

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

10th October 2021

28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

**“Listen!  
I am standing  
at the door  
knocking.”**  
*Rev 3:20*



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## Reflection

I write this reflection as I settle into my new home, surrounded by an ever-decreasing pile of packing boxes as I slowly but determinedly sort through my belongings and make this house a home.

Whilst I unpack, I cannot help but notice that the summer weather is receding very quickly, as the inevitable arrival of winter approaches. As ever, the liturgy of the Church provides a helpful tonic. The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the greatest of all the disciples and privileged witness to the victory of light over darkness.

We cherish the example of Mary, because in everything she does, she brings us into closer relationship with Jesus, and invites us to ponder all the good things that the Lord has done and continues to do for us.

Mary may have doubted herself, but she never doubted her Son and saviour, who came into the world to banish the powers of darkness, and turn our gaze back to God, who is light. Let Christ who is the light of the world (*Cf. Jn 8: 12*), illumine our hearts in this coming month, as we call upon his blessed mother to intercede for us in heaven.



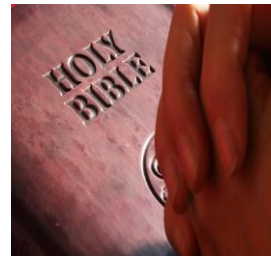
**Fr Thomas Clarke**

We pray for those who have died,

*Marion O'Connor*

Those whose funerals are next week.

*Mary Keelan, Mary Borlase*



### Union of Catholic Mothers, U.C.M. - BOOK SALE



On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October** after the **10am Mass** there will be Book Sale in **St. John Fisher Hall**. All proceeds to UCM charities.

Thank you

This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:

*St Bede's*      *In memory of Florence Reid – B'day remb.*



### Safeguarding/DBS checks

We are continuing to carry out DBS checks for those who need them, so that you can resume your ministries. Thank you very much to those Eucharistic Ministers who have already gone through the process.

If there are any Eucharistic Ministers who have not come forward/who missed the last round, could you please contact the parish office so that we can arrange a mutually convenient date and time to go through everything. This applies equally to those who will minister from the altar as well as those who will take out Communion to the sick or housebound.

We now wish to invite the **Sacristans** to go through the DBS check process (unless you have just gone through it as a Eucharistic Minister). Please contact the parish office to arrange a mutually convenient time to do this. You will need your reading glasses, a black pen, at least 3 pieces of ID one of which must have your date of birth on it and one your current address. Passports, driving licence, birth certificate, bank statement (no older than 3 months), utility bill in your name (no older than 3 months), council tax statement in your name etc are suitable documents, plus your National Insurance number.

Thank you

Pauline Ruth  
Safeguarding Officer

**Wednesday Word** - <http://wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

**Catholic Pictorial** - <http://www.catholicpic.co.uk/>

Please pray for **John Richards & James Swain** and all in the parish who are sick at this time.

Volunteer drivers needed for HALTON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT  
**No special qualifications, just a clean driving licence.**  
Contact Colette or Ste on 0151 257 2410

## **Mass Times Review**

Throughout the lockdown the Mass times have changed within our parish to answer the needs of the community. Yet during this time a review has been intended and after consultation and discussion the new timetable has been formulated which will come into effect on the **1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**.

### **Weekdays**

**Exposition 30 minutes before Mass.**

**Monday – St. Basil's**

9.10am – Morning Prayer

9.30am – Mass

**Tuesday – St. Bede's**

11.40am – *Prayer During the Day*

12noon – Mass

**Wednesday – St. Bede's**

6.40pm – *Evening Prayer*

7pm – Mass

**Thursday – St. Michael's**

11.40am – *Prayer During the Day*

12 noon – Mass

**Friday – St John Fisher's**

9.10am – *Morning Prayer*

9.30am - Mass

### **Weekends**

**Saturday**

10am – Mass at **St. Bede's**

10.30am – 11.30am - Confessions

**Vigil**

5pm Mass at **St. Bede's**

6pm Mass at **St. Basil's**

**Sunday**

8.30am Mass at **St. Bede's**

10am Mass at **St. Michael's**

10am Mass at **St. John Fisher's**

11am Mass at **St. Bede's**

4pm Mass at **St. Bede's**

**St. Bede's Church will be open from 10am – 2pm for Private Prayer, Monday to Friday.**



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

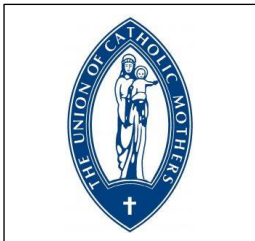
## Parish Choir of St. Wilfrid

The next gathering of our Parish Choir is on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at **7.00pm** in **St. Bede's church**. Everyone is very welcome, even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally.

## October Talks - 'Hope, Faith, Charity and Love'

During the month of October, we have invited different speakers to come and share with us the fruits of their prayer and reflections. Each talk will start at **7.30pm** at **St. John Fisher Hall**, the talk will be approximately an hour and then refreshments will be served.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Fr. Mark Beattie 'FAITH'**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Fr. Grant Maddock 'CHARITY'**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Sr. Maria Natella O.P. 'LOVE'**



## Union of Catholic Mothers, U.C.M.

St. Wilfrid's Foundation, Widnes

On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm** at **St. John Fisher Church**, the UCM would like to invite all the ladies of the parish to Holy Mass to pray specifically for marriage and family life in our parish community. Please come along and pray!

### Aims and Objectives of the Union of Catholic Mothers

1. To help Catholic women to appreciate the Sacramental character, responsibilities and permanence of marriage and to live in unselfish love observing the laws of God and His Church.
2. To assist them to bring up their children as practising Catholics and public-spirited citizens.
3. To teach and defend Christian values in family life and ensure Catholic education for future generations.
4. To offer love, sympathy and practical help to the family in difficulty.
5. To foster vocations in life especially in Christian Marriage and Family Life and in the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**ALL** ladies of the parish, whether married, single or widowed are welcome to join the UCM, come along to the Mass and speak to one of the members and find out more!

### **BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*This is a very delicate issue.*

For some time now hosts have been posted through the letter box at St. Bede's on a Sunday afternoon, when found, the Body of Christ has either been consumed or dissolved. This cannot continue.

The person who is doing this must speak to one of the priests immediately, they will be treated with kindness and compassion.

**Fr. Mark**

### **Religious Items of Significance from Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Site**

Just to assure all parishioners that all items of religious significance have either been returned to the donor, have been moved to another church in the parish or will be held in the Archdiocesan store.

**Fr. Mark**

### **FEAST OF OUR PARISH PATRON – ST. WILFRID**

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

This Tuesday we celebrate the feast day of our holy patron, St. Wilfrid. Please remember to say a prayer on Tuesday for the whole parish community or if you can attend Mass at 12 noon at St. Bede's Church.

Let us pray that we may continue to be a community that spreads the love, forgiveness and mercy of Jesus in our community and be a beacon of hope to all.

**St. Wilfrid – pray for us!**

### **Tea and Coffee after Mass**

Each week after some of the Masses a cup of tea or coffee is offered yet very few people take this opportunity up? Can I encourage you to at least think about staying for 20 minutes after Mass for a chat and a cuppa with your fellow parishioners, in this way we can build community relations and get to know one another as friends.

I promise you a warm welcome and a lovely biscuit!

Please come, we are less without you!

**Fr. Mark**



### ***New Age Curling/Indoor Bowling***

Are you at a loose end on a Wednesday afternoon?

Would you like to meet new friends and have a chat with fellow parishioners?



On Wednesday afternoon from 1pm a group of parishioners meet in St. John Fisher Hall for time together and a game of indoor bowls, you are invited to join them! You don't have to know how to play or even be very good, you will be made most welcome!

## St Wilfrid's - Our Parish Our History Our Future

I am pleased to announce that over the week end of the **23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October** we will be holding a heritage event for the whole **Parish of St Wilfrid**.

**On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 12pm** there will be Mass in St Bede's Church, Fr. Thomas will be using the Appleton Chalice from 1633 and one of the vestments from pre-reformation times. There will be a chance to listen to speakers taking about the former parishes of Widnes and an opportunity to join in some traditional hymns. Over a cup of tea, you will be able to view old photographs of parish life supplied by parishioners, together with artefacts from the former parishes.

