

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

13th September 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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



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Reflection

God can speak to us in unexpected ways. Through Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments, music, poetry, silence, nature, art. Also, through people and their acts of kindness and words of encouragement and support. Sometimes He reaffirms us in what we are doing, and other times challenges us to live life in a new way. As you all know, I was able to listen to God “like never before” when I participated in the 30 day Silent Retreat in July; it was an extraordinary experience through which God spoke to me in unexpected ways; I was presented with challenges and invitations that have led me to make a major decision in my vocation as a priest.

After Christmas I will be leaving our parish of St Wilfrid here in Widnes and will be joining the Missionary Society of St James the Apostle (www.socstjames.com) in order to work as a missionary priest in a parish in Peru. (Hopefully, the borders will be open by January!).

Continued....

I will either be working in a shanty town on the outskirts of Lima or with indigenous people in the mountains near Cusco. That will be decided once I have arrived; but wherever I end up I will certainly have more than four churches in the parish – it's more likely to be about 15! I will be going in the name of the Archdiocese as a member of LAMP (Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project). Although I worked previously in the neighbouring country of Bolivia from 1994-2000 and from 2004-2011 for a total of thirteen years, this will be a very different experience and challenge, but one which makes me feel both excited and peaceful. It is also a challenge to which I feel called by God.

I would like to thank you all for the love and support you have shown me in my nine years as parish priest here in Widnes. Clearly, I have been enjoying myself otherwise the past nine years would not have passed so quickly!

I appreciate that a lot of change can be unsettling for the parish, but I am also convinced that God writes straight with crooked lines; all we need to do is put our trust in him.

With my prayers,

Fr Joe

We pray for those who have died...

David Joseph Burns

Margaret D'Arcy

Mary Eileen Martin

John Burns



Our Parish Schools

It has been wonderful for the schools of our parish to be able to reopen once again. A new school year always brings challenges and this year that will be truer than ever! Each of our parish schools has a designated priest for pastoral care and the celebration of school Masses as follows:

Fr Carl: SS Peter & Paul College, St Bede's Infants, St Bede's Juniors.

Fr Mark: St Gerard's Primary, St John Fisher Primary, Our Lady's Primary.

Bishop John: St Michael's Primary, St Basil's Primary.

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 13th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am

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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (also available as an audio download).
- [Readings for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)
- [Deaf monthly news \(September/October\).](#)
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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'.

RETIRING COLLECTION

Please note we will be having a retiring collection on 19th & 20th September in aid of the SVP.

All donations will be gratefully received.

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/2Uz4oIx>

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.

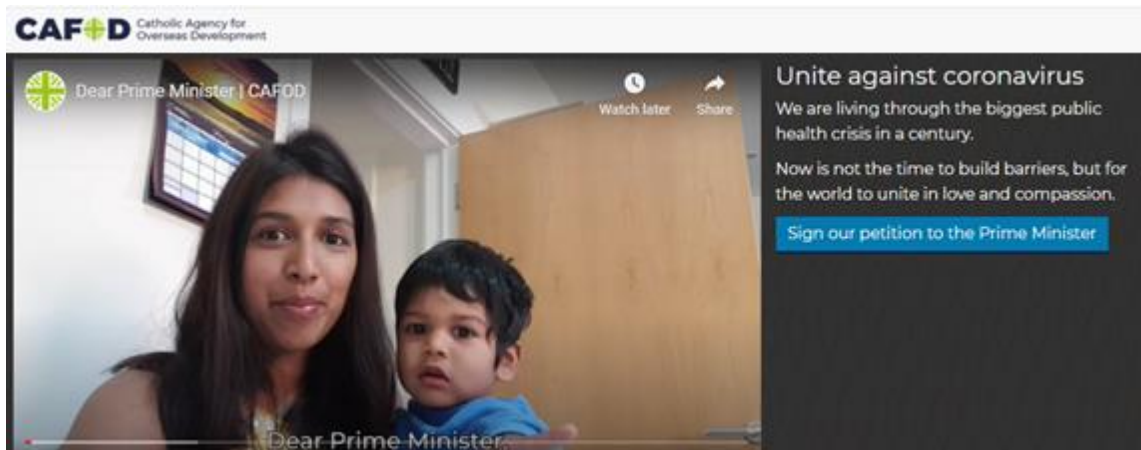
NEW CHURCHES RE-OPENING FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

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. 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

Unite against coronavirus



REMINDER: [Sign CAFOD's Coronavirus petition](#) (Online petition finishing the end of this week!)

We are living through the biggest public health crisis in a century. It is time for the world to unite in love and compassion.

