

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

14th March 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at
the door
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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Reflection. This past week saw the easing of some of the social restrictions of Covid 19.

Schools reopened their doors after months of lockdown, a sigh of relief I'm sure for many families, who have been juggling with home schooling and work from home. My niece and her husband both work from home and admitted that although lockdown was an enriching experience for them having that extra time with their two daughters, they found as time went on that the stress and tensions were beginning to show themselves through the cracks.

On Monday morning when my niece went to call her six-year-old daughter for school she found her sitting on her bed at 7 am fully dressed in her new school uniform ready for school. When she saw her mum, she jumped up and began dancing around the house ecstatic at the thought of seeing her school friends again.

Two or maybe three weeks ago we published in the newsletter an announcement that we were planning to reopening our 4 churches and gave the times and places for our weekly and weekend masses. This Wednesday the 10th we began with a concelebrated Mass at St Michael's with the opening of our 9-day Novena to St Joseph at 7pm. I had all good intentions of being at the Mass but I had fallen asleep in my armchair and by the time I realised the time, it was too late. I'm sure the brethren were left wondering what had happened to me; embarrassingly I had to admit that I had fallen asleep.

It is good to be getting back to a somewhat normal routine. Although I've celebrated daily Mass at home, I have missed coming to Mass every day in one or other of our churches and I admit that something major was missing in my daily routine. Of course, social distancing will still be in place and restricted places in each church. But still, it's a beginning, a breath of fresh air. Please check the newsletter for details and above all keep safe.

And last but not least Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums

Fr Bill

Fr Peter Fox – a Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Luke's Whiston on Monday 15th March at 11am. As parishioners from Widnes will be unable to attend, we have two Masses in Widnes on Monday; St Basil's 9:30 am and St John Fisher 11am, offered for the repose of his soul.

Please come and pray if you can.

The Mass will be live-streamed, please follow this link: <https://vimeo.com/521541074/ae827d8798>

We pray for those who have died:

Richard Donlan Valerie Boyle Baby Isaiah Pender Thomas Coady Stephen Coady

Those who's funerals take place this week:

Janet Wilcox Fr Peter Fox Thomas Bowles



How to access Mass

Mass from St Wilfrid's will be available Sunday morning.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC52-K27EaYwySzRmeP3f3eA>

The Closure of Parish Centres in St Wilfrid's Parish

The coronavirus pandemic, and associated government restrictions, meant that all our parish centres had to close in March 2020. Sadly, the closures have had a significant impact on business and a review of the viability of all parish centres across the Archdiocese has taken place. Unfortunately, a number of centres will be unable to recover from the impact on their trade. As a result, the Archdiocesan Board of Trustees has had to take the difficult decision to close those centres. Three of the centres in Widnes have been closed and those who are employed at the centres have been informed of the decision this week. This will mean the closure of St Bede's, St Michael's and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Centres. St Basil's Parish Centre, Hough Green, will reopen when restrictions are lifted. The consequences of this review will impact on those who were employed and on the groups in the parish who use the centres for other activities. These groups can be accommodated in other venues across the parish.

This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns for:

<i>St Basil's</i>	<i>In memory of Peter Golson - Ann</i>
<i>St Bede's (1)</i>	<i>In memory of Margaret Jean Rimmer - B'day Ann</i>
<i>St Bede's (2)</i>	<i>In memory of Monica O'Mahony</i>
<i>St John Fisher</i>	<i>In memory of John & Freda Biggs</i>
<i>St Michael's (1)</i>	<i>Bernard Buckle</i>
<i>St Michael's (2)</i>	<i>Frank Sumner</i>
<i>St Michael's (3)</i>	<i>Dignall family</i>
<i>St Michael's (4)</i>	<i>In memory of Marie Jennings</i>



THIS WEEKEND		FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)	
Saturday 13th March	11am	St Bede's	Confession
	12 noon	St Bede's	Novena Mass
	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 14th March	9am	St Michael's	Mass
	10am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11am	St Bede's	Mass
	4pm	St Bede's	Mass
WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 4	
Monday 15th March	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
	11am	St John Fisher	Mass for Fr Peter Fox
Tuesday 16th March	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
	2pm	St Bede's	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 17th March	7pm	St Michael's	Novena Mass
Thursday 18th March	12noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 19th March	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass
	7pm	St John Fisher	Stations of the Cross
*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass			