

St Wilfrid's, Preston



CLOUD OF WITNESSES

In many of the most significant celebrations in the life of the Church the liturgy includes a litany of the saints. At a baptism, at confirmation, during an ordination we take time to ask the intercession of the saints. We often include, not only the obvious saints, like Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist, Peter and Paul, but also those patrons who are particularly relevant to the event, to the community or to the person involved. In doing this we acknowledge that the Church is not simply made up of those of us alive today but includes that “cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12:1) who have gone before us. Family history is a growth industry. Many people are fascinated by the lives of earlier generations of their family. As a Church the saints are our family. Their lives tell us about where we have come from, about how our life as a Church has been shaped over the centuries. They also provide us with examples, by their lives they show us how to live the Christian life. The great variety of saints; men, women, priests, religious, lay people, married, single, show us the many ways we can live out our relationship with God. This great range of life stories means that there are usually saints whose lives touch ours in particular ways, saints who can be our patrons. However, there is more to this than “family history”. In the life of each of the saints we have an example of the way in which God has been at work in somebody’s life. When we give thanks for them we are giving thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit in and through them. We give thanks for that “power working in us that can do infinitely more than we can ask and imagine” (Eph 3:20) at work in them. In looking at them, we realise that power can be at work in our lives too.

Chris Pedley, S.J

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION 1st November

Feast of All Saints, after 10.15am Mass, there will be an all-age parish celebration in the Parish Centre. A time to gather as a community with saintly snacks, saintly games & saintly feast day fun.

ALL SOULS 2nd November & throughout the month of November

Monday 2nd November is All Souls' Day and the commemoration of the faithful departed will continue throughout the month, with an opportunity to remember those who have died by writing their name on a piece of paper available in the Narthex. Post your paper in the Holy Souls box provided. The box will be emptied regularly and your papers will be placed on the Sanctuary for you.

MEN OF FAITH Saturday 7th November

A walk for Men's Health Awareness Month. Reflection, fellowship, scripture, prayer. Contact philip@metanoiaproject.co.uk 07481 188102

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION CLASSES 2027

If you would like your child (Y3 or older) to make their First Holy Communion and Reconciliation at St Wilfrid's Church in 2027 please email Fr Chris Pedley cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk or Monica Holdsworth holdsworthmonica@gmail.com and we will let you know when lessons are due to start – Saturday mornings next year in the Parish Centre.

STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS

The Parish of St Wilfrid's welcomes University of Lancashire students.

Joe White, Catholic Chaplain & Metanoia Project, provide chaplaincy services for the University of Lancashire on behalf of the Diocese of Lancaster. Weekly food & prayer in the Parish Centre after the Sunday 4.30pm Mass at St Wilfrid's, & other events during the week.

Joe White, University Catholic Chaplain joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk
Tel. 07481 188102

RETREAT 20-23rd November

BE STILL & KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God. Led by Fr Roger DawsonSJ, Liz Lord & Steve

Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. Find out more and book:

www.christianheritagecentre.com/events/

PREPARE FOR A LIFETIME TOGETHER 8-10th January 2027

Residential Marriage Preparation Course offering engaged couples a theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony.
Find out more and book: www.christianheritagecentre.com/events

PRAY AS YOU GO Every day for free

Daily prayer sessions for portable devices <https://prayasyougo.org>

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

DONATE TO ST WILFRID'S

At the back of Church there are 2 machines in the Narthex which can be used to donate using a debit or credit card.

Online via the website www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk click on the DONATE button and follow the instructions. It's easy!

ST WILFRID'S GIFT & CARD SHOP cash/cards taken

Opening Times: **After 10.15am Sunday Mass**

Weekdays: **Monday and Friday 11.30am to 1pm**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets monthly

Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson, Jen Murphy, Margaret Nelson, Maria Hall, Lee Unsworth, Ruth White, Anjana Linus, Fr Chris Pedley SJ & Fr Hugh Duffy SJ.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE Donate online at www.jrsuk.net/donate/

The Hurtado Jesuit Centre, 2 Chandler Street, London, E1W 2QT

JESUIT MISSIONS Donate at www.jesuitmissions.org.uk/donate/

11 Edge Hill, London, SW19 4LR

CHURCH COURTYARD NO PARKING

You are kindly asked not to park your vehicle in the courtyard without authorised permission from the Parish Priest or Parish Administrator.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

PARISH PRIEST: FR CHRIS PEDLEY SJ 01772 555244 cpedleysj@jesuit.org.uk

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Superior of the Jesuit Community: Fr Hugh Duffy SJ 01772 554387

Newsletter Items to: stwilfridspa@gmail.com

Please visit our website stwilfridspreston.org.uk

CHURCH OPEN 8am – 6pm

SUNDAY 1 NOV Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 Ps24 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **LITTLE CHURCH**

Parish Centre 11.15am-12.30pm Tea/coffee **GIFT & CARD SHOP OPEN**

Mass 4.30pm Music Group *After Mass – Student Group Meeting in Parish Centre*

MONDAY 2 NOV Readings from the Masses for the Dead **ALL SOULS**

Confessions 11.50-12.10 **Exposition 11.30am-12noon** **Mass 12.15pm**

11.30am-1pm GIFT & CARD SHOP OPEN TEA/COFFEE

TUESDAY 3 NOV Philippians 2:5-11 Ps22 Luke 14:15-24 **FERIA**

Confessions 11.50-12.10 **Mass 12.15pm** **6-7.30pm Metanoia Hot Food Drop In**

WEDNESDAY 4 NOV Philippians 2:12-18 Ps27 Luke 14:25-33 **ST CHARLES BORROMEO**

Confessions 11.50-12.10 **Mass 12.15pm** **6.30pm Metanoia Clothes Drop In (Narthex)**

THURSDAY 5 NOV Readings proper to the Feast **ALL SAINTS OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS**

Confessions 11.50-12.10 **Mass 12.15pm**

FRIDAY 6 NOV Philippians 3:17-4:1 Ps122 Luke 16:1-8 **FERIA**

Confessions 11.50-12.10 **Mass 12.15pm**

11.30am-1pm GIFT & CARD SHOP OPEN TEA/COFFEE

SATURDAY 7 NOV Philippians 4:10-19 Ps112 Luke 16:9-15 **FERIA**

Confessions 11.00-12.10 **Mass 12.15pm**

Confessions 5-5.30pm **VIGIL MASS 5.35PM**

WE PRAY FOR Anniversaries: Geoff Thompson, Kathleen Igoe,
Fr Frank Hull SJ, Fr Ray Armstrong SJ, Geoff Chesworth

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn,
Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield