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Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 5.35pm Fr. Gornall
7am Fr Brook 10.15am Fr. Randall 4.30pm Fr. Ashworth
Weekday Masses: 8.30am, 12.15pm, 5.35pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: each weekday 9am-12 noon
Confessions: Monday to Friday: before each Mass
Saturday: 8.15-8.25am, 11.15am-12.15, 2.30-3.30 & 5-5.30pm



Thank you for Last Week's Collections:

Planned Giving £518.00 Loose Collection £764.80 Total £1272.80

Christmas: Planned Giving £270.00 Loose Collection £1407.85 Total £1677.85

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

those who died recently:

those whose anniversaries occur about now: Pauline Bennion, Joe Clancy, Marie Doherty, Tom Burns, Michael Murphy, Marie Nixon, Fr Chris Dyckhoff SJ, Kath Allison & Denis Kilroe

those in our Parish who are sick: Mary McSharry, Barbara Clark.

and those who care for them

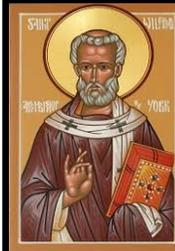
Sun 6 th	The Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 (Ps 71) Eph 3:2-3,5-6 & Matt 2:1-12
Mon 7 th	Feria	1 John 3: 22-4:6 & Matt 4:12-17,23-25
Tue 8 th	Feria	1 John 4:7-10 & Mark 6:34-44
Wed 9 th	Feria	1 John 4:11-18 & Mark 6:45-52
Thu 10 th	Feria	1 John 4:19-5:4 & Luke 4:14-22
Fri 11 th	Feria	1 John 5:5-13 & Luke 5:12-16
Sat 12 th	Feria	1 John 5:14-21 & John 3:22-30

Evangelization Intention

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



God of wonder, help us to have as much faith as the wise men who followed your star to find Jesus. Lead us down the right paths and help us to recognise Jesus in the people that we meet as we travel through life. Amen.



ST WILFRID'S PARISH NEWSLETTER



6th January 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord



They say that Eskimos tribes like the Inuit have fifty words for snow. If you were to ask them: Why? They would say "Come and live above the Arctic Circle. We have a lot of different experiences of snow 365 days of the year to talk about". They need lot of words for that reality. I don't know the language, but I am told that the

Hebrew term for 'word' is 'dabar'. But 'word' is not its real meaning. The real meaning is a thing that is much larger than the small part of it we experience. For the Hebrews each word is only one part of the ability to speak a language and possessing the power of speech.

Normally in the Old Testament 'the Word of God' means one tiny part of the infinite and immense reality of God's truth. So when St John says 'The Word became flesh' he says that one time in history the whole immensity of God was fully contained in this baby. The Feast of the Epiphany is about the 'shining forth', the making known, of the news of God come to earth. To do that I think we must learn from the Hebrew understanding. We need a familiarity with the message that is not just sitting for an hour a week listening, but talking about our faith and as many times as possible. Bit like the Eskimo experience of snow, you could say. Inside the newsletter there are details of at least two sets of discussion evenings. Why not come along to increase your facility in talking about the good news with your fellow Christians.

Oh, and 'dabar' is also the name for a bee in Hebrew. Why? Because behind one single bee is all the activity hidden away inside the hive. I can't wait to see how the bees that St Wilfrid's sponsors are doing after hibernation.

The girl's name Deborah literally means 'like those fascinating and creative creatures, bees'.



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St Wilfrid's Church and Parish is administered on behalf of Trustees for Roman Catholic Purposes Registered - Charity No.230165. The Parish is in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lancaster - Charity No.234331.

THIS WEEK AT ST. WILFRID'S

in the Parish Centre unless otherwise stated

Sunday

Little Church at 10.15 Mass

Gift Sunday Please Bring your gifts/money up at the Offertory

After 10.15 Mass Tea & Coffee

Sanctuary Books closed to 7th January

Monday

Sanctuary Books reopens 11am-2pm

Calling People of Goodwill -reflection and discussion group 7 for 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesday

Food Preparation 11am

Drop-in Centre 6.15pm

Wednesday

Sanctuary Books 10am-2pm

Rosary 11.40 (in church)

Clothes Drop-in 6.30pm (Narthex)

Dance Class restarts 7.30-9.30pm

Thursday

Ascent Group closed until 17th January

Living Water 7.30-9.30pm

Friday

Rosary 11.40 (in church)

Sanctuary Books 10am-2pm

Doxa-Adoration & Praise 7-8.30 Church

Saturday

Sanctuary Books 10am-1pm

SPUC collection at 5.35pm Mass

Sunday

SPUC collection at all Masses

Little Church at 10.15 Mass

After 10.15 Mass Tea & Coffee.

