

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

22nd November 2020

Christ the King (A)

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

Rev 3:20



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Fr Mark Moran	0151 513 0024
Fr Carl Mugan (PP)	0151 424 6641
Fr Bill Murphy	0151 495 1854

NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS:
stwilfridswidnes.uk

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

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

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closed during lockdown**

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Farewell from Fr Joe

So, this is my final weekend in the parish.

As you can imagine, I have spent a lot of time in recent weeks reminiscing and remembering all the people and priests I have met in Widnes over these past nine years. I feel very blessed by God for all that he has taught me through each one of you. I would like to thank you for your compassion when my mother died; for your kindness when I suffered from anxiety and depression and needed to take time off; for your patience when I was impatient; for your friendship, your humour, your laughter, your support, and your forgiveness. Thank you for trusting me, and for allowing me to share in your joys and sorrows. Thank you for listening to God, for sharing your faith in Him and enabling my faith to grow stronger.

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Above all, thank you for your support in my decision to go and work as a Missionary in Peru. I already feel the support of your prayers and am certain that they will help me in the years to come. I am also certain that you will show the same support to the current team of priests as you have done to me.

I will not say ¡Adiós! because that implies a finality that we will only meet again when we are with God, but rather I say ¡Hasta la vista! – goodbye for now, until we see each other once again.

Fr Joe
j.bibby@rcaol.org.uk

Until January 6th Fr Joe can be contacted at:

St Margaret Mary's Presbytery,
Pilch Lane,
Knotty Ash,
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After January 6th at:

La Sociedad Misionera de Santiago Apóstol,
Apartado, 18-1025,
Avenida Pedro de Osma, 428,
Lima,
Peru.



To see all the photographs of Fr Joe's Missioning Mass please follow the link below:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/liverpoolcatholic/albums/>



Synod News: Our next steps

Looking at the Proposals: Week Two

At this stage of the Synod all our Parish Synod Members have been tasked with hearing the voice of parishioners as together we share our thoughts and ideas on the proposals for each Synod theme.

One way in which each of us can do this is by looking through the proposals prayerfully to see what we are 'most drawn to'...

This weekend the proposals for *Theme Two*, '**Sharing the Mission of Jesus**', are attached to our newsletter for us to have a look at, ponder, reflect upon and talk about with those around us, or those with whom we are in contact via What's App, Facebook, telephone etc.

- ✚ Then the invitation is to see what your heart is most drawn to...
- ✚ Select 2 Affirmations
- ✚ Select 5 Proposals
- ✚ Simply indicate which proposals you select by putting down the number (i.e. 2.12, 2.17 etc) no need to type out the whole proposal
- ✚ Indicate the affirmations selected by naming the heading the affirmation comes under (e.g. Mission)
- ✚ Send them through to our parish synod members on this email address stwilfridsynod@gmail.com

Alternatively, if you would rather write down your choices, they can be posted through the letter box at the Parish Office (just place them in an envelope marked as 'Synod Proposals' and they will be passed on to Synod members).

This will enable our parish members to reflect upon what is shared before they each send through 2 discerned affirmations and 5 discerned proposals in early December. (Themes 2,3, and 4 will be posted out with the newsletter over the next three weekends).

Please take part if you can, every voice matters.

What is your heart drawn to?

We pray for those who are sick

Fr Malcolm Prince

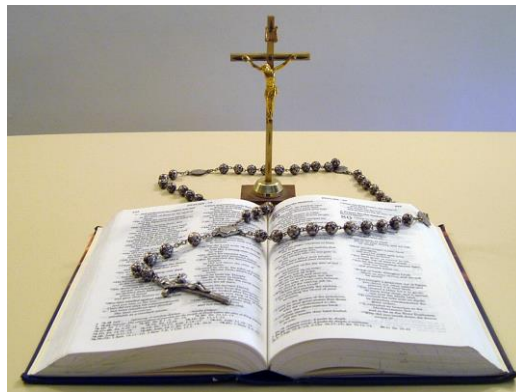
Michael McKown

Emma Pender

Winnig McCarthy

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.

PARISH NOVENA 2020



As our Wednesday evening Novena Masses have been cancelled perhaps we might all pray the Novena prayer at home:

Dear Mother, the Lord looked on you in your humility and chose you to be the Mother of his Son; and now all ages call you blessed.

God has worked marvels for you.

You witnessed the death of your Son on the cross and your continuing faith brought you to witness his victory over death, filling your heart with joy and praise.

By the example of your life you showed that God's mercy is on those who fear him.

You are now with the saints singing the praises of God and praying for us, who need our prayers.

Pray with us to the Lord, and as our prayers rise before him like incense, may he hear us and answer us, according to his promise.

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

With effect from **Thursday 5th November** there will be no Masses in any of our churches for the duration of lockdown.

St Bede's Church will be open each Tuesday & Thursday from 11am until 12 noon for private prayer.

Funerals are still permitted in church.

The Parish Office will be closed so please email stwilfridswidnes@rcaolp.co.uk if you need to contact the admin team or the clergy. Thank you.

Magnificat and St Paul's Missal

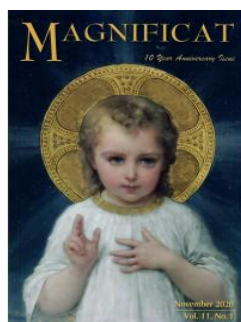
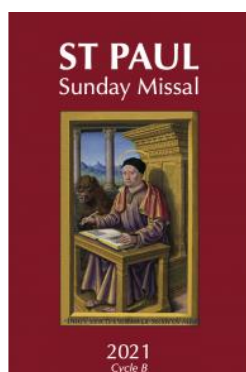
This forthcoming year we will not be ordering any Missals and have had to cancel our subscription to The Magnificat. This is due to the fact that we cannot distribute them to any parishioners who want them and cannot afford to be left with any unsold copies as has been happening throughout lockdowns with The Magnificats.

