



**JESUITS**  
IN BRITAIN

# Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

At the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday night, in the readings, we listen to the story of our salvation in the Old Testament. The readings begin with the story of creation from the beginning of the book of Genesis. A key reading is the passage of the people of Israel through the Red Sea and the destruction of Pharaoh's army. The first Passover provides the background for the second Passover of death and resurrection of Jesus.

**DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN  
WITHIN US ON THE ROAD**



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The risen Jesus does the same for the two people, despondent at the death of Jesus. Jesus explains to them how what has happened fulfils the scriptures. They finally recognise him when he joins them for the meal and breaks the bread as he did at the last supper. Like so many witnesses to the resurrection, they go running back to tell the disciples. We are called to respond to our celebration of the resurrection by sharing the

Good News to those around us.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "The Gospel of this Sunday – the Third of Easter – is the famous account of the disciples of Emmaus. The locality of Emmaus has not been identified with certainty. There are various hypotheses and this one is not without an evocativeness of its own for it allows us to think that Emmaus actually represents every place, the road that leads there is the road every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our travelling companion, as we go on our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and break the bread of eternal life."

Chris Pedley, S.J.

## 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 2020/21 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. At present the standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. If you have moved house during the tax year please ensure you notify your Parish Administrator or Parish Priest. Thank you.

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Fr Hugh is out of hospital and thanks everyone for their good wishes.

Barbara MacLaren's final total raised with your support is **£273** for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. Once again, thank you for your donations.



**PRAY as you Go** LISTEN TO GUIDED PRAYER, EVERY DAY, FOR FREE

<https://prayasyougo.org>

Daily prayer session for portable devices.

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL**  
For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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



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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,  
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!**  
24<sup>th</sup> April 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**

### Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst **CALLED TO LOVE, 2 - 3 May 2026**

A retreat for singles, dating & engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, with the option of staying Friday night. To book see <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

## 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](mailto:charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk)

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

+Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick, Bishop of Lancaster



### YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Are you aged 18-25 and looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)



### 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](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)  
or **017687 72711**

### LECTIO DIVINA

resumes Friday 24 April followed by soup lunch in the Parish Centre. If you would like to help on any Friday contact [jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk)



### DONATE TO JRS

[www.jrsuk.net/donate/](http://www.jrsuk.net/donate/)

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

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



### DONATE TO JESUIT MISSIONS

[jesuitmissions.org.uk/donate/](http://jesuitmissions.org.uk/donate/)

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**CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM**



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

**Sunday 19 April** Third Sunday of Easter

*Acts 2:14,22-33 (Ps 16) 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35*

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

*Acts 6:8-15 (Ps 119) John 6:22-29*

**Tue 21 April** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **6-7.30pm** Metanoia  
*EASTER FERIA* **Mass 12.15** Hot Meal Drop In

*Acts 7:51-8:1a (Ps 31) John 6:30-35*

**Wed 22 April** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **5.15-5.45** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm** Metanoia  
*BLD VIRGIN MARY* **Mass 12.15** of Blessed Sacrament **Clothes Drop In**  
 (Narthex)

*Acts 8:1-8 (Ps 66) John 6:35-40*

**Thu 23 April** **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11-12noon**  
**ST GEORGE** **Mass 12.15** **Life Ascending**  
 (Coffee 10.30am)

*Revelation 12:10-12 (Ps 126) Luke 9:23-26*

**Fri 24 April** **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**  
**7.30-9pm** Unveiled

*Acts 9:1-20 (Ps 117) John 6:52-59*

**Sat 25 April** **Confessions 11-12.10** **Mass 12.15** **10-11am** First Holy  
*ST MARK* **Confessions 5-5.30** **VIGIL MASS 5.35pm** Communion Class

*1 Peter 5:5b-14 (Ps 89) Mark 16:15-20*

**WE PRAY FOR** **Those who died recently:**  
**Anniversaries:** Fr Tony Nye SJ, Mary Sweeney, Ken Howorth  
**Those who are sick:** Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,  
 Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield.