



Newsletter

14th January 2024

2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

PEACE SUNDAY

Today is Peace Sunday. We are particularly aware, at the moment, of conflicts around the world, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan. These are very much in our own thoughts and prayers, as well as those of Pope Francis. However, the theme he has chosen for this year looks ahead to possible threats to come. He has asked us to think and pray particularly about "Artificial Intelligence and Peace".



We have seen in the conflicts around the world how they are affected by rapidly changing technology. For example, the use of drones has become a major factor both in Ukraine and the Middle East. Many people and governments are concerned about the possible uses of artificial intelligence. It is a technology that is becoming an increasing part of our

lives, often without our realising it. It has the potential to be a means for good, but it also has the potential to be used a means of violence and discrimination. The Pope notes that some possible uses may pose a risk to our survival and endanger our common home. He stresses the need to pay attention to the ethical implications of artificial intelligence. He concludes by saying, "Many Christian believers, followers of various religions, and men and women of good, will work together in harmony to embrace the opportunities and confront the challenges posed by the digital revolution and thus hand on to future generations a world of greater solidarity, justice and peace".

You can find Pope Francis' message on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/artificial-intelligence-and-peace/>

There is more information on the Pax Christi website including a letter from Archbishop McMahon, their National President https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/137869-x1200-Malcolm-A4_2PP-P.pdf

Chris Pedley, S.J

(Image used by the Hague Conference on responsible AI for Peace, Justice and Security)

Gift Sunday Thank you to everyone who gave money or goods to our collection last Sunday. I called into the non-profit café last week to give Gary the good news. They were very grateful and are happy to come one evening later in the year to talk about their work. Margaret Nelson



Metanoia Project say a big thank you for the items they received for the Homeless Drop In from the Gift Sunday Offering. The Drop In runs inside the narthex every Wednesday 6.30pm for the homeless community and anyone in need. We welcome people with warm drinks and biscuits, give out any clothes or toiletries and a time to chat and pray together, finishing with a led group prayer. Numbers have increased recently, and we are meeting lots of people in need. We pray that it is a time of encounter with Jesus and through giving out your donations, these people are able to experience His love. Please get in touch for more information on donations or if you feel this is where God is asking you to serve – we always need volunteers. Jen 07957566741 Thank you very



Anniversary Reminder

We record anniversaries of those who have died in our parish for ten years in our newsletter i.e. from 2014. If you wish us to include your relative who died earlier than 2014 and they are in our register please email the name and date of death to

stwilfridspa@gmail.com
or ring 01772 554396

CitizensUK & St. Wilfrid's Faith & Justice Group



To strengthen the relationship between St. Wilfrid's parish, the members of the congregation and Citizens UK Davinia Jackson, local CitizensUK Community Organiser, will be in the Parish Centre from 11am (after the 10:15 Mass) on Sunday 14th January.

Davinia, along with Fr Chris, would like to hear about how we can consider ways in which we can focus on social justice together. If you have previously been involved in the Faith & Justice Group and would like to help shape its future, please do come along.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT for the JUDE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE, ZAMBIA FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY @7pm in the Parish Centre
Tickets £10 include a hot supper.

Available from the Card & Gift shop and Maria Hall
Proceeds will go towards supplying bunk beds, tables and chairs for the dormitory which is nearly finished. You can read more about this project at

<http://www.judechristianorphanage.com>

or on Facebook: Jude Christian Orphanage





the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in the parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world? Or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice? Or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer

for more information or get in touch with lancaster@cafod.org.uk

Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

If you missed picking up a printed copy of the latest parish magazine you can view it on our website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Go to the [Home](#) page & click on the link [Read our Christmas Magazine](#)



Winter Spire 2024

Discover Preston and Lancashire from a new perspective!
Climb the tallest parish Spire in the Country

Saturday
13th, 20th,
27th January
From 1pm to
5pm
Tickets
available at
Christmas
Fair 10th
December or
online.
£12

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stwalburgesshrinechurch/1082309>



WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

This weekend we have an appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. There will be a collection at the back of the church to support their work and there will be cards supporting their campaign against abortion medication being sent by post bypassing controls. Please sign a card and leave it at the back of the church.

Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults

Metanoia Project are now officially offering Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults on behalf of the Diocese of Lancaster and St. Wilfrid's Parish. Further info about groups and events please contact joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk



Jesuit Missions
Parish Appeal
St. Wilfrid's Church,
Saturday 27th &
Sunday 28th
January

To make a donation
use the QR code



If any families would like their child (Y3 or older) to make their **First Holy Communion & Reconciliation** at St. Wilfrid's Church in 2024 please contact Fr. Chris cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk or Monica Holdsworth

holdsworthmonica@gmail.com

and we will let you know when lessons are taking place – usually Saturdays in the Parish Centre.

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Superior of the Jesuit Community: Fr Hugh Duffy SJ (554387)

Parish Website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Sun 14	2 nd Sunday	1 Samuel 3:3-10 19 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-19	(Ps 39)	John 1:35-42
Mon 15	Feria	1 Samuel 15:16-23	(Ps 49)	Mark 2:18-22
Tue 16	Feria	1 Samuel 16:1-13	(Ps 88)	Mark 2:23-28
Wed 17	St Anthony	1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51	(Ps 143)	Mark 3:1-6
Thu 18	Feria	1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7	(Ps 55)	Mark 3:7-12
Fri 19	Feria	1 Samuel 24:3-21	(Ps 56)	Mark 3:13-19
Sat 20	Feria	2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27	(Ps 79)	Mark 3:20-21

Mass & Confession Times

Saturday

Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

Mass 12.15pm

Confessions 5 to 5.30pm

Vigil 5.35pm

Sunday

Masses 7, 10.15am & 4.30pm

Monday to Friday

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm

Eucharistic



Adoration

For Jesuit Vocations
every Monday
11:30 -12 noon

LITTLE CHURCH

during 10.15am Sunday Mass.
All children welcome

Ascent Goup Thursday
in Parish Centre. Coffee 10.45am.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Lately Dead Christine Aspinall RIP

Requiem 12.15pm 17 January

Anniversaries Fr Ron Darwen S.J.,
Dorothy Sumner, Thomas Towers, Elizabeth Kirby
Fr Chris Dyckhoff S.J., Meg Malinowski,
Joan, John and Robert Rawsthorn

Those who are sick: Susan Craft, Joyce Lyons,
Brendan Rawsthorn, Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp,



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



January's Intention -

For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

The Parish Newsletter is to reflect what happens in the Parish & news regarding parishioners. If you would like something to be included please send information to the Parish Administrator or email stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com