



Newsletter

1st December 2024

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston



ADVENT

Today we start a new Church year and begin our preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas. Our readings, however, continue the theme of the second coming. It is because of the coming of Christ into our world we can look forward to that second coming, we can, “straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near”.

You may find that quotation from today's Gospel a little unfamiliar. In previous years we would have heard, “stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand”. However, from today onward, we are using a new translation of the Lectionary (the book of scriptural readings for the Mass). There are multiple reasons why the bishops have made this change. It is several decades since we have had a new Lectionary, various new feasts have been introduced, particularly new saints, and biblical scholarship has moved on. There has also been a change in the thinking behind translation. The Jerusalem Bible, which we used to use, was written with the emphasis on being understandable and poetic. The new English Standard Version – Catholic Edition has more emphasis on being as close as possible to the original Greek and Hebrew.

As we move into the new season of Advent look out for the things which are coming up. In particular, we will make a lot of the third Sunday of Advent, “Gaudete Sunday”, the Sunday when we are told to rejoice. Please see the Newsletter for further details.

These coming weeks give us the opportunity to renew and deepen our faith. These events and a new version of scripture will help us to do this as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



Congratulations
to our altar servers
who received their
St Stephen's Guild
medals last Sunday.
The certificates were
given for 7 years of
service.
We are very lucky to
have such dedicated
young people.

UNVEILED

**Friday 29th November
@ 7pm in Church**

Scripture, Talk, Praise and Worship
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

HEATING IN CHURCH

Unfortunately the period of limited heating in the Church will continue a while longer whilst the engineer sources a new pump. It is difficult to give a timescale at the moment. We will keep you posted. Thank you for your patience.

Bambinelli Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent "Gaudete Sunday"

Over the past decades on Gaudete Sunday children and adults bring their own Baby Jesus figures to St Peter's Square where they are blessed by the Pope. Here at St Wilfrid's we will be celebrating Bambinelli Sunday. We encourage you to bring your Baby Jesus figure to the **10.15 Mass on Gaudete Sunday, 15th December**. No matter if your Nativity figure is tiny or large, new this year or many years old, he can be blessed. You will be given a piece of wrapping paper to wrap him in before opening him on Christmas morning and placing him your crib. A beautiful gift of the presence of Christ in your home.



**Do you have an unwanted bicycle that you would be willing to donate to a refugee?
Please contact Parish Administrator 01772 554396**

If any family would like their child (Y3 or older) to make their
First Holy Communion & Reconciliation at St Wilfrid's Church in 2025

please contact Fr Chris Pedley cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk or
Monica Holdsworth holdsworthmonica@gmail.com by email.

Lessons will usually be on Saturdays in the Parish Centre. Dates to be advised.



DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH



GIFT & CARD SHOP

OPENING HOURS ON
THE BACK PAGE
CHRISTMAS CARDS
ADVENT CALENDARS & CANDLES
RELIGIOUS CALENDARS
CRIBS

Margaret posted your Christmas Cards to Parishes in Gaza & the Territories.
Please keep them in your prayers. Thanks to Tony, Jim & Joe for their help.



Quiz Night in aid of
Jude Orphanage
This Friday 29th November
7pm in Parish Centre
Tickets Available from Maria & the Shop

Preparing for Christingle Christingle is on Sunday 15 December. Little Church will be practicing their special tune with Maria on the first two Sundays of Advent. During Little Church on 15 Dec the children will make Christingles and then process with the candle lit as part of the Offertory Procession, after which the children will sing and sign for the congregation the tune they have prepared.
Each child needs to bring an orange to Little Church on Sunday 15 December. Monica

THE JOY OF ADVENT

On Sunday 15th December, after the 10:15 Mass, in the Church Courtyard and the Parish Centre everyone is invited to come, celebrate and make time to get together as a Parish to prepare for the birth of Jesus .

We will use our new BBQ in honour of Geoff Thompson to serve you "Bratwurst" Glühwein (mulled wine) and a traditional Christmas market treat.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? We would like to run a stall of homemade biscuits, cakes, preserves and crafts but we need you to make these!

PLEASE SPEAK WITH OR CONTACT CHRISTINE COX

EMAIL christinecox2912@gmail.com or

leave a message with the Parish Administrator 01772 554396



Groups and events for students and young adults
provided by The Metanoia Project. Please see Joe White
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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 1 Dec 1st of Advent *Jer 3:14-16 (Ps 25) Thess 12:-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36*

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 with Music Group followed by Students & Young Adults Group

Monday 2 Dec

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

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

Isaiah 2:1-5 (Ps 121) Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday 3 Dec

*ST FRANCIS XAVIER
MIGRANTS DAY*

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11-12 Led Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

10.30-2pm Gift & Card Shop Open

6.15 Food Drop In (Narthex)

Isaiah 11:1-10 (Ps 71) Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday 4 Dec

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5-5.45 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

6.30 Metanoia Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

Isaiah 25:6-10a (Ps 22) Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday 5 Dec

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11-12 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

11am Ascent (Coffee 10.30am)

Isaiah 26:1-6 (Ps 117) Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday 6 Dec

FERIA ST NICHOLAS

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

Following 12.15 Mass
Lectio Divina with ...

11.30-1pm Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee
....Soup Lunch after Lectio Divina

Isaiah 29:17-24 (Ps 26) Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday 7 Dec

ST AMBROSE

Confessions 11-12.10

Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 (Ps 146) Matthew:9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

WE PRAY FOR **Those who have died recently:** Brendan Rossall - Private Cremation

Anniversaries at this time: Paul Clitheroe, John Calligan

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell,
Deacon Jim Maguire, Deacon Bill Adams