

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

25th October 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Rev 3:20



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Fr Carl Mughan (PP)	0151 513 0024
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**NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS:
stwilfridswidnes.uk**

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

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Parish of St Wilfrid Widnes**



<https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridswidnes/>

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**The Parish Office is now
open for telephone enquiries**

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Reflection

We say that “time flies” or is it a sign that I am getting older? It is 2 months since Fr Mark and I moved to St Wilfrid's. It has been a busy time as we adjust to working with the people and the priests across the town. Covid 19 has impacted the life of the Church but we are gradually opening up for Mass and other services with the invaluable assistance of our ‘stewards’ who have been trained to keep us safe. ***Please follow the instructions that are given to you because this is for the benefit of all who are attending the church.*** We cannot do what we are doing without the generosity of our volunteers. Have you got some time to give to this new way of being of service in the parish? There is training available. Please contact the Parish Office.

All our churches are open for Mass; children are being baptised; adults have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church; children are receiving their First Holy Communion; couples are celebrating their marriage; others the anniversary of their marriage; those who are ill

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are receiving the Sacrament of the Sick in their homes and we are celebrating the funerals of our loved ones - all be it with the restrictions that this virus has brought upon us. Fr Mark has been getting into the schools in the parish where our younger children are being educated.

Last Tuesday I visited the Foodbank on Lugsdale Road and discovered a wonderful network of people among which there is a strong Catholic presence: bread is being broken and shared inside and outside the churches. On Thursday afternoon, Mass was celebrated with the Headteachers, Foundation Governors and the RE Co-ordinators from our primary schools and high school: the Word of God is being heard and lived, inside and outside the churches.

Now and again, I have heard people say that they don't know how to contact the church. The Parish Website has contact details. There are paper copies of the newsletter at the back of church. ***Please take them and deliver to those who do not have access to recent technology.***

Fr Tom

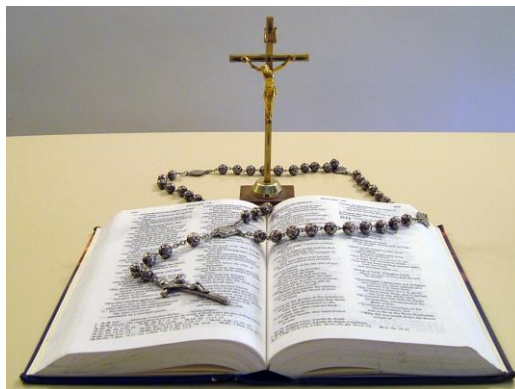
PARISH NOVENA 2020

This year's Novena continues at St Michael's Church at 7.00pm on:

Wednesday	28 th October
Wednesdays	4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th November
Wednesday	2 nd December

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.

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.

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 25th October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – mid morning

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

Apologies that a parish Mass was not uploaded last weekend, thankfully it'll be back this week.

Across the Archdiocese:

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (also available as an audio download).
- [Readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#).
- ['Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ](#).

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

A CELEBRATION WITH OUR SCHOOLS

Last Thursday in St. Michael's Church the headteachers, their deputies, RE co-ordinators and foundation governors gathered together to celebrate Mass together. During the Mass we gave thanks to God for the children in our parish community and for the wonderful education they receive in our parish schools. We reflected together on how for many of the children in our care, school is Church and Church is school and what a responsibility that is for us all. But what a wonderful privilege to have to, inviting them into a deeper relationship with God and His Church.

Thank you to all who came and for all you do, enjoy half term and have a good rest!

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 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.

CHURCH CAPACITY

Due to social distancing requirements, the maximum number of people allowed in each of our churches is greatly reduced. Once the maximum number has been reached, anyone else who arrives will not be able to enter the building. Our maximum capacities are as follows:

St Michael's	110	St Bede's	68
St John Fisher's	50	St Basil's	60

Please remember that there is currently no obligation to attend Mass. Also, you may consider attending Mass only **one day a week** to make space for others.

If you have any Covid 19 symptoms (i.e. a new, continuous cough) you must not attend church. Also, if you have tested positive for Covid 19 you must not attend church until you have recovered. This is for the safety of others.

We **MUST** wear face-coverings as we 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.

Please note that the doors have to remain open during Mass to ensure adequate ventilation. This means it may be colder than we would like. Please wear a coat.

FRATELLI TUTTI

Fratelli Tutti is Pope Francis' third encyclical for all brothers and sisters focusing on Fraternity and Social Friendship.



