

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

All Saints (A)

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

*Rev 3:20*



Fr Mark Moran	0151 422 1774
Fr Joe Bibby (PP)	0151 424 6641
Fr Bill Murphy	0151 495 1854
Fr Carl Mугan (PP)	0151 513 0024
Fr Tom Neylon (PP)	0151 424 2738
Bishop John Rawsthorne	0151 424 4021

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS:  
[stwilfridswidnes.uk](http://stwilfridswidnes.uk)**

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

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St Wilfrid's Parish Office  
St Bede's Presbytery  
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**The Parish Office is now  
open for telephone enquiries**

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## **‘Do this in memory of me’**

As we enter the month of November we are called to pray for and remember those who have died, as November is traditionally the month of Holy Souls.

We do this by offering the names of our loved ones on the Pious List, offering Mass for those who have died and perhaps visiting graves and places of rest; praying that they might be with God in heaven.

At every Mass we are called to remember; remember the truth of what we are promised, eternal life with God. Jesus comes to us and offers us His Body and Blood in Holy Communion and says, **‘Do this in memory of me’**. So, at every Mass we receive God and are reminded that we are all called to live with him forever through faith.

Remember to pray for those who have no one to pray for them too.

***‘Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen***

Fr Mark

## SVP DONATION

*Due to the kindness of parishioners the SVP Society was able to make funds available so that during half term we were able to offer free lunches to children in the parish who needed them. This was a need that presented itself to us at short notice but we were able to respond quickly, without fuss and able to offer help directly to those families who are in need. A massive thank you to the SVP and to YOU, the parishioners who donate so kindly and generously to the SVP collections. May God bless your goodness and kindness to families in the parish who are struggling at this difficult time.*

*St. Vincent de Paul - pray for us!*

*St. Wilfrid - pray for us!*

*St. Frederick Ozanam - pray for us!*

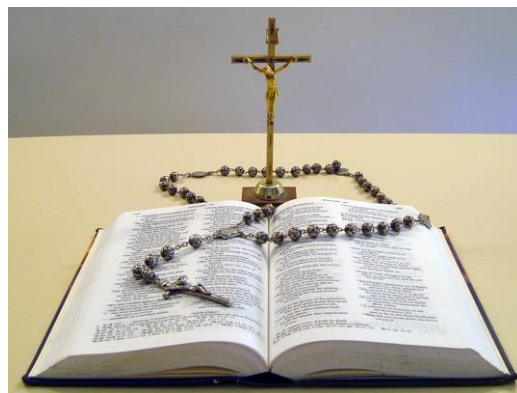
## PARISH NOVENA 2020

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

Wednesdays      4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday      2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY,  
ST STEPHEN'S DAY, 26 December AND THE FEAST OF THE HOLY  
FAMILY, 27 December.



Christmas Eve 24 <sup>th</sup> December	8pm	St Basil's
	8pm	St Bede's
	8pm	St John Fisher
	8pm	St Michael's
Christmas Day 25 <sup>th</sup> December	8:30am	St Basil's
	9am	St Bede's
	10am	St John Fisher
	10:30am	St Michael's
	11:15am	St Bede's
St Stephens Day 26 <sup>th</sup> December	12 noon	St Michael's
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	St Michael's
	10am	St John Fisher
	11am	St Michael's
	4:30 pm	St Basil's

The present re-opening of our churches for Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confessions, Private Prayer, Weddings, Funerals and for Sunday and weekday Masses, is dependent on the deep generosity of our volunteer stewards. There is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass, but many come to church through the week because they feel that it is safe to do so.

The proposed schedule for Christmas will only be possible if there are enough stewards available to enable the Masses to be celebrated lawfully and safely, and in accordance with the guidance we have received from the Archbishop and the Government. ***I am appealing to those who are fit and able to do so, to step forward to be trained as stewards to help during the Christmas period.*** This will be of great benefit to the parish.

For further information please contact the Parish Office on 0151 422 1772.

Fr Tom

## 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.

***There will be no St Wilfrid's You Tube Mass this week.***

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 Feast of All Saints \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Readings for the Feast of All Saints](#).
- ['Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ](#).
- [Bereavement support during COVID-19](#).

