

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

12th July 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Divine Office Week 3

**“Listen!
I am
standing at
the door
knocking.”**

Rev 3:20



Canon Michael Fitzsimons 0151 424 2738

Fr Carl Mugan 0151 513 0024

Bishop John Rawsthorne 0151 424 4021

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PARISH WEBSITE:

catholicchurches-widnes.org.uk

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Parish of St Wilfrid Widnes



<https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridswidnes/>

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The parish office will re-open on Monday 13th July.

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Reflection.

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

This week we marked the death of Ennio Morricone who wrote many music themes and scores for films. Even if you don't recognise his name you would recognise many of his compositions. He wrote the beautiful music for the film *The Mission* and many westerns including *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*. His music was very evocative and really brought to life the films he worked on.

Good music often has a major, instantly recognisable tune but usually there are other layers and minor themes that play out below the surface. I wonder how Ennio may have composed a theme for our time of corona virus and lockdown.

Continued

Yes, the dominant theme would be that of the health crisis and its terrible impact of death and illness all around the world but then there may be the undercurrent about the great care given by healthcare staff, key workers and so on – that would be more hopeful and brighter. Like music though there would be multiple sub themes which remain important. The good maybe the heroic efforts of care workers, the bad maybe virus itself or those who failed to take it seriously or respond quickly enough. The ugly would be just as concerning, for example the ongoing and possibly growing, economic crisis caused by corona virus that is now becoming far more apparent with increasing job losses and so on.

Other things have been going on below the radar of the major focus on the virus. In government the Department for International Development has been abolished – or at least assumed into the Foreign Office. The department was often a beacon of excellence in its work to promote development and work to combat poverty all around the world. It now will be run via the Foreign Office and its work will be far more focussed on issues of security, diplomacy and our economic interests - not necessarily a bad thing but a shift away from working for development simply because that is the right and just work to do and it will have a reduced influence and standing.

The music of corona virus would be serious, heroic and hopeful but let us be aware and vigilant to the growing sub themes of poverty and inequality as we move forwards. Clearly not everyone has suffered the effects of corona virus in the same way and as is too often the case the impact has been greatest on the poorest, and vulnerable. Rebuilding society and our communities is a serious task and we have a real opportunity to make real and lasting changes for good. Let us ensure that it is for the good of everyone and a chance to reduce inequality, promote justice and a more responsible way of living. We can act individually and together and let us ensure that those with power and influence also work for the common good.

Fr Michael

STEPPING STONE MOMENTS



Many people have found it helpful to connect with friends and family using a video link.

Sr Catherine is offering an opportunity for parishioners to pause & meet for prayer/ reflection/ conversation at this time. Please see the attached poster with more details.

To participate:

- ✚ Download the ZOOM APP on your device and log in (this is free)
- ✚ Email Catherine with your choice of ONE meeting date.
- ✚ She will confirm your participation and send the link.

If these sessions prove popular then more opportunities will be offered.

STEPPING STONES MOMENTS

JULY 2020



THURSDAY 16 JULY 1.30pm – 3pm

OR

THURSDAY 16 JULY 7pm – 8.30pm

(ALL SESSIONS to be ZOOM CONNECTED)

Maximum of 7 participants in any group

an opportunity...

- ✚ to pause and reflect both as individuals and as group.
- ✚ to share what seems to be most important at this time – listening and speaking from the heart.
- ✚ to find God in the midst of everyday life
- ✚ to listen to the ways of God in the lives of others - which can be a most enriching and humbling experience.
- ✚ to be a source of support and encouragement to the others in the group.

PLEASE CONTACT: CATHERINE DARBY SND to find out more
or book a place of your choice.

catherine.m.darby@gmail.com

Please RSVP by 14th July 2020

CHURCH RE-OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

We are pleased to announce that The Archbishop has given us permission to cautiously re-open some of our churches for public worship.

Please remember that Sunday obligation **has not** been restored. If you are able to please consider attending a midweek mass.

St Bede's will continue to be open for private prayer and the lighting of candles **will** now be allowed.

St Michael's will be open on the following days for Mass:

Saturday	5pm	Sunday	9am, 11am and 4:30pm		
Monday	9:15 am	Wednesday	7pm	Friday	9:15 am

Please note the church will be open half an hour before the Mass starts. This is to allow for controlled and staggered arrival times. Please consider this when making your plans and allow enough time.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE CHURCH CAR PARK

Funeral services will be at **St. Bede's** on Monday and Friday and **St. Michael's** on Tuesday and Thursday.

Please be aware that this does not mean we are returning to Mass as we knew it before the pandemic. Please view the video from Archbishop Malcolm and look at the leaflet attached to the newsletter *before* you come to Mass. The following points, together with the previous guidelines issued for private prayer, should help you to keep safe and ensure the safety of others.

- You **MUST** wear a face-covering as you enter Church and throughout Mass.
- Please use the hand sanitisers provided as you enter and leave Church.
- If you have a device or missal with text for Mass you may bring this with you.
- A steward will direct you to a seat; people from the same household will be able to sit together.