Faith & Justice Group Meeting after 10 15 Mass

4.30pm Signed Mass with Music led by Metanoia, tea & coffee available after Mass.

Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines, who escaped the Holocaust as a child, will share her experience at St Clare's Parish Hall, Sharoe Green Lane on **Monday 14th January at 7pm**. We ask for a £5 donation, which will go to Aid to the Church in Need. A donation will also be made to the Holocaust Memorial Fund.



The next meeting of the **Faith and Justice Group Sunday 13th January after 10.15am Mass.**



Visitors & new members are welcome. The latest Faith & Justice Bulletin is available on the board at the back of church or to download at www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter

Living Water returns Thursday 10th Jan and every Thursday 7.30-9.30pm in the Parish Centre. A place of renewing, refreshing and envisioning for the week ahead. Come and join us for Scripture, prayer, group sharing and input and become a part of a welcoming group of Catholics who want to grow in faith together. More info from Joe and Ruth 07957566741 or www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

Sanctuary Bookshop

Bookshop reopens Monday 7th Jan:

Mon 11-2, Wed & Fri 10-2, Sat 10-1 & after 10.15 Mass on Sunday.

Tea & Coffee available Mon, Wed & Fri after 12.15 Mass



JESUIT MISSIONS  **London Marathon Fundraising**
Advance notice: Quiz night Friday 8th February, tickets available soon.

If you would like to make a cash donation see Shirley or donate online via uk.virginmoneygiving.com/shirley-russo-savmlmbonds3332019-272



Lollipop Sick Security: Hundreds of pounds are lost from the collection safes each year due to notes being lodged in the slit opening for each box. A lollipop stick will be provided at each safe for you to push notes properly into the safe. If you see there is no stick please tell Deacon Bill, Brendan or any of the priests in the sacristy. Let's see if 2019 will see an increase in donations logged, not lodged!
Fr Peter

Please email items for the newsletter to stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com by noon on Thursday. If you have any comments about our newsletter or suggestions for improvement please let us know. If you would like to be emailed a PDF copy of the newsletter send a request by emailing stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com
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Gift Sunday: Each year at all the Epiphany Masses we have a collection of gifts which we bring to the crib at the offertory. This weekend, the **Feast of the Epiphany** we ask you to bring gifts/money which will be given to a number of local charities.

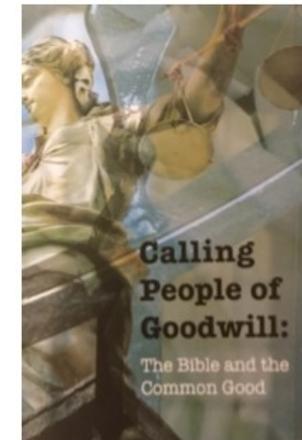
Metanoia Project has an outreach to the homeless each Wednesday evening in St Wilfrid's Narthex at 6.30. Volunteers are on hand to provide support in the form of sleeping bags, clothes, shoes and toiletries. As well, we try to spend time listening to those who have come along, treating them with the dignity they deserve as Children of God and sharing the Good News whenever possible. You can help us with donations of: our main need is **Sleeping bags and new men's underpants**. New or used (but in a reasonable condition) of all sizes for Men: Thermals, Tracksuit Bottoms (with elasticated ankles are best), Jeans, Trainers, Boots, Shoes, thick socks. and Rucksacks are also needed. Other men's clothes are also welcome. Men's clothes and toiletries will also be shared with the **ACE Project of Caritas Care** who work with men on their first days out of prison, trying to set them up with the basics to restart their lives.



Any women's clothes or toiletries donated will be donated to Base 18, an outreach programme run by the Foxton Centre.



CALLING PEOPLE OF GOODWILL



A six week course;

DATES: Monday 7th January
Monday 14th January
Monday 21st January
Monday 28th January
Monday 4th February
Monday 11th February

VENUE: St Wilfrid's Parish Centre

Chapel Street

PR 1 3JJ

TIME: Tea/Coffee - 7pm

Course - 7.30-9pm

Helping thoughtful Christians understand the Common Good in the Bible and respond to God's calling to transform the world. Using six short passages from the Old and New Testaments, to aid reflection, questions and prayer to prompt discussion and action.

Organised and led by St Wilfrid's Faith & Justice group