



**St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston**

# Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

**CHRIST THE KING**

## **CHRIST THE KING RAISED FROM THE DEAD**

Today as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King our second reading begins with the triumph of Christ over death. Paul tells us, "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep". On this final Sunday in November and the final Sunday of the Church's year, we are taking the opportunity to remember all those who have died during the year, especially those whose funerals have taken place here over the last twelve months. Our feast gives us hope that they, and ourselves, will share in that triumph of Christ the last of whose enemies to be destroyed is death.

The most recent funeral here was that of Geoff Thompson. The Gospel Geoff had chosen for his funeral was the one we have as our Gospel today, Matthew 25: 31-46. This is the picture of the King at the end of



time separating sheep from goats. This parable reveals a very different picture of a king from the one we might be used to. The criterion Jesus uses is one where he identified with the least, with those in need, the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, the prisoner. He says, "In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine you did it to me". Here is

the King, who does not use his power for his own benefit but who unites himself to us sinful human beings and especially to the poor. He gives himself that we might have life with him. Let us pray that we may be signs of his Kingdom in our world through our care for others and that we might hear him say, "Come you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world".

Chris Pedley, S.J.

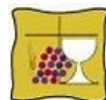
## Sanctuary Gift and Card shop

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  
Rosary beads, statues and religious gifts.

**Christmas cards, calendars diaries & cribs now in stock.**



**DON'T FORGET MEETING IN THE PARISH HALL  
THIS SATURDAY 10am-12 noon  
for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**



THIS WEEKEND IS YOUTH SUNDAY SO JEN HAS WRITTEN A LITTLE ABOUT YOUTH WORK IN THE PARISH

Work with 18- 35 year olds has really taken off at St Wilfrid's over the past year after we employed the services of Metanoia Project to provide a targeted group for young adults. We have a vibrant group meeting each Sunday evening for food, fellowship and Catechesis with around 20 attending each week. These young adults also provide music for the 4.30pm Mass and some are involved with the 10. 15 Mass choir, as well as becoming Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Beyond St Wilfrid's, Metanoia Project also work with young people aged 8-18 years in four different youth groups, and provide Chaplaincy services to both Corpus Christ High School and UCLan university. Through all these areas of ministry, they help hundreds of young people encounter Christ, become His disciples, and live out their faith in a challenging world. If you'd like to know more or get involved contact [team@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:team@metanoiaproject.co.uk)



### A Date for Your Diary

The Quiz Night for the Zambian Orphanage will be next year on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

### Talents

Last weeks Gospel was about using your talents. Do you have a talent for cooking? Geoff could always provide food for parish occasions so we need people to carry on this tradition of catering. If you think you can help speak to Fr Chris.

Next Sunday the Faith & Justice group will provide Christmas cards for you to sign for four parishes in the Holy land .

Each year we send our greetings to let the Catholic minority know we are thinking and praying for them. It is especially important this year.



James who was received last Sunday

Metanoia Project are looking for an office cleaner to work from their offices in 1 Chapel Street. The post is a paid position and would be for 2 hours a week. Please see one of the team or ring Joe on 07481188102 for details .

## New Carpet in the Main Room of the Parish Centre

Work will begin on Monday 27 November to prepare the floor for new carpet. There will be some disruption for which your patience is appreciated.

### MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR

Relatives and friends of those who have died recently are invited to the **10:15 Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, the Feast of Christ The King. During that Mass we will pray especially for those recently deceased who have been connected with our parish.



After a long illness Rob Swan died earlier in November. He was Deacon Bill's son in law married to Teresa. Maria Hall wrote on 7<sup>th</sup> November "*I'm sad to tell those of you who knew him that former choir member Rob Swan died peacefully during the night .He sang and played the guitar with us for many years. I called him and Luigi 'Bert and Ernie' because they were such a double act!* May he rest in the loving arms of the Lord" Robert's funeral is at St Gregory's 27<sup>th</sup> November at 11am

## A Christmas Invitation

### Day Retreat

Led by Philip McParland

Saturday 2nd December

10.30am to 4.00pm

JMc Conference Centre  
Corpus Christi High School  
St Vincent's Road, Preston

Donation: £20

Please bring a packed lunch



**7.30 pm in Church** on Friday  
1st & 15th December



Thank you to everyone who signed 'Salina's letter' this summer. Salina is the small-scale farmer from Bangladesh who is calling on the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers over their own seeds. 70,000 parishioners in England and Wales signed the letter, and a third of all parishes took part. Salina said, "I am very happy to know about 70,000 signatures along with mine." This helped CAFOD to secure initial meetings with World Bank staff, who heard the message that seeds are for all. This is a long struggle but it's a very good start. Thank you for adding your voice.

### Advent and Christmas services

Pick up a leaflet with opening times,  
Also available on the website

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Sun 26	Christ the King	Ezek 34:11-12,15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,28-	(Ps 22)	
Mon 27	Feria	Dan1:1-6,8-20	(Dan 3:52-56)	Matt 25:31-46
Tue 28	Feria	Dan 2:31-45	(Dan 3:57-61)	Luke 21:1-4
Wed 29	Feria	Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28	(Dan 3:62-67)	Luke 21:5-11
Thu 30	St Andrew	Rom:10:9-18	(Ps 18)	Luke 21:12-19
Fri 1	St Edmund Campion, & Robert Southwell & Companions SJ	Heb 11:32-12:12	(Ps 15)	Matt 4:18-22 John 17:11-21
Sat 2	Feria	Dan 7:15-27	(Dan 3:82-87)	Luke 21:34-36

## 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**



For Jesuit Vocations  
every Monday  
11:30 -12 noon

**LITTLE CHURCH**

**during 10.15am Sunday Mass.  
All children welcome**

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

### Those who died recently:

Robert Swan RIP

Bill Beetham RIP Requiem 1pm Wed 29th November

### Anniversaries

Alexander Ferguson, Paul Clitheroe

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



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**



## November's Intention -

*For the Pope*

We pray for the Holy Father as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit..

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 to [stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com)