

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

27th September 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Rev 3:20



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NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS:
stwilfridswidnes.uk

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Reflection

On Monday (28th September) I will celebrate the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood – **35 years!** Under normal circumstances this would have been a perfect excuse for us all to gather after Mass for coffee and some posh biscuits. This year, however, I will celebrate the 9.15 am Mass in St Michael's on Monday, but any coffee and posh biscuits will have to be consumed alone!

Although by nature I like to have things organised, planned, and mapped out well in advance, I could never have planned my priesthood as it has turned out. For example, I never imagined that I would be involved in Youth Ministry as I was in the 1990's, nor that I would go on the Missions to Latin America, firstly for six years and subsequently for another seven years. I certainly never expected to be preparing to go back for a third time in January. I did not even plan, expect, or ever imagine that I would end up in Widnes and meet all of you!

Continued....

One of the most difficult aspects of the last six months has been the inability and futility of being able to organise, plan, and map out our lives. So many of us have had holidays cancelled, family celebrations curtailed, surgery postponed, our social interactions banned, our normal lives have become a distant memory. Our instinct to plan for the future – whether that be for next week or next year – is frustrated because of the current Coronavirus situation. And this is very annoying and depressing. For example, I cannot even book a flight to Peru yet because the border is closed, and international flights are not allowed in. I am feeling impatient and unable to control my future because I do not know when things will change.

Maybe one way to reduce the current stress and frustration about planning for the future in these uncertain times is to focus on it less and focus more on the present, the now, today. Let us give thanks to God for the blessings of today; for the kind words received; for family, for friends, for loved ones; and even for a decent cup of coffee and some posh biscuits.

Fr Joe

PARISH NOVENA 2020

This year's Parish Novena to Our Lady will be celebrated at the 7.00pm Wednesday Mass in St Michael's church beginning on **October 7th** and ending nine weeks later, on **December 2nd**.

Each week we are invited to bring our Novena Petitions (**please write them out at home before you come to Mass**) and place them in the petitions box. The Mass will begin with the Novena prayers and intercessions, and during the *Salve Regina* (**which will be sung by a soloist**) the petitions box will be brought forward and placed on Our Lady's altar. The Opening Prayer of the Mass and the Readings will then follow, and the Mass will continue as normal.

We are also encouraged to pray the Rosary at home during these weeks of Novena for the intercession of Our Lady.

In light of the upsurge in Coronavirus figures, 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.***

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 27th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – mid morning

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:

- [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/>

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:

4th October

Peter's Pence – the Pope's charities (transferred from the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul)

18th October

Foreign Missions

25th October

SVP

15th November

Holy Places of the Holy Land (transferred from Good Friday)

6th December

SVP

Wednesday Word

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

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

Catholic Pictorial

The latest edition is available digitally at:

https://issuu.com/merseymirror/docs/catholic_pic_september_2020

<http://www.catholicpic.co.uk/> updated daily 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.

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.

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 **11.30am** Exposition of Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 12 noon 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 is to have a Mass at St Basil's too. If, either as a current steward or as a new volunteer, you are able to be part of a rota at St Basil's please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



Take action today



As part of our livesimply commitment to supporting Cafod campaigns, some of our parishioners and priests have sent in photos to add to those from across the country.

It's time to [#CancelTheDebt](#)

You can still Add you Voice

During October, Cafod will collect all the photos of supporters and will send a message to world leaders that [it's time to #CancelTheDebt.](#)



How to get involved

- Take a selfie, or ask a friend to take a photo of you creatively displaying the words 'Cancel the Debt'
- Share your message on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and use the hashtag [#CancelTheDebt](#)
- If you don't have a social media account, email your photo to campaign.writer@cafod.org.uk

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:

Margaret Ann Myler – lately dead

Francis Conway

Tracey McNameara – 3rd anniversary

Margaret Wilson – 9th anniversary - & Tommy Douglas – 17th anniversary

Michael & Maurzen Conway – Golden Wedding anniversary

Mary Burke – lately dead

Margaret & Gerald Gornall

Joan Carroll – lately dead

Deceased members of King & Geraghty families

Mary Ann Murty – anniversary

Residents of all our care homes

Catherine Harrington – lately dead

Catherine O'Brien – lately dead

Mary Josephine Purcell – lately dead

Departed members of Walsh, Osman & Lynch families

People of the Parish

Frances Mary Langley – lately dead



NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

Please note we have a new website address:

www.stwilfridswidnes.uk

Please use this address moving forward and share

the information with family and friends.



THIS 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

WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2	
Monday 28 th September	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Tuesday 29 th September SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL - ARCHANGELS	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
Wednesday 30 th September ST JEROME	7:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 1 st October ST TERESA OF LISIEUX	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 2 nd October GUARDIAN ANGELS	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass

NEXT WEEKEND		TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Saturday 3 rd October	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 4 th October	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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Funerals

Please remember *Marię Marshall & Margaret Naglor* in your prayers; their funerals took place in our parish last week.

