



# Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

THE EPIPHANY

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

## BRINGING THEIR GIFTS

Today we celebrate the Epiphany when we remember the visit of the wise men to the Holy Family. These men come from the East; they are foreigners. They represent us, all the nations, for whom Christ has come into the world. They are led by a star, a sign that God governs the heavens, a sign of the cosmic significance of Jesus' birth. These men come bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Traditionally these have been seen as representing Christ's kingship, his divinity and his death on the cross.

In this parish we mark the Epiphany by offering our own gifts at the Crib through Gift Sunday, giving money and goods to help those in need. The things we bring are clothes and sleeping bags for the Metanoia Project Drop In for the homeless & money to help the ACE Project support recently released prisoners.

As we remember the wise men and bring our own gifts, we might ask ourselves, "what gifts do we present to the Lord?" not just today but throughout the year. All that we have and all that we are is

God's gift to us. How do we respond to God's generosity? We are called to give of ourselves, both in prayer, but also in giving our time and our resources to help those who are in need.



Chris Pedley, SJ



## This Sunday is Gift Sunday

Each year at all the Epiphany Masses we have a collection of gifts which we bring to the crib.

This weekend on the **Feast of the Epiphany, 5<sup>th</sup> January**, we will do the same. We ask you to bring gifts/money **to be placed in the crib at the end of Mass**. These will be given to:

### The Ace Project run by Recycling Lives



which 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.



### 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.

Any women's clothes/ toiletries donated will be given to local charities.

## Deacon Bill Adams

Theresa Swan would like to let his many friends know, that her father has decided to move into a retirement home.

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

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](mailto:cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk) or

Monica Holdsworth [holdsworthmonica@gmail.com](mailto:holdsworthmonica@gmail.com) by email.

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

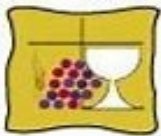


## Pope's intention for January

*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 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

It is an invitation to renew our hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are. Pope Francis says, "Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life."

Even if we can't travel far away, the Jubilee Year will still be a journey for all of us - a journey of hope.

## 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](mailto: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  
UCLan Chaplain [joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk) 07481188102**



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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday 5 Jan** The Epiphany

*Isaiah 60:1-6 (Ps 71) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12*

**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

**Monday 6 Jan**

*CHRISTMAS FERIA*

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

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

*1 John 3:22-4:6 (Ps 2) Matthew 4:12-17,23-25*

**Tuesday 7 Jan**

*CHRISTMAS FERIA*

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

11-12 Led Adoration  
 of Blessed Sacrament

*1 John 4:7-10 (Ps 71) Mark 6:34-44*

**Wednesday 8 Jan**

*CHRISTMAS FERIA*

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

5-5.45 Adoration of  
 Blessed Sacrament

**6.30pm Metanoia  
 Clothes Drop In  
 (Narthex)**

*1 John 4:11-18 (Ps 71) Mark 6:45-52*

**Thursday 9 Jan**

*CHRISTMAS FERIA*

**Confessions 11.50-12.10**

**Mass 12.15**

11-12 Adoration of  
 Blessed Sacrament

**11am Life Ascending  
 (Coffee 10.30)**

*1 John 4:19-5:4 (Ps 71) Luke 4:14-22a*

**Friday 10 Jan**

*CHRISTMAS FERIA*

**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**

*1 John 5:5-13 (Ps 147) Luke 5:12-16*

**Saturday 11 Jan**

*CHRISTMAS FERIA*

**Confessions 11-12.10**

**Confessions 5-5.30**

**Mass 12.15**

**VIGIL MASS 5.35pm**

*1 John 5:14-21 (Ps 139) John 3:22-30*

WE PRAY FOR

**Anniversaries at this time: Fr Chris Dyckoff SJ**

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