

NEWSLETTER

25th October 2026

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

St Wilfrid's, Preston



YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF

Again, this Sunday we have the Pharisees testing Jesus. Jesus' answer as to what is the greatest commandment of the law is actually unsurprising and uncontroversial, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". He

then goes on to say something which again will be familiar to his hearers, "the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself". This is so familiar that we can miss the challenges involved.

Firstly, there is a danger that we will pay attention to one of these commandments but not the other. We can be taken up with our devotions or with a detailed understanding of theology but without paying attention to the needs of those around us. This is often what the Old Testament accuses the people of Israel of doing and it is often Jesus' complaint against the Pharisees.

On one hand, there is a danger of a social activism, focused on campaigning for those in need, but not giving much time to God. Secondly, we can fail to notice the radicalism of these commandments. We are not just asked to have God as one thing among others. We are asked to give our whole selves to the love of God, heart, soul and mind. It is our relationship with God from which everything else flows. Similarly with the second commandment. Love of others is not something added on once we have looked after our own needs and the needs of those closest to us. The needs of others must be rated at least as highly as our own. The last part of the final blessing in a wedding makes this clear that life is not just about the couple, "May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness, may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God".

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ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION 1st November

Next Sunday for the **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.

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

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.

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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

ROSARY FOR VOICE OF THE FAMILY Every evening at 7.45pm online via Zoom. Access at www.voiceofthefamily.com

PRAY AS YOU GO Every day for free

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

RETRouvaille Marriage support www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Contact: 07887 296 983 Or 07973 380443

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

The Church courtyard is not available for general 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

There are opportunist thieves around.

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CHURCH OPEN 8am – 6pm

Sunday 25 October Exodus 22:21-27 Ps18 1Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40

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 26 October Ephesians 4:32-5:8 Ps1 Luke 13:10-17 *FERIA*

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

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

Tuesday 27 October Ephesians 5:21-33 Ps128 Luke 13:18-21 *FERIA*

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

Wednesday 28 October Ephesians 2:19-22 Ps19 Luke 6:12-16 *STS SIMON & JUDE*

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

Thursday 29 October Ephesians 6:10-20 Ps144 Luke 13:31-35 *FERIA*

Confessions 11.50-12.10 **Mass 12.15pm**

Friday 30 October Philippians 1:1-11 Ps111 Luke 14:1-6 *FERIA*

Confessions 11.50-12.10 **Mass 12.15pm**

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

Saturday 31 October Philippians 1:18-26 Ps 42 Luke 14:1,7-11 *FERIA*

Confessions 11.00-12.10 **Mass 12.15pm**

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

WE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries: Margaret Rawsthorn, Celia Power, Stephen Power, Kay Kay

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