

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

17th October 2021

29th 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 week, 24th October for: **AFP World Missions**

Reflection – Fr Thomas Clarke

As the month of October continues, so does our focus on the Holy Mother of God. We are excitedly preparing for our Marian procession next Sunday afternoon; the culmination of our parish heritage weekend, which will conclude with the crowning of the statue of Our Lady.

Processions are an important part of our Catholic identity and speak to the great journey of the pilgrim people of God. We wander in fellowship through this life, preparing in earnest for the promise of eternal life to come and we can call upon no greater help than Mary, who smiles down on her children from heaven.

Because of the unique role she has played in salvation history, Mary has received the greatest reward of all; to see the victory of her Son and to bring us into an ever deeper relationship with him.

"Have you strayed from the path leading to heaven? Then call on Mary, for her name means "Star of the Sea, the North Star which guides the ships of our souls during the voyage of this life," and she will guide you to the harbour of eternal salvation."

St Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort

1673-1716



St Wilfrid's - Our Parish Our History Our Future

I am pleased to announce that over the week end of the **23rd and 24th October** we will be holding a heritage event for the whole **Parish of St Wilfrid**.

On Saturday 23rd October at 12pm there will be Mass in St Bede's Church, Fr. Thomas will be using the Appleton Chalice from 1633 and one of the vestments from pre-reformation times. There will be a chance to listen to speakers taking about the former parishes of Widnes and an opportunity to join in some traditional hymns. Over a cup of tea, you will be able to view old photographs of parish life supplied by parishioners, together with artefacts from the former parishes.

On Sunday 24th October at 3pm in St Bede's Benediction procession and crowning of Our Lady.

Saturday 23rd October

12pm	Mass to open the celebration	Fr Thomas Clarke
12:40	Introduction of speakers	Peter McCann
12:50	St John Fisher's speaker	Linda Mellor
	Hymn	Faith of our Fathers
13:00	St Basil's	Margaret Buckley
	Hymn	For All the Saints
13:10	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	Carol Houghton
	Hymn	Hail Queen of Heaven
13:20	St Michael's	Tony McDermott
	Hymn	Praise my soul the King of Heaven
13:30	St Pius X	Pauline Ruth
	Hymn	Deep in the panting heart of Rome
13:40	St Patrick's	Christine McCann
	Hymn	Hail Glorious St Patrick
13:50	St Raphael's	John McMullen
	Hymn	Sweet Sacrament divine
14:00	St Marie's	Sister Marie Tighe SND
	Hymn	Immaculate Mary
14:10	St Bede's	Margaret Rowlands
	Hymn	Hail Redeemer
14:15	Tea and biscuits	
14:30	Close	

Sunday 24th October

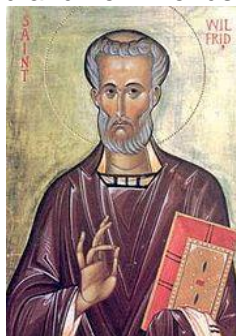
3pm Benediction

Procession of Our Lady's statue (dependent upon weather)

Crowning of Our Lady

3:45 Close of celebrations

Everyone is invited to come along and join in what should prove a unique opportunity to celebrate our Catholic Heritage, share stories and meet old and new friends.



October Talks - 'Hope, Faith, Charity and Love'

During the month of October, we have invited different speakers to come and share with us the fruits of their prayer and reflections. Each talk will start at **7.30pm** at **St. John Fisher Hall**, the talk will be approximately an hour and then refreshments will be served.

Thursday 21st October – Fr. Grant Maddock 'CHARITY'

Thursday 28th October – Sr. Maria Natella O.P. 'LOVE'

MASSES FOR THE DEAD IN NOVEMBER

During the Month of the Holy Souls, we are inviting every family who has lost a loved one in the past 20 months to remember and pray for them at Mass.

The Masses will take place every Sunday afternoon at 4pm at St. Michael's Church during November. Every family will receive a letter inviting them to one of the Masses and they will hear the name of their loved one read aloud in church and each family will be given a candle to take home to light in remembrance.

MASS FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS OF THE PARISH OF ST. WILFRID

On **Saturday 6th November** at **10am**, Mass celebrated for all those from our parish who have died. At the end of the Mass Holy Water will be blessed and distributed for you to bless the graves of your loved ones, your homes and yourselves. ALL are welcome to attend this Mass of remembrance.

PARISH ADVENT DANCE

Tickets will be on sale at all masses next weekend, so bring some money with you!

Tickets will sell fast so do not miss out on this wonderful celebration of our parish family!



St Gerards school currently have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant. Please contact the school on 0151 424 2879 if you are interested.

Please pray for **John Richards & James Swain** and all in the parish who are sick at this time.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW OFFICE MANAGER

We are very happy to announce that last week we appointed **Mrs Sylvia Cawley** as the new Office Manager of St. Wilfrid's Parish. Sylvia has worked in the Safeguarding Department of the Archdiocese for many years and we look forward to welcoming her to the team here in Widnes very soon.

Welcome! We hope you will be very happy here!

This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:

St Basil's

In memory of Mary & Bernard Mckeown – Wedding Ann. Remb



We pray for those who have died,

Eileen Baldwin

We pray for those whose funerals take place this week

Marion O'Connor, Stephen James Jones



Remembrance Mass for Priests

On Friday 12 November at 7pm at the Cathedral, Archbishop Malcolm will be celebrating a Mass for all those priests who have died, from Covid or other causes, since the beginning of the pandemic, including Bishop Vincent Malone who died in May 2020. This will be a chance for us to come together as an archdiocese to pray for those priests whose funerals we could not attend because of Covid restrictions, and all priests are very welcome to concelebrate.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month of the Holy Souls, a time to remember and pray for those who have died. In your newsletter and at the back of Church you will find some envelopes marked, 'November Pious List'. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones down and place them in the envelope and they shall be remembered in Masses during November. (A donation may be placed in the envelope with those who you wish to be remembered.)

'May the choirs of angels, come to greet you, may they speed you to Paradise. May the Lord enfold you in His mercy, nay you find eternal life'

THIS WEEK		29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	
Saturday 16 th October	11am – 12pm	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Confession & Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 17 th October	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 1	
Monday 18 th October	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
	1pm	St Bede's	Funeral Service Marion O'Connor
Tuesday 19 th October	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Wed 20 th October	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 21 st October	12noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 22 nd October	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass
	2pm	Widnes crem.	Crem. Service Stephen Jones
*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass			