

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

24th January 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at
the door
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 'THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD'

'Holding fast to the Word of life.' (Phil 2:16)

We begin reading from St Mark's Gospel today. It is the shortest of the four gospels and has been described as 'punchy' in style. John the Baptist's arrest opens the way for Jesus to emerge, centre stage, as Mark reveals to us *'the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.'* (1:1)

The first reading at Mass is from the prophet Jonah. Jonah was called by God to preach repentance, a change of heart, to the people of Nineveh. Jonah was overwhelmed by this task and ran away. But God reeled Jonah back to the task and the Ninevites changed their ways. In Mark's gospel Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee by preaching: *'the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'* (1:15) These words are followed by the call of Simon and Andrew, and James and John: *'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.'* (1:17) The disciples abandoned Jesus towards the end of his life, when they realised how costly obedience to the word of God can be, but all were called back to fulfil the task that was entrusted to them.

Jonah and the disciples heard the word of God in the time and the place in which they lived. We hear the word of God in our family, in the community, in the Church and in personal prayer. We may run away from the implications of what we hear but if we hold fast, we will find that the Word of God brings life to us and to many others.

Fr Tom

We pray for those who have died:

James O'Connor Patricia Webster James Hunt Alexander Braniff Thomas Mark Hough

Those who's funerals take place this week:

Joan Williams Michael McGown Elizabeth Monica Sant

May they Rest in Peace.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Does anyone have any skills they could share to help us with the recording and editing of our Masses each week? It is not complicated and no special equipment is required. At the moment Fr Carl is doing it on his own and would appreciate some help if there is anyone out there with the skill set?



Please call the Parish office on, 0151 422 1772.

We pray for those who are sick,

Mary Lewis

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. **We can only place names in the Newsletter with the written consent of the sick person.**

Fr Joe,

Unfortunately, Fr Joe's flight to Peru was cancelled due to travel restrictions. He is still at St Margaret Mary's.

He said "I'll just have to wait until it's safe to travel. I am learning new ways to be patient!!!!!"

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Fr Bill is collecting used postage stamps. Please make sure you leave a good border around the stamps. Please put them in an envelope and post through the presbytery door. Thank you

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 from St Wilfrid's will be available Sunday morning.

Across the Archdiocese:

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Sunday readings](#).
- [Week 20 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)

You may also like to look at:

[Praying together for Christian unity](#)

Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit is the theme for this year's week of prayer for Christian unity. Join in prayer with the parish of St Margaret Mary, Knotty Ash.

[Echoes of God](#)

A 7 week look at Old and New Testament Scripture on Mondays at 7-8pm on Zoom starting on 18 January 2021. Using David McLoughlin's scripture sessions that start with Exodus and end with St Paul's Letters, an opportunity to read, reflect and share facilitated by Pastoral Associates. Registration and materials (free). The sessions should take us beyond this lockdown...! (Advert attached.)

[Fish with Mark](#)

God Speaks in our Time – reflections on our journey through Mark's Gospel are available to view and voices from the Archdiocese share what has struck them in the Gospel of Mark as we follow the Lectionary for Year B, and prompt us to delve deeper.