



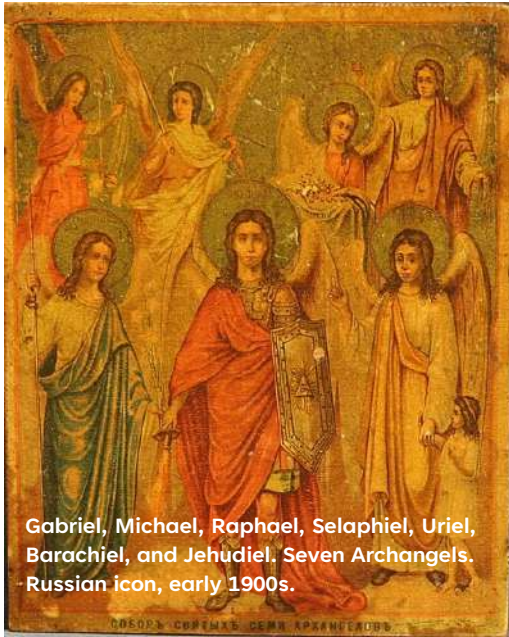
JESUITS
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Newsletter

4th October 2026

27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston



Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, Selaphiel, Uriel, Barachiel, and Jehudiel. Seven Archangels. Russian icon, early 1900s.

BEFORE THE ANGELS I WILL PRAISE YOU

The past week has seen attention focused on the angels. On Tuesday we had the feast day of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael and on Friday we remembered the Guardian Angels.

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael all appear in scripture. Michael appears in the book of Revelation defeating Satan. Gabriel is the one best known to us because he is the messenger in Luke's Gospel who announces the birth of John the Baptist and of Jesus. Raphael is less familiar. He appears in the book of Tobit. He is the instrument of God's will, secretly accompanying Tobias on his

journey, defeating a demon, bringing Tobias and his new wife Sarah back to Tobias' father Tobit, and healing Tobit of his blindness. At the end of the story Raphael reveals who he is and how he has been sent to reward Tobit for his faithfulness and charity. Tobias and Sarah's prayer is a favourite at weddings. In each case the Archangels manifest God's care and the triumph of his plan for us.

We get the idea of the Guardian Angels from Jesus talking about the value of the "little ones". He says that "in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven". This idea is important to bring home to us God's particular concern for each of us. Sometimes the focus can be on ourselves and our own Guardian Angel, but in Matthew's Gospel the emphasis is on the unique value of each individual, no matter how lowly they might appear. This is a very important message for today and is brought home in Pope Leo's latest encyclical, which stresses the dignity of each person. Chris Pedley S.J.

Sunday 4 October CAFOD Fast Day Prayer

Living God,
who sent your only Son to
walk among us, to teach,
heal, and nourish us, we
sing a song of your praise
and thank you for your gifts.



Grant that we may draw closer to
you through our prayer and our
fasting, opening our eyes to the
needs of our bruised and broken
world.

Lead us to hunger and thirst for a
better world, where we put our faith
into action and seek to love our
neighbour so that all your children
may flourish.

Amen.



Your Fast Day Envelopes

**& donations
will be collected at
Masses on Sundays
4th & 11th October**

GIFTS IN WILLS fund a third of
CAFOD's work, helping us respond quickly to
emergencies, stay committed to communities
overcoming poverty, and challenge the
structures that stop them from flourishing.

Jess Boniface, CAFOD Gifts in Wills team
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7095 5367.



STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS

The Parish of St. Wilfrid's
welcomes new & returning

**University of Lancashire
students.**

JOE WHITE,

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

& METANOIA PROJECT

provide

chaplaincy services for the

University of Lancashire

on behalf of the

Diocese of Lancaster.



There will be food & prayer

weekly in the Parish Centre

after the 4:30 p.m. Mass

at St Wilfrid's,

as well as other events

during the week.



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The Feast of St Wilfrid

this year falls on

Monday 12th October so

our **Parish**

celebration of the

Feast will take place on

Sunday 11th October.

**There will an event in the Parish
Centre after the 10.15am Mass
that day.**

ULan Cath Soc appreciate your
donations last week at their Bake
Sale. Thank you for your support.

RETREAT: 20th–23rd November 2026

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God.

Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. Find out more and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/>



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

<https://prayasyougo.org>

Daily prayer session for portable devices.



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ROSARY FOR THE FAMILY

On-line Rosary for Voice of the Family on Zoom at 7.45pm every evening.

Access via www.voiceofthefamily.com

PREPARE FOR A LIFETIME TOGETHER

Residential Marriage Preparation course 8-10 January 2027, offering engaged couples a theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony.

christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT

AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING

YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN THE COURTYARD.

Donate by debit/credit card



to St Wilfrid's

**There are
2 machines
in the
Narthex**

Online Donations to St Wilfrid's can be made via the PARISH WEBSITE www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk Click on the DONATE button & follow the instructions. It's easy!



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E1W 2QT



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Gift & Card Shop

OPENING TIMES

After 10.15am Sunday Mass
Monday & Friday 11.30am to 1pm
Cash/cards taken

RCIA Sacramental Preparation for Adults

Are you interested in the Catholic faith, being received into the Church, or receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? **The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** programme begins this Autumn. Adults are usually received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. To discuss your journey contact [Joe White 07481 188102](mailto:joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk) or email joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk Or speak with Fr Chris Pedley for info.

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.

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

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Sunday 4 October 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7 (Ps 80) Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **LITTLE CHURCH**

Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/Coffee Gift & Card Shop open

Mass 4.30pm Music Group After Mass - **Student Group Meeting in Parish Centre**

Mon 5 Oct

DEDICATION OF
LANCASTER
CATHEDRAL

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

11.30am-12noon

Exposition

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

Galatians 1:6-12 (Ps 111) Luke 10:25-37

Tue 6 Oct

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

6-7.30pm Metanoia
Hot Meal Drop In

Galatians 1:13-24 (Ps 139) Luke 10:38-42

Wed 7 Oct

OUR LADY OF
THE ROSARY

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

5.15-5.45pm

Adoration

6.30pm Metanoia
Clothes Drop In
(Narthex)

Galatians 2:1-2,7-14 (Ps 117) Luke 11:1-4

Thu 8 Oct

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

Galatians 3:1-5 Luke 1:69-75 Luke 11:5-13

Fri 9 Oct

ST JOHN HENRY
NEWMAN

Confessions 11.50-12.10

Mass 12.15

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

2 Timothy 4:1-5 (Ps 96) John 15:9-17

Sat 10 Oct

FERIA

Confessions 11-12.10

Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Galatians 3:22-29 (Ps 105) Luke 11:27-28

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: Barry Gray, Antonia Bozzato, Terence Moore

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

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