

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

20th September 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Rev 3:20



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NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS:
stwilfridwidnes.uk

Please keep looking at our website for up to date news.

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World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel

Peace is always a fragile process. Far from being synonymous with pacts and strategic agreements, it is rather a profound attitude that must be rooted in hearts and in long-lasting institutions. The restoration of peace in the Holy Land, as various efforts over the decades have already shown, is a very fragile process. The impact of wars, the aftermath of violence, the hatred and the bitterness engraved on souls, social injustices, the compromised future of two peoples and the broken message of three religions in addition to the harmful consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic only accentuate, day after day, this fragility.

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The entire Middle East region seems to be at an impasse today and peace seems an impossible outcome. What to do? What is the purpose of the annual week of prayer for peace in Palestine and Israel promoted this year by the two ecumenical bodies, the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)? Is there any hope carried by our prayers? In the extremely fragile situation in Palestine and Israel, we still believe in the power of prayer because only the Spirit of God can soften hearts and change attitudes. Prayer does not mean, however, resignation on the part of the people; rather it implies a creative solidarity combining a spiritual reference point and practical action. We need to restructure our response in a compassionate advocacy process undertaken in a spirit of goodwill and impartiality that transcends identity and religious affiliation. In this era of extreme fragility, creative solidarity is a sign of hope that, through the power of prayer and common action, we can make the restoration of peace and justice in the Holy Land both possible and a lived reality for all people of the region.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, born in the lands that we call holy, we, your people - the Body of Christ - are your hands and feet. As we today walk the earth that you once walked, guide our feet so that we will go boldly into the places that are forgotten and overlooked; open our eyes to see the pain of others who are struggling simply to survive; use our hands to help rebuild those whose lives have been torn apart because of conflict and war; use our voices to draw attention to acts of injustice inflicted upon the powerless by the powerful; As we seek to be Christ's Body in a fragile and broken world, give us courage as we live out the values of God's Kingdom. You, who live and reign for ever and ever. ***Amen.***



Fr Joe

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

Please note we have a new website address: www.stwilfridwidnes.uk

Please use this address moving forward and share the news with family and friends.

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 20th September 25th 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (also available as an audio download).
- [Readings for the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)
- [September activity/reminisce ideas from the Alzheimer's Society.](#)
- [Information regarding the Catholic Mental Health Project](#)

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Over the next few weeks there will be some second collections as we leave church that we have been unable to take in recent months:

20 th September	SVP
4 th October	Peter's Pence – the Pope's charities (transferred from the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul)
18 th October	Foreign Missions
25 th October	SVP
15 th November	Holy Places of the Holy Land (transferred from Good Friday)
6 th December	SVP

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.

Please note that the churches 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.

Thank you

First of all, I'm sure you will be glad to learn that there are no surprise announcements in this week's newsletter! On a personal note, I would like to thank parishioners for the words and messages of support – albeit tinged with sadness – at the news of my calling to work on the missions in Peru from January.

Fr Joe

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.

Cultivating **Hope** through **Food**



Photo by Markus Spiske on Unsplash

How can we make a difference by the way we buy, prepare, and eat food? 'Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic act.'

(Laudato Si' 206)

Things that we can do to make a difference:

- Say grace before a meal
- Start to grow some of your own
- Support local producers
- Buy local and in season
- Use Fairtrade products
- Plan your shopping. Make a list and remember to take it with you!
- Avoid excessive packaging
- Avoid waste: Reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, treat
- Learn to compost

'Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change.'

(Laudato Si' 202)

In light of the upsurge in Coronavirus figures this week, please can we remember Archbishop Malcolm's prayer for all people of the parish.

Archbishop Malcolm invites us to pray together with him through these times:

**God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son.
Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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.

Carol Collett	Parishioners of the parish
Eileen Kenyon	Residents of all our care homes
Barbara Abbott	John Burns (late) (deceased)
Mary Fox	David Joseph Burns (late) (deceased)
Bridget Glover	Mary Eileen Martin (late) (deceased)
Maria Marshall	Margaret D'Arcy (late) (deceased)
Maria Kirby	
Mary Eshun	
I V Pemberton	
Elizabeth Pritchard – Ann.	
Mary Hewitt – Ann.	

OPENING MORE CHURCHES

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to be stewards at our churches. You will be glad to see that we are now able to increase the number of Masses in the parish as follows:

Sunday 27th September: 10.00am Mass at **St John Fisher**.

From 29th September: Then on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 12.00 at **St Bede's**.
(Maximum 65 people allowed. No votive candles allowed.)

Saturday 3rd October: **NO PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST BEDE'S**

From 10th October: On Saturdays from 11.00am – 12.00noon at **St Bede's**. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament. Votive candles allowed. Sacrament of Confession.

Our hope was to transfer the 4.30pm Mass from St Michael's to St Basil's, but at the moment no one has volunteered to be a steward for St Basil's church. Therefore, we are unable to open that church for Mass at the moment.

THIS 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

WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1	
Monday 21 st September ST MATTHEW	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Tuesday 22 nd September	11:00am – 2:00pm	St Bede's	Private Prayer
Wednesday 23 rd September ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)	7:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 24 th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	11:00am – 2:00pm	St Bede's	Private Prayer
Friday 25 th September	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Saturday 26 th September	11:00am – 2:00pm	St Bede's	Private Prayer

NEXT WEEKEND		TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Saturday 26 th September	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 27 th September	9:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	10:00am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	4:30pm	St Michael's	Mass

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