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Church open 8am-6pm

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Barbara Farley, Joseph Routledge, Hannah Teresa Yates

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

MASS & CONFESSIONS

EXPOSITION: MONDAY 11.30AM TO 12NOON
WEDNESDAY 5.15 TO 5.45PM

Sunday Masses 7am
10.15am **with Choir and Little Church**
After Mass Tea/coffee in Parish Centre. Gift & Card Shop open
4.30pm **with Music Group**
After Mass Student Group meeting in Parish Centre

Monday to Friday Confessions 11.50am-12.10pm
Mass 12.15pm

Saturday Confessions 11am-12.10pm
Mass 12.15pm
Confessions 5-5.30pm
VIGIL MASS 5.35PM

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

One of the things which St Ignatius of Loyola suggests to someone who is trying to make a decision about their life is that they imagine themselves in the situation presented in today's Gospel. The Gospel for today's feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is the parable of the sheep and the goats. At the end of time, Christ the King gathers all people and separates them into two groups. Ignatius invites us to imagine ourselves standing before the King. What would I have wanted to have done with my life as a stand before God at the end? It is a way of getting us to focus on what is ultimately important.

In the parable it is notable that the King does not ask about how much prayer we have done nor what devotions we have practiced. What we are asked is whether or not we have recognised Him in our brothers and sisters, especially those who are the least. It is those who are looked down on, those who do not have wealth or power, who are the ones in whom Christ is present. Yes, to practice our religion is important, but it is shown above all in practical love of those around us.

Today's feast is a time for rejoicing. We celebrate the triumph of our Lord who is the King of the Universe. We rejoice in the salvation he brings. We need not face our encounter with Him in fear. However, we are called to live our lives for His greater glory, above all by our service to His brothers and sisters.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

Memorial Mass

Today, Sunday 22 November, our 10.15am Mass is a Memorial Mass offered especially for those who had their funeral service at St Wilfrid's in the last year. We welcome the next of kin and families to join with us in remembering them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Examened - A new podcast from Jesuits in Britain

A new podcast exploring current affairs, popular culture and everyday life through the lens of Ignatian spirituality has been launched by Thinking Faith, the online journal of the Jesuits in Britain.

The first episode of Examened, available to listen to now, considers the phenomenon of 'Christmas creep' – the increasingly early arrival of Christmas in shops, advertising and popular culture – and what it reveals about how we experience waiting. **www.thinkingfaith.org**

First Holy Communion & Reconcilation Classes 2027

If you would like your child (Y3 & older) to make their First Holy Communion and Reconciliation at St Wilfrid's Church in 2027 please email Fr Chris Pedley **cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk** or Monica Holdsworth **holdsworthmonica@gmail.com** and we will let you know when lessons are due to start - Saturday mornings next year in the Parish Centre.

Stella Maris Appeal for Christmas Boxes for Seafarers & Fishers

Beryl Spencer is collecting the following items for boxes to gift to Seafarers & Fishers: *woolly hats, gloves, socks, combs, toiletries, small notepads, pens, biscuits, chocolate*. If you like to knit Beryl has a pattern for woolly hats. Please pass your donations to Beryl.

Annual Carol Service

with the choirs of Cardinal Newman College, Our Lady's High School, St Wilfrid's Parish choir & African choir

Sunday 13 December @6.30pm

DO NOT LEAVE BAGS UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Donate to St Wilfrid's

At the back of Church there are 2 machines in the Narthex to donate by credit or debit card.

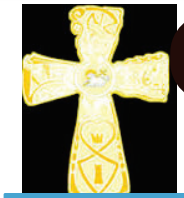
Online via the website **www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk** click on the **DONATE** button and follow the instructions.

St Wilfrid's Gift & Card Shop

Cash & cards taken

Advent & Christmas cards, Calendars now in stock

Opening Times: After 10.15am Sunday Mass
Monday AND Friday 11.30am to 1pm



Metanoia Project @ St Wilfrid's

Tuesdays 6-7.30pm Hot Meal Drop In — **Parish Centre**
Wednesdays 6.30pm Clothes Drop In — **Church Narthex**

Students & Young Adults

University of Lancashire

The Parish of St Wilfrid's welcomes University of Lancashire students.
Join us for 4.30pm Mass on Sundays at St Wilfrid's followed by our student group meeting in the Parish Centre.
Also other events in the week.

JOE WHITE, UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

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Mass Readings Sunday 22 to Saturday 28 November

Sunday Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23 1Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46
Monday Revelation 14:1-5 Ps 24 Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday Revelation 14:14-19 Ps 96 Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday Revelation 15:1-4 Ps 98 Luke 21:12-19
Thursday Revelation 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9 Ps 100 Luke 21:20-28
Friday Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2 Ps 84 Luke 21:29-33
Saturday Revelation 22:1-7 Ps 95 Luke 21:34-36