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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM

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Sunday 4th Jan SECOND SUNDAY OF THENATIVITY

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12. Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20, Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18, John 1:1-18

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

Mon 5th Jan *CHRISTMAS FERIA*
Confessions 11.50-12.10
11.30-1pm Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee

1 John 3:11-21 Psalm 100 John 1:4351

Tue 6th Jan EPIPHANY **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15 Mass 5.30
NO Metanoia
Hot Meal Drop In

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Wed 7th Jan *ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT*
Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15
5.15-5.45 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm Metanoia Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

1 John 3:22-4:6 Psalm 2:7-8, 10-11 Matthew 4:12-17, 23=25

Thu 8th Jan *CHRISTMAS FERIA*
Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15
11am Life Ascending
(Coffee 10.30am)

1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8 Mark 6-34

Fri 9th Jan *CHRISTMAS FERIA*
Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15
11.30-1pm Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee
7.30-9pm Unveiled

1 John 4: 11-18 Psalm 72:1-2,10-13 Mark 6:45-52

Sat 10th Jan *CHRISTMAS FERIA*
Confessions 11-12.10 Mass 12.15

1 John 4:19-5:4 Psalm 72:1-2, 14-15, 17 Luke 4:14-22a

WE PRAY FOR
Those who died recently: Anna Mai
Anniversaries: Marie Tomlinson, Thomas Towers Meg Malinowski,
Kath Allison, Elizabeth, Kathleen Lightfoot Dorothy Sumner, Marie Doherty

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

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Newsletter

4th January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE NATIVITY

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

BRINGING THEIR GIFTS

This week we celebrate the Epiphany when we remember the visit of the wise men to the Holy Family. These men come from the East, they are foreigners. They represent us, all the nations, for whom Christ has come into the world. They are led by a star, a sign that God governs the heavens, a sign of the cosmic significance of Jesus birth. These men come bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Traditionally these have been seen as representing Christ's kingship, his divinity and his death on the cross.

Today we bring our own gifts at the Crib through Gift Sunday. Giving money and goods to help those in need. The things we bring are suitable clothes and similar items the Metanoia Project drop-ins for the homeless and money and goods to help the ACE Project support recently released prisoners.

As we remember the wise men and bring our own gifts, we might ask ourselves, "what gifts do we present to the Lord?" not just today but throughout the year. All that we have and all that we are is God's gift to us. How do we respond to God's generosity? We are called to give of ourselves, not only in prayer, but also in giving our time and our resources to help those who are in need.

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Chris Pedley, S.J (adapted from last year)

GIFT SUNDAY

Every year on the weekend nearest to the feast of the Epiphany, when the wise men brought gifts to the baby Jesus, we have a special collection of gifts.

This weekend, the **3rd & 4th January,** we ask you to bring gifts or money **to be placed in the crib at the end of Mass.**

These will be given to two local charities

The Ace Project run by Recycling Lives

which works with men on their first days out of prison, setting them up with the basics to restart their lives. They house and train homeless men and support ex offenders and their families.

The Metanoia Project

which has an outreach to the homeless on Tuesday in the Parish Centre & on Wednesdays in St. Wilfrid's Narthex. Volunteers are on hand to provide support in the form of tinned & packet food, sleeping bags, clothes, shoes and toiletries.

Please have a New Year sort out and recycle appropriate unwanted presents or bring some money. Thank you

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson, Jen Murphy, Margaret Nelson, Lee Unsworth, Maria Hall, Ruth White, Fr Chris Pedley SJ & Fr Hugh Duffy SJ.
The Council meets approximately once a month.

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 very easy!

Gift & Card Shop
OPEN : After 10.15 Sunday Mass
Mon & Fri 11.30am to 1pm
Cash/cards taken

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY
For Prayer with the Word of God
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope for our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults

Are you interested in understanding the Catholic faith more fully, being received into the Church, or receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? If so, you are invited to join the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme which will begin in early January. Adults are usually received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, so over the next few weeks, we would like to meet with individuals to discuss your journey and determine everyone's availability so we can form a group .

Please contact Joe White 07481188102 joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk
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