



St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

Newsletter

28th January 2024

4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

THE LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE GENTILES



This coming Friday, 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, otherwise known as Candlemas. We remember Mary and Joseph bringing the Jesus into the temple to present him to the Lord according to the law. Here they encounter Simeon who declared that Jesus is the light to enlighten the gentiles. At Mass we bless candles to remind us of Christ, the light of the world. This marks forty days since we celebrated Christmas and the last of the feasts

marking the revelation of Christ who has come into the world to share our lives, God with us. A couple of weeks ago we celebrated the revelation of Christ to the Wise Men at Epiphany. After Friday we will remove the decorations and the crib.

At the Presentation Jesus is welcomed by two people who have spent most of their lives waiting for his coming, Simeon and Anna. Simeon says, "At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant, to go in peace, according to your promise. For my eyes have seen your salvation, prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people". This is a prayer the Church uses every day at Night Prayer. Simeon and Anna remind us of the importance of patience and trust in the Lord as they wait for his coming. This is the fulfilment of their lives and that reminds us of how important the coming of Christ is to us and our world. Let us ask to share their joy as we celebrate that coming and ask that, like them, our lives might be centred on Christ.

Chris Pedley, S.J

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT for the JUDE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE,
ZAMBIA **THIS FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY** @7pm in the Parish Centre



Discerning together,
seeking justice

Jesuit Missions

Parish Appeal

St Wilfrid's Church,
Preston

27-28 January 2024



Your donations help to support development projects in over 20 countries, including India, Myanmar and South Sudan.



This weekend we say goodbye to our crib, at the end of the season of Christmas. The crib offerings will shortly be sent to The Holy Family parish in Gaza - we continue to pray for the parishioners in this devastated area.

Saturday is the feast of St. Blaise when there is a tradition of blessing throats. St Blaise was reputed to have cured a small boy who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. Fr. Chris will bless throats at the 12.15 Mass on the 3rd February.

**Cathedral of St Alphonsa
St Ignatius Square, Preston**

are looking for a part-time House-keeper 2-3 hours a day cleaning, bed changing, ironing - hours to suit. Contact Fr Babu 07703422395 or Saju Paul 07490254344

There is a small fridge available. Clean and in good condition. Recently PAT tested. Contact stwilfridspa@gmail.com 01772 554396



We are sad to announce the death of Fr Johnathon Cotton OSB who was the Parish Priest of St. Mary's Leyland for 30 years. He retired in 2022. May he rest in peace



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

cpedlejsj@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.



**The First
Fulwood Farmer's
Market of 2024**
Saturday 27th January
9.30-1pm at
Fulwood Methodist Church,
Watling Street Road, PR2 8EA.
Come and stock up on fresh, local
and Fairtrade products.

**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



Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) will be holding a special Mass for seafarers and fishers, to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick, on Saturday 10th February at 12.15pm at The Cathedral Church of St Peter, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3B. It will be followed by a reception.

We are delighted to invite you and your parishioners to this special occasion. We have not held a Mass of this kind in Lancaster Diocese before – so we are keen to extend our invitation to local parish communities such as yours. If some of your parishioners can join us, please confirm attendance by phone: 0207 901 1931, or email to Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org

WORLD LEPROSY DAY January 28th 2024

The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) endeavours to continue and uphold the legacy of John Bradburne, 'Servant of God', a Franciscan layman, who cared for the leprosy patients living at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe for the last 10 years of his life until he was murdered. JBMS helps to provide essential items to the community at Mutemwa.

Leprosy is a curable disease, but unfortunately the stigma and lack of education associated with the disease means people do not get treated early enough to prevent the development of disabilities

To donate: POST: JBMS, PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0YB
ONLINE: www.johnbradburne.com TEL: (+44) 07979 187498

Sanctuary Gift and Card shop

Open Mon & Fri 11.15-1.15 and during refreshments after 10.15 Mass on Sunday. We offer a large selection of cards for most occasions

New stock arriving including **St Patrick's Day cards**

Unfortunately due to staff shortages the shop will be closed on Friday 2nd February.

Does anyone have a few hours (11.15-13.30) to spare on Friday morning to help run the shop at St Wilfrid's? To find out more pop into the shop.

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Sun 28	4 th Sunday	Deut 18:15-20	(Ps 94)	
	Racial Justice Day	1 Cor 7:32-35		Mark 1:21-28
Mon 29	Feria	2 Sam 15:13,14,30,16:5-13	(Ps 3)	Mark 5:1-20
Tue 30	Feria	2 Sam 18:9,10,14,24,25,30-19:3	(Ps 23)	Mark 5:21-43
Wed 31	St John Bosco	2 Sam 24:2,9-17	(Ps 31)	Mark 6:1-6
Thu 1	Feria	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	(1 Chron 29)	Mark 6:7-13
Fri 2	The Presentation	Malachi 3:1-4	(Ps 23)	Luke 2:22-40
Sat 3	St Blaise	1 Kings 3:4-13	(Ps 118)	Mark 6:30-34

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

LIFE  ASCENDING

Ascent Goup Thursday
11am in Parish Centre.
Coffee 10.45am.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Lately Dead Fr Jonathon Cotton O.S.B. R.I.P.

Anniversaries Marie Murray

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



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



February's Intention - For the terminally ill

Let us pray that the sick, who are in the final stages of life, and their families receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment

LITTLE CHURCH

At 10.15 am Sunday Mass.
All children welcome

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