- Holy Communion will be given out at the end of Mass.
 - The priest will say “The Body of Christ” and everyone will answer “Amen”. There will be no words spoken as you come to receive.
 - A steward will invite each row forward in a pre-determined order. Please wait to be invited before leaving your bench.
 - Take your face covering down when the person in front of you is receiving.
 - Receive the host in your hand, step to the side, consume the host and then put your face covering back on.
 - Make your way slowly and reverently out of Church, using the one-way system.

We will work to open the other churches in the parish as soon as possible, given the H&S constraints put in place. We may have to stop offering public worship at very short notice following Archdiocesan and Government advice.

Please see the attached leaflet and watch the video from Archbishop Malcolm outlining what to expect from our new way of celebrating Mass.

</content/pages/documents/1594123661.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nArwoMZvII&feature=youtu.be>

We look forward to welcoming you to one of the above Masses when you feel that it is safe for you to do so. Please pass this news onto anyone you know who might not have access to the website.

The Parish Team

WE NEED YOUR HELP

This is a '**shout-out**' for more volunteers to put their name forward to act as stewards in St Michael's initially; both midweek and at weekends. We also need volunteers for funerals at St. Michael's and St Bede's.

We can only ask for volunteers who are under 70 years and are not shielding. If you fall into either of these categories whilst we are very grateful, we cannot utilise your services at the moment.

You will be required to act as a steward; guiding people into the church and directing to a pew. You will then be needed to direct them to receive communion and then to leave the church. After mass has finished you will be required to assist with the cleaning and sanitising of benches before the next service resumes.

You will be provided with all necessary PPE.

If you feel that you can help, please email or call the parish office on Monday.

Thank you

We pray for. those who have recently died

David Vincent Smith

Catherine Harrington

Catherine O'Brien

NEW MASS INTENTIONS

Whilst our churches have been closed your Mass requests have continued to be said by the Priests at their private Masses. We will continue to do this until more of our churches open; **there will be no public Masses said.**

If you would like to arrange for a Mass to be said, please email into the office, stwilfridwidnes@rcaolp.co.uk and tell us the details. We will endeavour to meet your date requirements but can assure you that the Mass will be allocated and said as soon as a date is available.

If you are wondering about how to make your donation, you can use the new payment method detailed further down the newsletter. Using option 1 you can make a 'one-off' donation. Please put "MASS – Name" and this will help us tie it up with our records.

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses intentions have been allocated up to July. Any new Masses will be allocated as there is space in the individual weeks.

Daily Mass will be said by the Priests in private and they will fulfil the Mass intentions as follows during this week. Fr Joe will continue to say Mass whilst on retreat.

Michael O'Grady 1st Ann.

James Meaden (late) (deceased)

Ann (Annie) New

David Vincent Smith (late) (deceased)

Parishioners

Pat Price and Pauline Haunch

Joan Mary McCallum Ann.

Residents of all our care homes

Henry Joseph Percival

Roy Nelson 6th Ann.

Ann and Hugh Brennan

Margaret and John Colford

Noel Driver sick. (Rathdrum Co Wicklow)

Margaret McCann and deceased family members

The Holy Souls

Special Intention

Livesimply 'CAFOD Coronavirus Emergency Appeal'

News Update!

£860 current online total plus £410 in envelope donations

Current Grand Total **£1,270**

Christopher's Story



Every year Christopher Roberts usually completes a sponsored walk to help the parish Lourdes fund. This is not happening this year due to the lockdown. Christopher is a key volunteer at our Livesimply supper nights and wanted to do the walk this year to help raise funds for CAFOD's Coronavirus Emergency Appeal as part of St Wilfrid's Livesimply actions.

Christopher said, 'I'm doing a 10 mile + sponsored walk around Widnes passing each of the four churches of our parish to help us raise money for Cafod's Coronavirus Emergency Appeal.'

Our photo shows Christopher serving at the CAFOD Mass celebrated after the Climate Change Mass Lobby of Parliament last year.

The walk will take place on: Saturday July 11th starting at 10.00am from St Bede's church...to St Michael's.... from St Michael's to St Basil's... from St Basil's to St John Fisher...and back to St Bede's. Just over 10 miles in total.

If you would like to make a donation to sponsor Christopher please visit our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christopherrobertslivesimplywalk> and the money you donate will go directly to CAFOD.

Or simply put your donation into an envelope marked 'Christopher and friends Livesimply Walk' and put it through the letterbox at the Parish Office.

YOU TUBE MASSES

YouTube videos are being prepared so that you can participate in Mass.

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



The time represents when the service will be available on You Tube although you can access them any time after that or even multiple times at your own convenience.

Sunday, 12 th July	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Bishop John
Sunday, 19 th July	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Fr Michael

Please share this information with any parishioners who may not have access to the newsletter.

How to access Mass

St Wilfrid's Widnes:

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

Here you will find prayers and Masses delivered by the Priests in our churches.