"Fratelli tutti": a call to disrupt our lives and pay attention to the world

A Prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.
May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.

May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams.

Amen.

From Fratelli Tutti – Pope Francis, 4 October 2020.

To pray and learn more about Pope Francis' new encyclical, you can access the following links: [Fratelli Tutti](#)

["Fratelli tutti": long summary of Pope Francis's Social Encyclical](#)

["Fratelli tutti": short summary of Pope Francis's Social Encyclical](#)



CONFESSIONS

Confessions currently take place in St Bede's church from **11.00am to 12.00 noon** on a Saturday. As you enter church you will be asked to sanitise your hands and will be directed to a place by one of the stewards. We ask you to remain in your place until one of the priests is available, when the steward will invite you forward. One priest will be at the back of the sanctuary and another in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. There will be a Perspex screen between the penitent and the priest, and we ask that you remain standing during your confession.

Once you have received absolution please leave the church immediately via the side aisle and pray your penance as you make your way home. However, if you wish to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament, please re-enter the church through the main door, sanitise your hands, and tell the steward you are wanting to pray.

You must wear a face covering at all times whilst in church.

Fr Joe

Fr Joe will be leaving the parish next month and will speak at all the Masses on 21st/22nd November, which will be his last weekend with us.

Fr Joe has received confirmation that he will be working in the Diocese of Sicuani, which is in the mountains about two hours' drive from the city of Cuzco. He will be flying to Peru on 6th January.

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 Joe Testimonial**" envelopes will be available at the back of all our 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 Joe Testimonial" on the outside.

Due to the impact of the recent Covid restrictions the Mass for Fr Joe and Fr Michael, that was due to take place in the Cathedral, will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 3 November in St Michael's, Ditton. ***As you are aware there is a limit to the capacity in the church and those who wish to attend must book a place by contacting the Parish Office – 0151 422 1772.*** Thank you for your understanding.

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:

Mary Forkin – Anniversary

Harry Taylor – Anniversary

Ken Gibbons – Birthday remembrance

Ken & Mavis Gibbons – Diamond Anniversary

Gerald O'Connor

Fred Brown – Anniversary

Marie Marshall – Latey dead

Margaret D'Arcy – Latey dead

Margaret (Peggy) Naglor – Latey dead

Residents of all our Care Homes

People of the Parish

John Burns – Latey dead

Mike Murphy – Anniversary

Special Intention

Bernard Kelly – 1st Anniversary

Anthony Martin – Latey dead

Joseph Maurice Brandreth – Latey dead



We pray for those who have died



Anthony Colin Martin
Joseph Maurice Brandreth
Gwendoline Tomlinson
Peter Shaw
Adele Topping

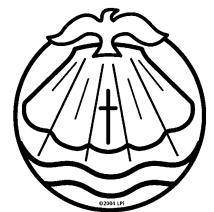
Baptisms

We welcome:

Patrick Joseph Cassidy

Anika Anton-Karunakaran

Francis David Bevan



Pious List

Pious list envelopes will be available at the back of each church from this weekend. Please place a list of those you wish to be remembered at Mass during the month of November and pass them into St Wilfrid's Parish Office, with your donation, at St Bede's Presbytery or place them in the collection in any of our churches before the end of October.

A purple candle will be placed on the sanctuary in each church which will symbolise our prayers for the dead. The candle will be lit at every Mass in every church during the month of November.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NHS Track & Trace

Please remember that if you test positive for Covid-19 and have visited one of our churches in the preceding days it is important that you let the office know

(0151 422 1772)

We will then be able to advise others who attended the same service.



Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work.

This programme has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **12th -15th Nov 2020**. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

THIS WEEKEND		THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Saturday 24 th October	11-12 noon	St Bede's	Confession
	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 25 th October	9:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	10:00am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	4:30pm	St Basil's	Mass

WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2	
Monday 26 th October	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Tuesday 27 th October	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
Wednesday 28 th October	7:00pm	St Michael's	Novena Mass
STS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES			
Thursday 29 th October	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 30 th October	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass

NEXT WEEKEND		SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	
Saturday 31 st October	11-12 noon	St Bede's	Confession
	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 1 st November	9:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	10:00am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	4:30pm	St Basil's	Mass

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Funerals

Please remember in your prayers

Michael Donnelly

whose funeral took place last week.

