

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

6th September 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Rev 3:20



Fr Joe Bibby (PP)	0151 424 6641
Fr Carl Mugan (PP)	0151 513 0024
Fr Tom Neylon (PP)	0151 424 2738
Fr Bill Murphy	0151 495 1854
Bishop John Rawsthorne	0151 424 4021
Fr Mark Moran	0151 422 1774

PARISH WEBSITE:

catholicchurches-widnes.org.uk

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St Wilfrid's Parish Office
St Bede's Presbytery
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**The Parish Office is now
open for telephone enquiries**

0151 422 1772

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Reflection

It was three months ago that we found out that we had been appointed to St Wilfrid's Parish and the time seems to have flown since then! We are both delighted to accept our appointments and we are so looking forward to working with the priests and people to continue the development of the parish. The welcome that we have received already has been wonderful. Thank you! Fr Carl, Fr Joe, Bishop John, and Fr Bill have been especially kind and welcoming as we try to find our feet in this area of the Archdiocese, and we shall continue to rely on them in the coming weeks and months. Thanks also to Fr Michael for his welcome and support despite having to prepare for his own move to a new parish.

Change can be difficult at times, change can bring fear and apprehension, and can bring up questions in our own minds and hearts: "Are things going to change?", "Will I like the new priests?", "I liked things the way they were.".

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Yet change can always bring a freshness of mind, new ideas can bring energy and a fresh vision, and all things need to grow and change as we grow and change as people and as a community. And we should never forget that our parish community is rooted and focussed upon the person of Jesus; it is His kingdom we are building, never our own. So, with this in our minds and hearts we move forward, with confidence and with trust in Him.

We look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks and becoming part of this wonderful parish community.

St Wilfrid - pray for us.

Fr Tom



Fr Mark



Fr Michael Testimonial

When a priest leaves a parish, it is usual for us to have the opportunity to express our gratitude and have a farewell celebration. “**Fr Michael Testimonial**” envelopes will be available at the back of St Bede’s and St Michael’s churches which can either be placed on the collection, handed in to the Parish Office, or through the letter box of any of the presbyteries. Alternatively, you can use your own envelopes, but please ensure you write “Fr Michael Testimonial” on the outside.

Due to the restrictions on the numbers of people allowed to gather we will not be able to have our usual farewell Mass and buffet at the moment, but hopefully we will be able to do something before Christmas.

Fr Michael’s new address is:
37, Tithebarn Road, Knowsley Village, Prescot, L34 0EU.

Fr Anthony's mother – RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Eshun, Fr Anthony's mother, age 70 who died on Tuesday, 1st September due to complications with diabetes.

We will pray for the repose of her soul and also remember Fr Anthony and the whole family with our prayers at this very sad time.



We pray for those who have died

Marie Marshall Margaret Naylor



Baptisms

We welcome:

Charlie Graham Ruhe

Thza Griffiths



Wednesday Word

This could be a very helpful way of accessing the Sunday readings.

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

Catholic Pictorial

The SEPTEMBER edition is available digitally at: <https://bit.ly/2Uz4olx>

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

CHURCH IS OPEN 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.

St Michael's will be open for Mass.

Please note that the church will be open half an hour before 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 IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK

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.
- Holy Communion will be given out at the end of Mass.
 - 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 may have to stop offering public worship at very short notice following Archdiocesan and Government advice.

NEW CHURCHES RE-OPENING FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

We are hoping to open more of our churches in the Autumn, namely St Basil's and St John Fisher. In order to open we will need some extra volunteers (under 70 years of age). If you are prepared to put your name on a rota for stewarding and cleaning at either of these churches please let the office know, on 0151 422 1772. Without sufficient volunteers, these churches will not be able to open.

When we have confirmed dates, we will ask you to come to the church for a little training session.

We continue to need more volunteer stewards for St Michael's, if you are able to help please contact the office

MASS INTENTIONS

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

The following Masses were said by the Priests in private this week.

Terry Wainwright Co.Cork Ireland	SVP members living & dead
Margaret & John Colford Ann.	Margaret (Peggy) Naylor
Tommy McCarthy B'day	
Bridget Catherine Loftus Ann.	
Mary Darwin B'day	
Brian Darwin Ann.	
Michael & Winifred Butler	
William & Margaret Smith	
Residents of all our care homes	
Peter Oldfield	

How to access Mass

St Wilfrid's Widnes:

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 6 th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am
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Please share this information with any parishioners who may not have access to the newsletter.

Across the Archdiocese:

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

- Resources available include:
- [Reflection for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (also available as an audio download).
- [Readings for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)
- [School of Prayer: Centring prayer.](#)
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All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through

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

Church Collections

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The new gift aid envelopes are now available for parishioners who are part of our Gift Aid scheme. The envelopes are normally sent to the church you have chosen but this year, due to the Covid-19 crisis, we are not in a position to do this.

You can get your new envelopes in one of two ways:

1. Call at the Parish Office and a member of the parish admin team will give you your new set of envelopes

or

2. For those parishioners who are unable to call at the office for whatever reason, telephone the team on 0151 422 1772.

You can use the new envelopes immediately. You can drop them in the collection baskets at the back of church at any of the Sunday Masses or drop them off at the parish office.

Gift Aid is an essential part of the income for our parish and we thank all parishioners for their support during these difficult times.

Alternatively...

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. 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.

Or you can put your donation through the letterbox at the parish office at any time.

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





Creator of Life,

At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath; a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given.

But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence.

In the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Pope's prayer intention for September: Respect for the planet's resources
'No to plundering, yes to sharing.'***

We invite you to take action by listening to and sharing Pope Francis' inspiring message for the Season of Creation, calling on all people to pray that creation is shared in a "fair and respectful way." <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-08/pope-francis-video-prayer-intention-september-respect-planet.html>

Synod 2020 Update



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>

THIS WEEKEND		TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Saturday 5 th September	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 6 th September	9:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	11:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	4:30pm	St Michael's	Mass

WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3	
Monday 7 th September	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Tuesday 8 th September BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY	11:00am – 2:00pm	St Bede's	Private Prayer
Wednesday 9 th September	7:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 10 th September ST AMBROSE BARLOW	11:00am – 2:00pm	St Bede's	Private Prayer
Friday 11 th September	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Saturday 12 th September	11:00am – 2:00pm	St Bede's	Private Prayer

NEXT WEEKEND		TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Saturday 12 th September	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 13 th September	9:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	11:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	4:30pm	St Michael's	Mass

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