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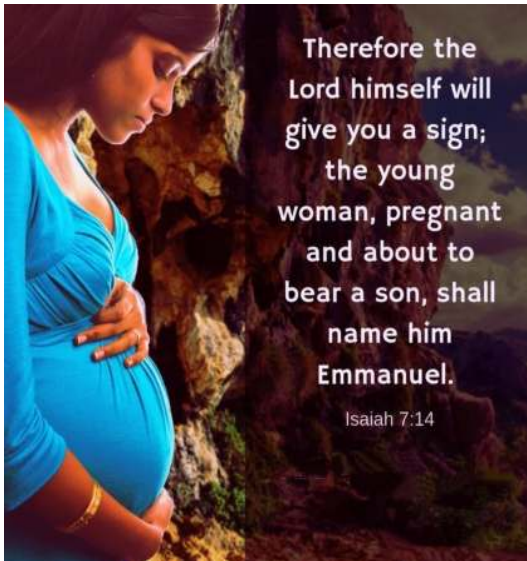
18th December, 2022

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

As the great feast of Christmas approaches the pace of things speeds up as we prepare our plans of how we are to celebrate. This year there may be challenges over travel and meeting up with family and friends. However, whatever difficulties we encounter we are about to celebrate this great feast.

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." The readings for the fourth Sunday of Advent ask us to pause and reflect, and make room in our minds and hearts to welcome Christ anew this Christmas. We come each year to this great feast as different people, formed by the events that have occurred to us in the past year. Yet we remember Emmanuel, God is with us. Jesus Christ wishes to be part of our lives.



Therefore the
Lord himself will
give you a sign;
the young
woman, pregnant
and about to
bear a son, shall
name him
Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

The reading from Isaiah identifies a special child, *"the maiden is with child."* The Gospel of St. Matthew shows that these words of prophecy are fulfilled in Jesus—God is with us. The example of St. Joseph should inspire us. He changed his plan to divorce Mary and accepted his God given role to be the spouse of Mary. He trusted in God's loving plan for him and us.

In this last week of Advent let us accept God's loving plan for us and remind ourselves again that we are not an abandoned people but God is with us.

Let us pray for each other in this last week of Advent and trust in God's plan for us.

Christmas Mass and opening times:

a separate sheet is now available, pick one up in the Narthex.

First Mass of Christmas 8pm Sat
24th Dec with Carol Service @7.30pm
Christmas Day Mass @7 & 10.15am
no 4.30pm Mass



If any families would like their child (Y3 or older) to make their **First Holy Communion & Reconciliation** at St Wilfrid's Church in 2023 please contact Fr Chris cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk or Monica Holdsworth

holdsworthmonica@gmail.com by email and we will make contact & let you know when lessons are taking place – usually Saturdays in the Parish Centre.

Revised Church Opening

Times: From the beginning of Advent the Church weekday opening times have reverted to our pre-covid times: Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, and on Saturday from 8am to 6.15pm. Weekday Mass remains at 12.15 with Confessions beforehand 11.50-12.10.



Join us for Scripture, a short talk, praise and worship music and Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament here at St Wilfrid's on Fridays fortnightly.

Next Unveiled 7.30pm 16th December and 13th January

Come and worship our awesome God with us.

JUDE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended the parish quiz or gave a donation. We raised £340.



For £35 you can sponsor an orphan for the cost of their school uniform for the new school year in January. Details from Maria Hall mariahall2@sky.com



The next meeting of the **Faith and Justice Group**, to which all are invited, is after **10.15 Mass on Sunday 18th December** in the Parish Centre. **All welcome.**



With the Jesuit Community for Jesuit Vocations every Monday 11:30 -12noon



Ascent Group
now on

Christmas break returns Thursday
12th January.



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 Come and say hello! If you would like any further info about groups and events for students and young adults,

please contact lmmy@metanoiaproject.co.uk

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, PRESTON



EVENING SERVICES IN ADVENT
SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 6:30pm

CAROL SERVICE

With choirs from

Cardinal Newman College, Our Lady's High School and St Wilfrid's Church



JRS Advent Service 2022

Live Streamed from Farm St Church

www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream

Tuesday 20th December, 7pm



Pray with JRS UK
this Advent



www.jrsuk.net/blog/pray-with-us-this-advent

Sanctuary Books: This week open after 10.15 Mass Sunday, Monday and Friday 11.15-1.30, then closed for Christmas, reopens Friday 6th January 11.15-1.30 but will be closed during 12.15 Mass on this day.



Listen to Patrick Rooney talk about our Tuesday Drop In on Radio Lancashire — it can be found on BBC Sounds, 12th December, Graham Liver Show at 7.30am. The interview can be found at 1:40:30



Christmas Gifts for the Homeless on Tuesday 20th December.

Like previous years, the Tuesday Night ' Drop In ' Group would like to be able to give a Christmas Bag of goodies to our Tuesday night guests.

If you want support us again this year. Please bring items to the Parish Centre on Tuesday before 2pm. Items which would be very useful include male & female toiletries, sweets, chocolates, gloves, hats, socks, festive food - in fact anything which would contribute towards a festive goodie bag. Your donations can be handed in at the Parish Centre on Tuesday from 10:30 - 2:00 or whenever the shop is open. Your gift really does make a difference. Thank you .

Thank you to Maria & her helpers for a successful Parish Christmas Quiz last week

LITTLE CHURCH ALL children welcome during 10.15am Mass.

Many social parish activities need more helpers. Since the Covid epidemic a number of our older helpers are no longer able to assist. If you would like to offer your services speak to Fr Chris , Chris Parish Administrator or a member of the Parish Council.



The APF boxes are ready for collection in the Sacristy.

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Parish Website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk



Sun 18	4 th Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-14	(Ps 23)	Rom 1:1-7 Matt 1:18-24
Mon 19	Feria	Judges 13:2-7,24-25	(Ps 70)	Luke 1:5-25
Tue 20	Feria	Isaiah 7:10-14	(Ps 23)	Luke 1:26-38
Wed 21	Feria	Song of Songs 2:8-14	(Ps 32)	Luke 1:39-45
Thu 22	Feria	1 Sam 1:24-28	(1 Sam 2)	Luke 1:46-56
Fri 23	Feria	Mal 3:1-4,23 24	(Ps 24)	Luke 1:57-66
Sat 24	Feria	2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16	(Ps 88)	Luke 1:67-79
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS				
		Isaiah 62:1-5	(Ps88)	
		Acts 13:16-17,22-25		Matt 1:1-25

Masses & 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 - 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm

Monday

Adoration 11.30am-12pm

The church is open daily

Saturday 8.00-6.15 Sunday 6.45-5.30

Monday to Friday 8.00-6.00

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

those recently dead:

Anniversaries: Michael Casey

those who are sick: Susan Craft, Joyce Lyons,
Pauline Wilding, Simon Osborne, Geoff Thompson,
Theresa Wilkinson, Fr Paul Fletcher SJ.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



December's Intention:

For Volunteers: We pray that volunteer organizations committed to human development will find members dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Deaf Community Welcome

British Sign Language signed
Mass 8th Jan 4.30pm
with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ
No signed Mass in December



Signed Mass recordings at
www.catholicdeaf.org.uk

Sanctuary Bookshop is now open most

Monday & Fridays 11.15 to 1.30 with tea & coffee after Monday & Friday Mass, also during **Coffee after 10.15 Mass on Sunday**

Cribs, calendars and diocesan directories still

in stock. Diaries sold out

See over for Christmas opening times



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For details see narthex noticeboard or contact lmmy@metanoiaproject.co.uk