course will also explore questions of conscience and the problem of evil. Guest speaker: Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP.  
[christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/](http://christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/)

Join Bishop Swarbrick on the London **MARCH FOR LIFE** on 5<sup>th</sup> September. SPUC Preston Branch want to arrange a coach with pick up in Preston. Please register your interest by contacting the Secretary at [spucpreston@gmail.com](mailto:spucpreston@gmail.com) or on **07523 183758**



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

**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](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk)  
Click on the **DONATE** button &  
follow the instructions. It's easy!

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS  
UNATTENDED IN CHURCH**

**THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT  
AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING**  
**YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK YOUR  
VEHICLE IN THE COURTYARD.**



**MARRIAGE  
SUPPORT**  
Need help?

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**07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443**



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Daily prayer session for portable devices.



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The Hurtado Jesuit Centre,  
2 Chandler Street, London,  
E1W 2QT

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY**  
**For respect for human life**  
Let us pray for the respect and protection of  
human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a  
gift from God.



**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.