

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

4th October 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Rev 3:20



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October - The month of the Rosary

I remember spending some time with a bereaved family. They spoke warmly about a good man. His wife said that she was going to place his Rosary in the coffin for burial with his body. This prayerful man had made a deep impression on the lives of his family and all who knew him. What a gift to leave to our loved ones.

The Rosary is a way of praying that has been part of Catholic life for over a thousand years. The Mysteries of the Rosary keep us in touch with the life cycle of Christ through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Church. It has been a custom of the Church to encourage us to pray the Rosary during the month of October.

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Many of us use the Rosary every day to pray for the intentions of others as well as our own. I admit that I have found the Rosary a bit of a grind at times but it is encouraging to know that I am one of many millions of people throughout the world who pray daily in this way. As we meditate on the life of Christ, the Rosary can help us to become more like Christ through the events of our own life.

Fr Tom

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.

The new Director of the National Shrine of Walsingham, Mgr Philip Moger, is a friend of Fr Tom's. He will celebrate Mass for all our Novena Petitions in the Basilica in Walsingham on Sunday, 6th December.

We pray for those who have died

Kevin Connor

Ann Carol Stokes

Patricia Ann Sinnott

Selwyn Dennis Richardson

Ann Catherine Hurst

Betty O'Leary

Baby Dolcie-Ida Cross

Babies Heidi & Harriett Dunne

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 4th October –27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – mid morning

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

Across the Archdiocese:

- [Reflection for the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (also available as an audio download).
- [Readings for the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)

Can I also draw your attention to the [Certificate and Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership](#) being offered from 2021. Information on what is involved and reflections of those who have participated in recent years all accessible via the link. Also please see the [Lay Formation Fund](#).

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

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

There will be retiring collection this week for Peter's Pence -the Pope's charities (transferred from the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul)

Justice & Peace Commission - Prepare the Future: Taking the Common Good Seriously. You are invited to join Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD who will be giving a talk on Zoom on Saturday 10 October, 2020 at 10:00am – 12 noon including small group discussions to identify local actions. Registration to receive the link is on the Liverpool J&P website jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

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://bit.ly/36fUh2V>

<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.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH.

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast day to help people facing the worst of the Coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world *survive, rebuild and heal*.

Please pray for all those affected and donate online through the CAFOD website:

www.cafod.org.uk

Good News from our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team

As with so many things this year, our RCIA group have experienced a long and winding road over these past six months awaiting their longed-for reception into the Catholic faith (which would usually happen at our Easter Vigil).

The good news is that this weekend Ashleigh, Chloe, Katy and Yvonne will be Baptised and Confirmed as full members of the Catholic Church and make their First Communion at our 11.00am Mass on Sunday morning.

So let's offer a very warm parish welcome to each of them with an assurance of our prayers over the coming months, as a sign of our whole community support **St Wilfrid Pray for us.**



A GENTLE REMINDER

We are able to attend Mass in our parish thanks to the generosity and hard work of the volunteer stewards - parishioners who give of their time to guide us through the church buildings in a safe way and who sanitise the buildings after we have left. In order to keep us all safe, to ensure that we all comply with current regulations, and to keep our churches open, they have received training from the Archdiocese. It is very important that we all follow their instructions, even if that means having to sit somewhere that we are not accustomed to. It is also important that they are treated with courtesy and respect.

Once we leave church after Holy Communion, please be aware that we do not gather in groups outside church for a chat. We need to disperse immediately.

MISSIONING MASS – METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

St Martin de Porres was named as patron saint of LAMP (Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Programme) when it was founded by Archbishop Worlock on St Martin's Feast Day, 3rd November 1979.

On **Tuesday, 3rd November at 7.00pm** Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral to mark my decision to join LAMP and to work on the Missions in Peru in the name of our Archdiocese from January. During the Mass I will receive my Mission Cross from him; the same one I received from Archbishop Derek Worlock when I joined LAMP for the first time in 1994, and from Archbishop Patrick Kelly when I joined for the second time in 2004.

All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass in the Cathedral which will be a wonderful occasion for us to gather in larger numbers. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide a coach to the cathedral. Please remember to bring your facemask.

Fr Michael will be concelebrating the Mass too, so it will be an opportunity to see him if you were not able to do so before he left Widnes. We will do our best to avoid a Two Ronnies' Act!

Fr Joe

UPDATE ON FR BILL

Fr Bill continues to make good progress with his recovery and is hoping to move back to Widnes for a few days this week. This will give him the opportunity to see how he manages, and hopefully will be able to move back permanently very soon.

Baptisms

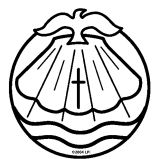
We welcome:

Stella Louise Lovelady

Alana Khan

Otto Ross Wynne

Joseph Bernard Brereton



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions have been allocated up to October. 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:

Parishioners of the parish
Winifred Doyle 2nd anniversary
Stephen Marsh (Latey dead)
Elizabeth Mary White (Latey dead)
Angela Flaherty (Latey dead)
Gerald Shanahan 8th Anniversary
Thomas John Higginson (Latey dead)
Flo Reid Birthday remembrance
Maggie Smith 100 Birthday remembrance
Charlie Stevens
Residents of all our care homes
Josie Murphy
Kevin Connor (Latey dead)
Ann Carol Stokes (Latey dead)
Baby Dolcie-Ida Cross (Latey dead)
Patricia Ann Sinnott (Latey dead)
Babies Hiedi & Harriett Dunne (Latey dead)
Selwyn Dennis Richardson (Latey dead)
Anne Catharine Hurst (Latey dead)



Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot

Sadly, abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected.

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

THIS 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

WEEKDAYS	DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3		
Monday 5 th October	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Tuesday 6 th October	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
Wednesday 7 th October MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	7:00pm	St Michael's	Novena Mass
Thursday 8 th October	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 9 th October	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass

NEXT WEEKEND	TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)		
Saturday 10 th October	10:00am	St Bede's	Private Prayer & Confessions
	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 11 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 Frances Mary Langley in your prayers; the funeral took place last week.