**On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October** at 3pm in St Bede's Benediction procession and crowning of Our Lady.

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

12pm	Mass to open the celebration	Fr Thomas Clarke
12:40	Introduction of speakers	Peter McCann
12:50	St John Fisher's speaker Hymn	Linda Mellor Faith of our Fathers
13:00	St Basil's Hymn	Margaret Buckley For All the Saints
13:10	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Hymn	Carol Houghton Hail Queen of Heaven
13:20	St Michael's Hymn	Tony McDermott Praise my soul the King of Heaven
13:30	St Pius X Hymn	Pauline Ruth Deep in the panting heart of Rome
13:40	St Patrick's Hymn	Christine McCann Hail Glorious St Patrick
13:50	St Raphael's Hymn	John McMullen Sweet Sacrament divine
14:00	St Marie's Hymn	Sister Marie Tighe SND Immaculate Mary
14:10	St Bede's Hymn	Margaret Rowlands Hail Redeemer
14:15	Tea and biscuits	
14:30	Close	

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

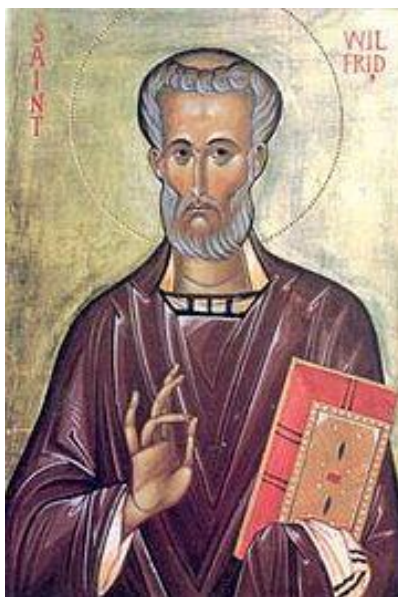
3pm Benediction

Procession of Our Lady's statue (dependent upon weather)

Crowning of Our Lady

3:45 Close of celebrations

Everyone is invited to come along and join in what should prove a unique opportunity to celebrate our Catholic Heritage, share stories and meet old and new friends.



Rosary - the Holy Rosary will be prayed together at 1.15pm every Friday at St. Michael's Church.

All are welcome to attend.



## Welcome

To Deb Kenna – our new office administrator

We would like to welcome Deb Kenna to the Parish of St Wilfrid from Monday.

Deb has worked at the Archdiocesan offices in Liverpool for 4 ½ years in both safeguarding and pastoral formation. She will be a valuable asset to our office and we are looking forward to welcoming her.

I am sure that you will make her feel welcome when you see her.



THIS WEEKEND		TWENTY-SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	11am	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Confession & Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	9am	St Michael's	Mass
	9am	St Bede's	Mass
	10am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11am	St Bede's	Mass
	4pm	St Bede's	Mass
WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 4	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
	12 noon	St Bede's	Funeral service – Mary Keelan
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> October	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
	10:30 am	St Michael's	Requiem Mass - Mary Borlase
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> October	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> October	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am*	St John Fisher	Mass
*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass			

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## St. Wilfrid's Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon

We are currently looking at a parish pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Fatima and also to visit the shrine of St. Anthony of Padua in Lisbon next September. Below is the itinerary. At the moment we are **NOT** taking bookings, we are simply looking to see if there is any interest in the parish.

If you *might* be interested, then please just jot your name and telephone number on a piece of paper and pop it through the Parish Office door for the attention of **SUSAN WARBURTON**.

Once we gauge the interest we shall move forward.

Fr. Mark

DEPARTURE DATE: 11 Sept 22

RETURN DATE: 15 Sept 22

No: DAYS: 5

TOUR DESCRIPTION: Fatima & Lisbon

COST PER PERSON: £600.00 per person sharing, £725 single room.

COST INCLUDES: Return flights Manchester – Lisbon.  
 Airport duty & passenger taxes.  
 1 x suitcase for the air-craft hold, 20kgs.  
 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast 4\* Hotel Essence Inn, Fatima.  
 Full day excursion to Lisbon.  
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