Right across the UK, coronavirus is having a devastating impact on all of our daily lives, and many people have lost precious loved ones. But in many developing countries where poverty is widespread and healthcare systems are much more fragile, the effects are likely to be disastrous.

How can we help? Out of love for our sisters and brothers overseas, we invite you to sign CAFOD's petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home.

To access the online petition, please follow this link:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns>

Sign the Petition:

Our sisters and brothers overseas do not have access to healthcare systems as brilliant as the NHS. I urge you to work together with other world leaders to:

- Make sure that any vaccine developed with UK public money is made available to everyone regardless of their income or where in the world they live.
- Provide urgent financial and technical support to help developing countries cope with this crisis.
- Cancel all debt payments by developing countries due in 2020 and 2021 so that countries can spend money on much needed healthcare rather than debt repayments.
- Put plans in place to rebuild a fairer, more just society after the crisis so that the world's most vulnerable people can live in dignity and to restore our common home for future generations.

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 will be said by the Priests this week.

Lil Nelson 21st Ann.

Marie Marshall (Latey dead)

Eileen Horrocks 1st Ann. & Golden Wedding

Margaret Naglor (Latey dead)

Parishioners of the Parish

Warburton Wedding Ann.

Jeff Howard

Residents of all our care homes

Special Intention

Margaret Smyth

Eileen Kenyon

Private Intention



PAPYRUS is the national charity for the prevention of young suicide. We want to smash the stigma surrounding suicide, by making suicide part of the everyday conversation. We do this in three ways: supporting those who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, equipping communities through suicide prevention training and awareness raising, and influencing government policy on a local and national scale.

At HOPELINEUK – PAPYRUS’s dedicated suicide prevention helpline – our trained advisers work on a safety plan with young people aged 35 and under who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, to help keep them safe for now.

Our free, confidential phone, text and email service is also for concerned others – that’s anybody who might be concerned that a young person may be experiencing thoughts of suicide, and would like to talk about it with one of our suicide prevention advisers.

As well as supporting concerned others and young people who may be experiencing thoughts of suicide, we also offer a debriefing service for professionals – such as GPs, medical staff, first responders and teachers – who may have had a recent encounter with suicide and would like to talk it through with a trained adviser.

HOPELINEUK is open seven days per week, 365 days of the year. You can call us on 0800 068 4141, text us on 07860 039 967, or email us pat@papyrus-uk.org

Visit our website to find out more about the suicide prevention work that we do at PAPYRUS: www.papyrus-uk.org

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First Holy Communion Masses 2020

Good News!

It was with much joy that last weekend we were able to celebrate the first of our long awaited First Holy Communion Masses....

The children and their families have, over these past six months, continued their commitment to the whole process and their patient understanding throughout this unprecedented time has been tremendous.

As the Masses continue throughout September and into October/ November let's show our shared support in prayer:

**Dear Lord,
Look upon our families with love,
as they listen to your voice.
Open their hearts to your life-giving Spirit
and bring to fulfilment the good work
You have begun in them.
Amen.**



[Kate's Skyfall for Nugent -Kate Purnell \(Chaplain, Ss Peter & Paul Catholic High School\)](#)

On 19th September I will (hopefully find the courage to) undertake a skydive in order to raise desperately needed funds for Nugent, our Archdiocesan charity. As you will be aware all Catholic schools fundraise for Nugent during Lent, the Good Shepherd collection, but sadly this year all our fundraising efforts were cut short due to lockdown. In spite of operating without that much needed revenue generated by the creativity and love of our school communities Nugent have made a fundamental difference to our communities during the last 6 months and have given much needed emergency assistance to families with in OUR local community. I would really appreciate any form of sponsorship (and lots of prayers!) as I take on this challenge because I know, as you do, just how much essential but under the radar work Nugent do and I know that now, more than ever, they really need our help to keep on helping.

The link to the fundraising page is <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KatePurnell>

Thank you so much for your support, and your prayers.

THIS 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

WEEKDAYS	DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 4		
Monday 14 th September EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Tuesday 15 th September OUR LADY OF SORROWS	11:00am – 2:00pm	St Bede's	Private Prayer
Wednesday 16 th September	7:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 17 th September STS CORNELIUS, & CYPRIAN	11:00am – 2:00pm	St Bede's	Private Prayer
Friday 18 th September	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Saturday 19 th September	11:00am – 2:00pm	St Bede's	Private Prayer

NEXT WEEKEND	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)		
Saturday 19 th September	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 20 th September	9:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	11:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	4:30pm	St Michael's	Mass

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