Across the Archdiocese:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

New resources now available include:

- Reflection for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download).
- Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- Meet the team.
- Further updates to 'Life During Lockdown'.

All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

LIGHTING A CANDLE

You can now light a candle at St Bede's church on the candle stand in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Candles must be lit from an existing candle. There will be no tapers or matches.

If you are not coming to church Fr Michael will still light a candle for you. If you send in your details by e-mail, he will light a candle in Our Lady's Altar.



Church Collections

Thank you to everyone who has continued to send in their weekly donations and those of you have found a new way to donate through your bank account. Moving forward we would like to encourage as many of you to donate on line but recognise that is not the right thing for everyone. We will have collection baskets at St Michael's for you to make your donations before and after Mass and thank you in advance for your donation.

It continues to be important to recognise that there will be many people who have lost work and income through the economic impact of this crisis. If you are struggling please do not have concerns about church donations. Let us all pray for those who are struggling and we can remember those in need directly and via supporting the food bank and other charities. Others have had little impact on their income and will want to maintain their giving to the church as usual.

You can continue to use any of the following ways to make a donation.

How can I donate?

1. Follow the link <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-wilfrid-widnes> this will take you to a specific site for St Wilfrid's parish and you will see a picture of St Bede's Church. Donations may be made by standing order, as a one-off donation, or as a regular weekly donation. Please don't forget to tick the gift aid box if you are a UK tax payer as this will boost your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself.
2. Text giving is now available for St Wilfrid's and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations.

The details of each campaign are given below. Please use the wording below when promoting text giving to ensure compliance with fundraising regulations.

- Text WIDNESPASTORAL to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text WIDNESPASTORALNOINFO to 70085.
- Text WIDNESPASTORAL to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £3 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text WIDNESPASTORALNOINFO to 70450.
- Text WIDNESPASTORAL to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text WIDNESPASTORALNOINFO to 70460.
- Text WIDNESPASTORAL to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text WIDNESPASTORALNOINFO to 70470.

Finally, you can set up a standing order with your bank anytime and this is possible with many banks now if you have access to Internet or telephone banking. We would not encourage you to go in person to your bank to do this. You need the following information:

Account Name: **St Wilfrid Church (246) Parish Account**

Account no: 51546112

Sort Code: 40-29-12

If you set up a standing order can you please email the parish office to let us know as it useful for our finance and administration planning. Please use you name as the reference.

We are going to have to think about new ways to make our church donations when we return as we are discouraged from using paper money. These new incentives will help us all to make the necessary adjustments.

Thank you for any donations that you are able to make.

#YouAreNotAlone

At home shouldn't mean at risk, but sadly for many people the lockdown has meant that they are trapped in isolation with their abuser under a pressurised situation.

Over the weekend, the Government launched its #YouAreNotAlone domestic abuse campaign to reassure victims of domestic abuse that there is still help for them during the Covid crisis, and that the household isolation instruction as a result of COVID-19 does not apply if you need to leave your home to escape domestic abuse. ([Gov.uk, Covid19 and domestic abuse](#))

- If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police - the police will continue to respond to emergency calls.
- If you call 999 from a mobile and cannot speak, press 55 to [Make Yourself Heard](#) (link embedded to scheme) and this will transfer your call to the police. Pressing 55 only works on mobiles and does not allow police to track your location.
- National Domestic Violence Helpline – 0808 2000 247 or www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

Help is also available from (all hyperlinked):

[Childline](#) – 0800 1111

[Refuge](#) – 0808 2000 247

[Women's Aid](#)

[Men's Advice line](#) - 0808 801 0327 (weekdays 9am-5pm)

Wednesday Word

While we have no Masses, this could be a very helpful way of accessing the Sunday readings.

<http://wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

The JULY edition is available digitally at: <https://bit.ly/2Uz4oIx>

www.catholicpic.co.uk updated throughout the week with news from around the Archdiocese



Synod 2020

Submit your proposal. In the light of the changes COVID-19 has brought to our lives, we invite you to reflect on what our Synod can learn from our experiences.

How is God speaking to us through our present experience? There have been some really challenging proposals that have been sent to the Synod Office in this “lockdown” period. If you feel that there is something that God is inviting you to contribute please go to the Synod Website where you will be able to enter your proposals online (until 1st Sept).

<https://synod2020.co.uk/themes/proposals/reflections>

FOODBANK

Widnes Foodbank gratefully receives donations of any food items but would particularly welcome donations of the following food items:

Tinned Tomatoes
Sponge Puddings
Small Jars of Coffee
Rice Pudding
Tinned Meat
Tinned Fish
Instant Mashed Potatoes Washing up Liquid

There are food donation collection points for Widnes Foodbank at **Asda, Morrison's and Tesco**. In addition, food donations can be taken to the **Foodbank Warehouse** at the Cemetery Lodge (just inside the main gates of Widnes Cemetery in Birchfield Road) on **Mon/Wed/Fri from 9am to 11.00am**.

Thank you to anyone who can make a donation.



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