If you would like to purchase either of these publications you can do this directly using the details below.

Perhaps you could ask your loved ones to get you a subscription for a Christmas gift and you will have a reminder of their gift each month when The Magnificat drops through your letterbox. What a lovely thing that would be.

If there are any other publications that you used to get from church and would like to order direct, please contact the office and we will assist you with any contact details.

<https://stpauls.org.uk/liturgy/catholic-liturgical-books-booklets/missals.html>



Telephone: 0207 828 5582

Email: sales@stpauls.org.uk

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>

Mass will be available each Sunday morning - Fr Joe on 22nd November. Fr Tom on 29th November which is the First Sunday of Advent and Bereavement Mass.

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

Across the Archdiocese:

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (also available as an [audio download](#)).
- [Readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)
- [Week 10 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)
- [Deaf Monthly news.](#)

Also, don't forget the opportunity to explore some of [The Big Questions of 2020](#):

Wednesday 25th November: Care for Creation and All of Life

The pandemic has raised so many questions for us. How can we accompany people who may feel moved to explore these questions as part of their faith journey? Each session will introduce ideas that may help enquirers, RCIA teams or faith sharing in parish groups.

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

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.

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 by email:

stwilfridswidnes@rcaolp.co.uk

Thank you

live simply



Christmas Card Campaign for the Holy Land 2020

This year, once again, we are invited to send Christmas cards to Catholic parishes and schools in Palestine and Jordan.

Here at St Wilfrid's we have been asked to reach out in solidarity and support to two parishes in Jordan; *'The Beheading of John the Baptist'* parish and *'St Joseph's'* parish.

If you would like to send a small Christmas card to our twinned parishes in Jordan please be sure to write in it;

- ✚ your greeting and name
- ✚ which parish you are from
- ✚ on the envelope write *Christmas card for the Holy Land* and name of the parish where you would like your card to go
- ✚ then simply post your cards through the letterbox at the Parish Office

All cards will be sent together in a package from the parish by ***the end of November*** as delivery is not speedy.

This is a lovely simple way in which we can reach out to each other and show support to our sisters and brothers across the globe, please help if you can

This is what it means to parishioners who receive our cards....

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP said "I wholeheartedly endorse the Diocesan Holy Land Christmas Card campaign and I would encourage our parishes and justice and peace groups to send Christmas cards to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. On my visits to the Holy Land people often remark how supported they feel when they receive a Christmas card from our diocese, and I believe it to be a real sign of our solidarity with those who live there. It's also a promise of our prayers for them at Christmas, and this means so much to them."

"Thank you for your concern about the situation here. Believe me it is a really difficult situation. About the Christmas card I must confess to you that it is a personal joy for me and for my parish to receive every year your cards. It is a joy to know that many people are concerning about our situation. So, I advise, if it is possible, to continue to send the cards. But really if it is possible." Fr Mario da Silva IVE, pp at Holy Family, Gaza.

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



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

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 via email –
stwilfridswidnes@rcaolp.co.uk

Fr Tom

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:

Hzidi & Harriet Dunnz L.D

Catherinz Rudge (Confirmation)

Edward Joseph Mulroy (Ann.)

Marzsa McGarry

Pious List

Michael Donnelly L.D

Patrick McGarry

Selwyn Richardson L.D

Anthony (Tony) Karalius

Harry Percival

Residents of all our Care Homes

David Syers

Marie Theresa O'Connor (Latey dead)

Brenda Hamlin (Latey dead)

Brian Holding (Latey dead)



We pray for those who have died..

Marie Theresa O'Connor

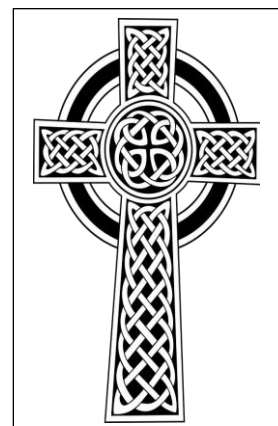
Brenda Hamlin

Brian Holding

Elaine McPartland

Mag Randles

Elizabeth Glennon





National Grief Awareness Week

(Wednesday 2nd December – Tuesday 8th December).

During this most difficult year we need to show our support to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

It is difficult during this time of the pandemic to do what we would usually do when someone dies and we have not been able to have our monthly bereavement Masses in the parish.

Next week, Fr Tom will be recording the Sunday Mass. All the names of the deceased in our parish will be read out during the Mass. It will be an opportunity to recall and remember all of those loved ones who have died since November last year.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray for those who grieve at this time especially those who have been unable to mourn their loved ones who have died.

*Lord in your goodness.
R. Be with us in our need.*

We pray for families and friends split apart because of COVID-19 and for whom each day seems a lifetime.

*Lord in your goodness.
R. Be with us in our need.*

We pray for those who mourn the loss of jobs and are frightened of what the future might bring.

*Lord in your goodness.
R. Be with us in our need.*

We remember those who grieve the lack of human touch in their lives at this time.

*Lord in your goodness.
R. Be with us in our need.*

We pray for the future that our mourning and grieving will turn into dancing and sadness give way to joy.

*Lord in your goodness.
R. Be with us in our need.*

Funerals. Please remember in your prayers –

Stephen O'Connor

Frances Moran

Nathanial James Hosker

Terence Burns

Robert Milliard



whose funerals took place last week.