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Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 5.35pm Fr Power
7am Fr Brook 10.15am Fr Patterson 4.30pm Fr Randall

Little Church for our younger parishioners during 10.15 Mass

Please come for the Tea/ Coffee in the Parish Centre after the 10.15 Mass

Weekday Masses: 8.30 am, 12.15 pm, 5.35 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: each weekday 9am - 12 noon

Confessions: Monday to Friday: before each Mass
Saturday: 8.15 - 8.25 am, 11.15 am - 12.15, 2.30 - 3.30 5-5.30 pm

Thank you for Last Week's Collections:

Planned Giving £448.00 Loose Collection £635.13 Total £1083.13



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED

For all those who have died recently.

For those whose anniversaries occur about now: Fred Grime (2008).

For those who are sick: Jim Rochford, Sally Spence, Maria Allen, Gina Borg, Kath Williams, Bill Ashcroft, Charlie Ratcliffe, Michelle Spence, Kath Allison, Jessica Woods, Joseph Rose, John Calligan, Don & Mary Bell, Edward Ward, Mary Dunnett, Marie Hall, Teresa Sutcliff, Fr Jimmy Langan SJ, Fr Ray Armstrong SJ, Fr Joe Duggan SJ.

Sun 11 th	24 th Sunday of the Year	Exod 32:7-11 (Ps 50) 1Tim 1:12-17 & Luke 15:1-32
Mon 12 th	Feria	1 Cor 11:17-26,33 & Luke 7:1-10
Tue 13 th	St John Chrysostom	1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31 & Luke 7:11-17
Wed 14 th	The Exaltation of the Cross	Numbers 21:4-9 & John 3:13-17
Thurs 15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows	Heb 5:7-9 & John 19:25-27
Fri 16 th	St Cornelius & Cyprian	1 Cor 15:12-20 & Luke 8:1-3
Sat 17 th	St Robert Bellarmine SJ	1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Luke 8:4-15

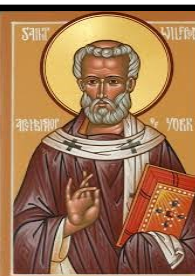
Universal: That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre.

**APOSTLESHIP
OF PRAYER**

Evangelization: That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.



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ST WILFRID'S PARISH NEWSLETTER



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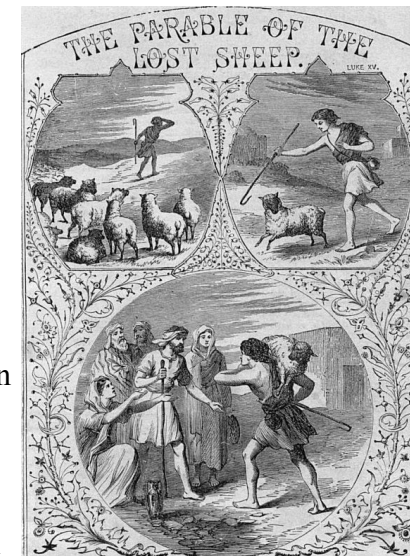
The Forgiving Love of God

We have quite a collection of images and themes to reflect on in this week's readings.

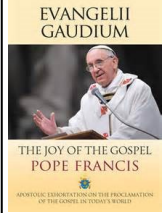
The Golden Calf of the First Reading no doubt sparks memories for some of the epic Cecil B. DeMille film the Ten Commandments. The swirling decadence of the Israelites graphically portraying the capacity of human beings to reject the profundity of God in favour of those fleeting temporal idols which represent humanity's capacity to often settle for immediate gratification instead of the profound. At the end of today's First Reading we hear of God's forgiveness though when, like Abraham before him, Moses intercedes for the behaviour of the Israelites, and in turn humanity. The message that remains from the story, however, is for us to identify those false idols, which we worship, in our own lives, and to reject them.

The Gospel reading offers us another collection of thoughts to reflect on. The exaggerated example of the parable of The Lost Sheep, and The Woman with the Lost Coin, is meant to represent the superabundant capacity of God's concern for us when we get lost in life and need to be found again.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son, also represents the concern of God, who is represented in the character of the father. Through these parables Jesus is trying to show to his listeners that he understands God. God is like the shepherd looking for lost sheep, the woman looking for the lost coin, and the father watching for the son who loses himself. He also pleads with the elder son to not be resentful. The Pharisees would have recognised what these parables referred to from their knowledge of the prophets of Israel. "I will seek the lost" (Ezekiel 34: 36), and through the prophet Hosea, Israel is described as "the child he loved" (Hosea 11:1). The Pharisees could not grasp the fact that Jesus mission was in accordance with God's; to seek the lost and reconcile them. Thus once again we read and hear in our readings, of The forgiving love of God for those who at times might find themselves lost in life.



