

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

21st March 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at
the door
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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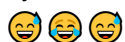
Reflection.

There has definitely been a touch of spring in the air this week. A rise in the temperature too which in turn has brought about a rise in all of our spirit's.

It's the welcome tonic we all needed and truly well-deserved after those long periods of lockdown and those long winter months. Just to be able to potter around in the garden feeling the sunshine on your face and cleaning up the debris left over by the winter.

With the reopening of our four churches we welcomed weekly celebrations of the Mass with that welcome bonus of a half hour of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before each Mass, so enthusiastically appreciated by those who come for that extra half hour of prayer.

On Wednesday we had the first of two great feast days of this week, St Patrick's Day. My morning began with a flurry of greetings by text and WhatsApp from family and friends, all in that great Irish spirit and humour. One was from a young cousin of mine who is deputy head of a large comprehensive school down the South of England with a picture of him on WhatsApp showing himself dressed in a white shirt with a green bow tie and braces both with a shamrock design. I text him back saying that I hoped that he was going to behave himself.... knowing that it would be the opposite. No fear his said...it's Paddy's Day...with a cheeky grin on his face. 😊 ...replying with a video of Michael Flatley doing Riverdance... Oh in my mind's eye I could picture my cousin River dancing up and down the corridors of the school for the fun of it.



Our second feast day was St Francis, March 19th. Our preparation for the feast day began with a Novena of 9 days starting on March 10th. Each day we began our Mass with a meditation on the life of St Joseph provided for us by St Joseph Missionary Society of Mill Hill and concluded with a Novena prayer taken from Pope Francis's apostolic letter for this year dedicated to St Francis.

(Patris Cordis -- With a Father's love). This the first year as a parish we have celebrated this Novena to St Francis, hopefully we will repeat it next year.

Fr Bill

We pray for those who have died:

Thomas Coady Stephen Coady

Those who's funerals take place this week:

Richard Donlan Valerie Boyle Isaiah Pender Frances Fenlon



There will be a retiring collection at all churches this week in aid of the SVP

STEWARDS NEEDED

IF YOU FEEL ABLE TO ASSIST WITH STEWARDING DUTIES IN ANY OF OUR CHURCHES (ESPECIALLY ST MICHAEL'S - SATURDAY 5pm) PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE

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TICKETS FOR HOLY WEEK MASSES

Due to reduced numbers in our churches, we will be ticketing some of the services during Holy Week.

Tickets will be available next weekend for the following Masses.

GOOD FRIDAY	3:00pm	<i>The Lord's Passion all 4 Churches</i>
EASTER DAY	8:30am	<i>St Basil's</i>
	9:00am	<i>St Michael's</i>
	10:00am	<i>St John Fisher</i>
	11:00am	<i>St Michael's</i>
	4:00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>

Please collect your tickets from the church where the Mass you wish to attend is to be held.

This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns for:

<i>St Basil's</i>	<i>For children returning to education in Widnes</i>
<i>St Bede's (1)</i>	<i>In memory of Janet Wilcox</i>
<i>St Bede's (2)</i>	<i>In memory of Monica & John Keir</i>
<i>St John Fisher</i>	<i>In memory of Fr Peter Fox</i>
<i>St Michael's (1)</i>	<i>In memory of Noon family</i>
<i>St Michael's (2)</i>	<i>In memory of James Morgan</i>
<i>St Michael's (3)</i>	<i>Jack & Ann Behan</i>
<i>St Michael's (4)</i>	<i>In memory of Fr Edward Ignatius</i>



THIS WEEKEND		FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)	
Saturday 20 th March	11am	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 21 st March	9am	St Michael's	Mass
	10am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11am	St Bede's	Mass
	4pm	St Bede's	Mass
WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1	
Monday 23 rd March	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 24 th March	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
	2pm	St Basil's	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 25 th March	7pm*	St Michael's	Novena Mass
Thursday 26 th March	12noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 27 th March	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass
	7pm	St Michael's	Stations of the Cross

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