

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

18th July 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at
the door
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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THERE WILL BE A RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE SVP.

Reflection

ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR ENDS...

Another school year draws to a close and what a year it has been! On behalf of the whole parish community, thank you to our wonderful headteachers and all the staff of our Catholic Primary and our Secondary Schools. They have faced every challenge that has been given to them with kindness, compassion and with care for the children and families in our parish. **Thank you!**

The children are wonderful and give joy to all who they meet; they can teach us so much about God and we are reminded that it is to them that the ***'treasures of the Kingdom are revealed'***. **Thank you!**

We pray that all the staff and children have a well-deserved rest over the summer and recharge their batteries. Then they can return to us in September ready for a new year of learning and growing with Jesus at their side.

God bless you all and stay safe!

Fr. Mark



This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:

St Bede's (1)

In memory of Mary Timperley - Ann



We pray for those who have died,

Helen Donovan

Those who's funerals take place this week.

Sheila Mannion and Barbara Pierce



Congratulations to:

Perry McCormick & Julie Roberts who were married at St Michael's on Saturday 10th July.

Please keep them in your prayers.



St Wilfrid's UCM

The next foundation meeting will take place on Thursday, 22 July 2021 at 7.00 pm in St John Fisher Church Hall, Moorfield Road.

New members welcome.

'IN THE BEGINNING'



**Reflections
on John's
Gospel**

Mondays

7pm - 8.30pm

12th & 19th July

By Fr Chris Thomas

on Zoom

**To book your place email
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk**

No charge but any donations gratefully received.

Do you think it is important to welcome people who come to Church?



On Thursday 5th August at 7.30pm at St. Basil's Parish Centre, Fr. Matthew Nunes will come to talk to us about the importance of the **Ministry of Welcome** within a parish community. Please come along and learn more about how you could serve your community in this ministry. **ALL are welcome!**

If you could let us know if you hope to attend either by e-mailing the parish with your name or just drop your name through the letterbox at the Parish Office.

Thank you!

CANON THOMAS NEYLON – ORDINATION AS BISHOP OF PLESTIA AND AUXILIARY BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

The Archbishop of Liverpool announced on Tuesday 6 July 2021 that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool.

The Archbishop has confirmed that he will ordain Canon Neylon as Bishop on **Friday 3 September at 12noon** in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

Coach from St. Wilfrid's Parish

There will be a coach leaving St. Bede's Church at 10am on the 3rd of September to the Cathedral. It will return to Widnes at 2pm after the ordination. If you would like a place on the coach the offering is £5 per person, to offset the cost; please pass your name and offering into the Parish Office. Places are limited.

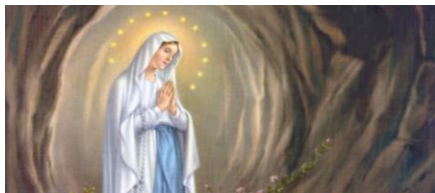
We shall reserve your place if you are coming on the coach with the Cathedral, so you do not have to do this.

There will also be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend, and whilst tickets are not being issued, it would be helpful if anyone intending to celebrate this special occasion and will be attending the Mass should be advised to register their interest by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

We would ask that you are in your seats by 11.30am.

Please note that parking will be restricted at the Cathedral.

We look forward to this great occasion in the history of our Archdiocese.



This year the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will not be taking place, so we are bringing Lourdes to Widnes!

Monday 26th July at 12 noon – St. Michael's Church

- Archdiocesan Lourdes Mass
- Presider: Mgr. John Burchard

Wednesday 28th July at 12 noon – St. Bede's Church

- Mass of Anointing
- Presider: Fr. Carl Mugan

Wednesday 28th July at 7pm – St. John Fisher Church

- Rosary and Candlelit Procession



'Ave, Ave, Ave Maria'

Re-opening our churches ... the next step.

Due to the fact that the pandemic is far from over it is not the intention to restore an obligation to the attendance at Sunday Mass at this point.

People should be reminded of the importance of keeping Sunday holy and if possible, attending Mass weekly.

In preparation for the legal changes to Covid regulations that will come in to force on **Monday July 19th** this is what is being offered as the way forward for St Wilfrid's.

- Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)
- Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches. However, we would ask that you are conscious of others and their anxieties regarding space and the importance of keeping everyone feeling safe etc.
- A steward will be available to guide you when you enter but you will be able to choose your own seat.
- Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.
- Benches will **not** be sanitised after each Mass.
- If you would like to sanitise your own bench before you sit down, please ask the steward for the spray.
- Votive candles can be lit.
- Singing will be restored.
- The collection basket will not be passed around but will be available at the back of the church.
- The capacity of each church will include seating only and no standing.
- Holy Communion will be restored to its traditional place with a procession. Please continue to be mindful of peoples need for personal space.
- Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.
- Mass will end in the traditional way.

Thank you for all your support in this ever-changing situation. I am sure we will all embrace the new rules as a step closer to a new normal.

God Bless.

THIS WEEK		SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	
Saturday 17th July	11am – 1pm	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 18th July	9am	St Michael's	Mass
	9am	St Bede's	Mass
	10am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11am	St Bede's	Mass
	4pm	St Bede's	Mass
WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 4	
Monday 19th July	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 20th July	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Wednesday 21st July	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 22nd July	12noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 23rd July	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass
*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass			