

JESUITS in Britain

Newsletter

8 November 2026

Remembrance Sunday

YOU KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR

Our second reading, from the First Letter to the Thessalonians, is probably the earliest work in the New Testament. Something is happening which the newly established Christian community in Thessalonica had not expected, people are dying. They had thought that Jesus would return before this happened. Paul is writing to reassure them that those who have died will share in the life of Christ.

Our faith that those who have died are not gone but share in the resurrection of Christ and that we shall be united with them in heaven is a fundamental part of our faith. This month we focus on those who have gone before us. Last Sunday we celebrated All Saints, remembering those who are already in glory with Christ in heaven. On Monday we commemorated All Souls, the faithful departed in need of our prayers. The idea of Purgatory and praying for the dead is a distinctive part of Catholic Faith and in this month we remember particularly those known to us. However, we might also remember those mentioned in the prayers of the Rosary, where we pray for those “most in need of thy mercy”. We remember those who have nobody to pray for them and those in need of God’s forgiveness.

This focus on both the second coming of Christ and the end of our own lives takes us to the theme of the Gospel. We do not know the day or the hour of either of those events. We must live our lives in such a way a to be ready for what is to come, like the wise virgins in the parable.

Chris Pedley S.J.

Remembrance Sunday



"They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them."

Holy Souls

Throughout November you can remember the faithful departed by writing their name on a paper provided in the Narthex. Place your paper in the Holy Souls Box. The papers will be moved onto the Sanctuary for you.

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 with less.

First Holy Communion & Reconcilation Classes 2027

If you would like your child (Y3 & 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.

Lector Meeting

Saturday 21 November 10:30am- 12noon.

Parish Quiz in aid of the Jude Orphanage, Zambia

Friday 20 November @ 7pm. Tickets from the shop & Maria Hall.

Annual Carol Service

with the choirs of Cardinal Newman College, Our Lady's High School, St Wilfrid's Parish choir & African choir

Sunday 13 December @6.30pm

DO NOT LEAVE BAGS UNATTENDED IN CHURCH

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Donate to St Wilfrid's

At the back of Church there are 2 machines in the Narthex to donate by credit or debit card.

Online via the website **www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk** click on the **DONATE** button and follow the instructions.

St Wilfrid's Gift & Card Shop

Cash & cards taken

Advent & Christmas cards, Calendars now in stock

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

Monday AND Friday 11.30am to 1pm

Metanoia Project @ St Wilfrid's

Tuesdays 6-7.30pm Hot Meal Drop In **Parish Centre**

Wednesdays 6.30pm Clothes Drop In **Church Narthex**

Registered Charity

University of Lancashire

Students & Young Adults

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

JOE WHITE, UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

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Join us for 4.30pm Mass on Sundays at St Wilfrid's followed by our student group meeting in the Parish Centre.

Also other events in the week.

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Mass Readings Sunday 8 to Saturday 14 November

Sunday Wisdom 6:12-16 Ps 63 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Monday Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46 John 2:13-22 **Dedication of Lateran Basilica**

Tuesday Titus 2:1-8,11-14 Ps 37 Luke 17:7-10 **St Leo the Gt**

Wednesday Titus 3:1-7 Ps 23 Luke 17:11-19 **Remembrance Day**

Thursday Philemon 7-20 Ps 146 Luke 17:20-25 **St Josaphat**

Friday 2 John 4-9 Ps 119 Luke 17:26-37

Saturday 3 John 5-8 Ps 112 Luke 18:1-8

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Our website: stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Church open 8am-6pm

WE PRAY FOR

Those who died recently:

Anniversaries: David Mackie, Margaret Murray, Helena Ciupa, Bill Beetham

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

MASS & CONFESSIONS

EXPOSITION: MONDAY 11.30AM TO 12NOON
WEDNESDAY 5.15 TO 5.45PM

Sunday Masses **7am**
10.15am with Choir and Little Church
After Mass Tea/coffee in Parish Centre. Gift & Card Shop open
4.30pm with Music Group
After Mass Student Group meeting in Parish Centre

Monday to Friday **Confessions 11.50am-12.10pm**
Mass 12.15pm

Saturday **Confessions 11am-12.10pm**
Mass 12.15pm
Confessions 5-5.30pm
VIGIL MASS 5.35PM