Making the Most of Pope Francis, continues on Wednesday's at 7.30pm .



Please enter through the electric gates going through the car park to enter the door into the premises and go through to the library. After 7.30pm come to 1 Winckley Square. Evangelii Gaudium is available from the parish bookshop or online. Please read the paragraphs 19-49 for this week. For more details email Fr Peter at peterarandall@gmail.com



A variety of Catholic Papers are available, at the back of the Church, to purchase each week.

Catholic universe

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER AT ST. WILFRID'S

Saturday 8th - Sunday 16th October.

An opportunity to spend a week of reflective prayer in the tradition of Ignatian Spirituality, accompanied by experienced prayer guides. Please see posters in the narthex for more information.

REVISION OF THE SICK LIST

St Wilfrid's is beginning a process of updating parish records. Part of this process involves revising and updating the sick list. This process will in part help towards the pastoral care of our parishioners, as well as helping to avoid including people on the list who may have died or recovered from illness.

From this weekend onwards anyone wishing themselves, or a family/friend to be included by name in the parish sick list must contact Fr. Stephen with names and contact details. Thank You.

ANNIVERSARIES

If you know of any parishioners who have died since January 2015 please can you email names and dates to the parish administrator so that we can update our records. Contact details are on the back of the parish newsletter. Thank You.

**Sun 18th Sept,
2pm meeting
at Holy Family
Centre, Ingot**

for those interested
in getting involved
with

**A Passion
Play for
Preston.
Good
Friday
2017**



ST. WILFRID'S
FAITH & JUSTICE
GROUP

Next meeting is **Sunday September 18th** after 10.15 Mass. New members or visitors are most welcome to join us!

During this meeting we will also look at ways our parish can respond to the Climate Coalition's week of action in October "Speak Up". If you have any ideas please bring them to this meeting, you might find the following pages useful on the Cafod website: www.cafod.org.uk/campaign/One-Climate-One-World/Speak-Up-week-of-action

Preston Food Bank: Donations of non-perishable food items may be left in the box in the Parish Centre. We have been asked in particular for things that can be spread on toast i.e. jam, chocolate spread etc, long life milk and meals that can be rehydrated easily, using a kettle, such as pot noodles. Also toiletries like toilet rolls, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

The Faith & Justice Bulletin September edition is available on the board at the back of church or www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter.



Did you know...a peace deal has been agreed between the Colombian Government and the largest guerrilla group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), bringing to an end the longest internal armed conflict in the western hemisphere? Clare Dixon, Head of Latin America at CAFOD, said: "This is a great day for Colombia. Together with our partners we are celebrating this deal as an important step towards achieving peace in the country. We hope this deal will bring an end to the violence and fear that has devastated the lives of over 7 million people, particularly those living in rural areas; farming communities, Indigenous and Afro-Colombian Peoples."

The Catholic Church plays a key role in Colombia as an advocate for peace and human rights and in the resettlement of uprooted communities. CAFOD's programme focuses on peace-building, protection of human rights defenders and communities, sustainable livelihoods, work on business and human rights, and gender based violence.



St. Wilfrid's Church is undergoing a period of maintenance and decoration. We are installing a brand new lighting scheme, while at the same time undergoing a thorough investigation of the internal structure of the church, including redecoration. During this period the organ is sealed and out of commission, while there is scaffolding inside the church.

The work is expected to be completed by the First Sunday of Advent during which time there will be no **8.30am Mass** in the church itself but **in the Parish Centre**. The interior of the church will be closed to the public during weekdays apart from 12.00 noon until 1.00pm for the mid-day Mass, and from 5.15pm to 6.00pm for the evening Mass. The narthex and the confessional areas will remain open to the public.

Saturday and Sunday Masses will continue as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience during this period of time, but hopefully the finished result will help reveal to a greater degree the architectural beauty of St. Wilfrid's for years to come. Thank you. **SP**



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