

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at  
the door  
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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THIS WEEK THERE IS A RETIREMENT  
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**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS**

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## Reflection

We have seen in the news this week some terrible images from Israel, as the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians ignites once more. Let's focus our prayers and our hearts towards the basic fact that God created all of us in his image to live freely and with dignity.

Throughout the bible we hear repeatedly the words "Let my people go! Set the captives free." Today these words ring true for many communities throughout our world, for freedom from all forms of imprisonment because of regimes that continue to dominate and dehumanise their people. As Christians we have a duty to cry out against corrupt regimes that bring fear and violence to many innocent people.

In our own country we continue to fight discrimination, economic inequality and racism, so these 'battles' aren't simply in faraway countries, but lie on our own doorsteps.

In the week that we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, when He commissioned us to be bearers of the Good News and to continue his mission here on earth, we have a duty to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the sick and to remember and visit those imprisoned in any way.

So, let's keep the Palestinian and Israeli people in our prayers and hope that peace will reign one day in the land where the Prince of peace trod.

**Fr Carl**

We pray for those who have died,

*Peter Edward Kelly, Jimmy Finn, Brenda Myler*

Those whose funerals are next week.

*Anne Parsonage, Bernard Lewis,*



**This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:**

*St Basil's*                      *In memory of Lily & Joe McCann*  
*St Bede's (1)*                *In memory of May Howard*  
*St John Fisher*              *For a Private Intention (PA)*  
*St Michael's (1)*            *For Norman David Nielson*  
*St Michael's (2)*            *For Mary & Walter Bromley*



## NUMBERS AT MASS

The number of people wanting to attend Mass has increased significantly over the past few weeks, which is great news. We are however becoming full to capacity in some of our churches.

We need to remain vigilant and have to remember that we are still governed by the government restrictions and the risk assessment that was put in place last year. If we admit too many people, we may be placing parishioners at risk of infection or we could receive a visit from the police or local authority which may result in the closure of a church.

**ST BASIL'S - 60    ST BEDES - 90    ST JOHN FISHER - 62    ST MICHAEL'S - 110**

Please remember that there is still no Sunday obligation and if you are able to attend one of the weekday Masses to free up spaces at the weekend for working people that would be appreciated.

If you have to be turned away, please be courteous to the stewards who are doing a vital job and allowing us to keep our churches open.

Thank you

**MASS WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY – Please note that Mass will start at 7:15pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. This is due to the children from our parish making their first reconciliation. It is important that you do not enter the church until you are advised by the stewards so that the church can be sanitised and prepared.**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

THIS WEEKEND		SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	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 3	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>Mass (see note above)</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass

\*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass