



Newsletter

12th January 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

CHRIST IS BAPTISED AND THE WHOLE WORLD IS MADE HOLY

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. As with last week's feast of the Epiphany and with the feast of the Presentation in the Temple on 2nd February, today's feast reveals the identity of Jesus. This is shown in Jesus' experience in prayer, after his baptism, where the Holy Spirit appears in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father is heard, "You are my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased".

Often our reaction to this feast is to ask why Jesus needs to be baptised. After all, our own baptism is baptism into Christ. Through it we share in the life and mission of Christ as part of his body the Church. However, the quotation from The Divine Office for today's feast shows, it is the one who is baptised who gives this baptism its significance. Christ's baptism gives the pattern for our own baptism. John the Baptist points out how Christ will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire, which might make us think about the Pentecost and the sacrament of Confirmation. The quotation suggests more than that. This event, which marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry, has a cosmic significance. The world is transformed. Jesus becoming one of us gives a new significance to everything in creation.

As we celebrate this feast we can reflect on our own baptism and the way we have become one with Christ. We also share in Christ's mission, that mission inaugurated by his own baptism. We become one with him as Priest, Prophet and King. Jesus' baptism is followed by his proclaiming the Good News. This is our role too through what we say and do.



Baptism of Christ by Dave Zelenka

Thank you very much to those who brought gifts and money to the crib on Epiphany weekend for Recycling Lives & Metanoia Project.

DUE TO THE SNOWY WEATHER MANY PARISHIONERS WERE UNABLE TO COME TO MASS SO WE WILL CONTINUE THE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.



The Ace Project run by Recycling Lives

works with men on their first days out of prison, trying to set them up with the basics to restart their lives. They house and train homeless men and support ex offenders and their families. **They will receive your money donations.**



Metanoia Project

has an outreach to the homeless each Wednesday evening in St. Wilfrid's Narthex at 6.30pm. Volunteers are on hand to provide support in the form of **sleeping bags, clothes, shoes and toiletries.** **Your donations of these items are especially appreciated.**

Deacon Bill Adams

has moved into a retirement home at

Bushell House, Church Lane, Goosnargh, Preston PR3 2BJ

Bill would very much welcome telephone calls (07866 104144), letters, cards and visits.

Gift & Card Shop

Open Monday & Friday 11.30 -1pm and after 10.30 Mass on Sunday.

We have diaries reduced to £2, Catholic calendars for 50p and a few Diocesan Directories left. Also.....

..Some of you will know Judith Callaghan from St Francis Xavier in Liverpool. She has written a book about foreign travel, with a forward by Fr Denis Blackledge SJ. It costs £8.75 with all the money going to the Jesuit Refugee Service. Judith aims to raise £1,000 for JRS through her book sales. Can you support her?



If any family would like their child (Y3 or older) to make their **First Holy Communion & Reconciliation at St Wilfrid's Church in 2025**

please contact Fr Chris Pedley cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk or

Monica Holdsworth holdsworthmonica@gmail.com by email.

Lessons will usually be on Saturdays in the Parish Centre. Dates to be advised.

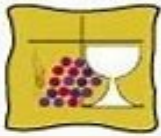


Pope's intention for January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH



Saturday 18th January 10:30-12noon

Meeting of formation and reflection for
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.



Pope Francis has called the Jubilee Year 2025
Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis asks us to be signs of hope for others ,
by putting Catholic Social Teaching into action
through caring for our common home and
supporting our brothers and sisters who are
experiencing war, hunger and poverty.

We know that the world is facing many challenges
but you are one of millions of people who are joining
together in the Jubilee year to bring the light of hope and the message
of God's love to every part of the world.

Anniversary Reminder

Every week on the back page of our newsletter we record anniversaries of those
who have died in the last ten years i.e. from 2015.

If you wish us to include your friend or relative who died earlier please
email the name and date of death to stwilfridspa@gmail.com
or ring 01772 554396



Jesuit Missions Parish Appeal at St Wilfrid's Parish, Preston
Saturday 25th – Sunday 26th January

Jesuit Missions is the international mission and development
organisation for the Jesuits in Britain, supporting partners in over
twenty countries on three continents. Our partners work with some of
the most marginalised communities on a range of the projects
including anti-human trafficking, women's empowerment, education
and environmental sustainability.

On Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th January, Lynn McWilliams from
Jesuit Missions will be speaking at all Masses.

Please give generously! Your donations help to improve the lives of
thousands of people around the world. You can also donate using this
QR code and please make certain to Gift Aid your donation.

Donating through Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for
every £1 you give.



**Groups and events for students and young adults
provided by The Metanoia Project. Please see Joe White
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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 12 Jan The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (Ps 103) Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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 with Music Group **followed by Students & Young Adult Group**

Monday 13 Jan

FERIA ST HILARY

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

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

Hebrews 1:1-6 (Ps 96) Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday 14 Jan

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

11-12 Led Adoration
 of Blessed Sacrament

Hebrews 2:5-12 (Ps 8) Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday 15 Jan

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

5-5.45 Adoration of
 Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Metanoia
 Clothes Drop In
 (Narthex)

Hebrews 2:14-18 (Ps 104) Mark 1:29-39

Thursday 16 Jan

FERIA

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

11-12 Adoration of
 Blessed Sacrament

11am Life Ascending
 (Coffee 10.30)

Hebrews 3:7-14 (Ps 94) Mark 1:40-45

Friday 17 Jan

ST ANTHONY

Confessions 11.50-12.10
Mass 12.15

Following 12.15 Mass
 Lectio Divina with...

11.30-1pm Gift & Card
 Shop Open Tea/coffee
**..Soup Lunch after
 Lectio Divina**

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 (Ps 77) Mark 2:1-12

Saturday 18 Jan

FERIA

Confessions 11-12.10
Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15
VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Hebrews 4:12-16 (Ps 18) Mark 2:13-17

WE PRAY FOR Lately dead Martin Roebuck RIP

Anniversaries at this time: Marie Tomlinson, Thomas Towers, Meg Malinowski,
 Kath Allison, Kathleen Lightfoot, Dorothy Sumner, Marie Doherty

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn, Deacon Bill Adams,
 Agnes Partington

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