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

## **We pray for . . .**

### **. . . those who are sick**

Fr Malcom Prince

Michael McKown

If you know of someone who is sick & would appreciate their name being placed on the list, please contact the Parish Office on 422 1772. The name of the sick person will appear for 6 weeks, this can be renewed by contacting the Parish Office. We can only place names in the Newsletter with the consent of the sick person.

## **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	<b>110</b>	St Bede's	<b>68</b>
St John Fisher's	<b>50</b>	St Basil's	<b>60</b>

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.



## A big 'Thank You' message from CAFOD

*"Thank you so much for your prayers and generous support of our coronavirus appeal this Harvest.*

*Thanks to you, we can continue to reach out to vulnerable communities without access to clean water and healthcare."*

The good news is that St Wilfrid's Harvest envelope collection totalled £419, plus some gift aid donations and Online/Text donations made directly to CAFOD.



Pope Francis said "Only together can we do this'..."

This Harvest Fast Day we have stood together with families facing the worst of coronavirus. Thank You.

### SYNOD 2020

The summary proposals and ideas on each of the 4 Synod Themes have been received by the Synod Members across the Archdiocese. We can view them on the Synod 2020 website. Take your time to look through them prayerfully, between now and the beginning of December. In the meantime, ways will be developed for us to share our thoughts and to prioritise the proposals with one another in the parish before we indicate, in the week beginning 7 December (via an online portal), the 5 'proposals' and the 2 'affirmations' that we are **most drawn to** under each theme. *The phrase 'most drawn to' is being used specifically because we are invited to listen to our heart, listen to the community that we are a part of, and in the light of this listening to ask ourselves: What are the proposals I am most drawn to?*

The information that is gathered by the Synod Working Party through the online portal will be examined to produce the final list of Synod Proposals which will be presented to us in March 2021.

From March to June 2021 you will be asked to discern again by sharing the final list of Synod Proposals in preparation for the coming Synod in June.



## 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 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions have been allocated up to November. 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:

Pious List x 2

Monica Stevenson Ann.

Joan Mulroy Ann.

Mary Eilzen Martin LD

Frances Langley

Patricia Ann Sinnott LD

Residents of all of our care homes

Kevin Connor LD

Margaret Jean Rimmer Ann.

Albert Timperley B'day remb.

Ann Carol Stokes LD

Marie Hough LD

Peter Shaw (lately dead)

Patricia Ann Moran (lately dead)

Ann Patricia Jones (lately dead)

Adelz Topping (lately dead)



### ***We pray for those who have died .....***

*Neville John Conroy*

*Doris (Dot) Brennan*

*Barry Loftus*

*Iris Geraghty*

*Stephen O'Connor*

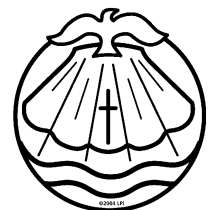
*Kate Donohue*

*Jean Farrell*



### **Baptisms**

We welcome:



Grace Veronica Jacobsen

Thomas William Hayes

Billy John Hayes

Ava Rose Woodward-Bradshaw



## 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.



**Stress in Your Marriage? – This has been a very difficult year for many couples.** RETROUVAILLE is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict. Most do not know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it.

This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year alone. There is no group therapy or group work

For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on **12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020**, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 - or email

[retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>		<b>ALL SAINTS (A)</b>	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	11-12 noon	St Bede's	Confession
	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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

<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		<b>DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
<b>HOLY SOULS</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
	7:00pm	St Michael's	Fr Joe's Missioning Mass
<b>ST MARTIN DE PORRES (PATRON SAINT OF LAMP)</b>			
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	7:00pm	St Michael's	Novena Mass
<b>ST CHARLES BORROMEO</b>			
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass

<b>NEXT WEEKEND</b>		<b>32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	11-12 noon	St Bede's	Confession
	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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,**

*Antony Martin*

*Joseph Maurice Brandreth*

**whose funerals took place last week.**

