

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

22nd August 2021

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

“Listen!
I am standing at
the door
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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Reflection – Fr Bill

I can't believe we are in August already and for many the holiday season is now in full swing. With the lifting of the Covid restrictions recently many people have already planned and booked holidays abroad. But the majority have settled for holidays at home which will be good for the local economy. Many others like some members of my family who have left it too late to find a booking anywhere and have opted for the idea of swapping homes with each other. My nephew who lives in Cocker mouth in Cumbria has swapped with his sister who lives down in Somerset, both families have young children and are having a fabulous time by all accounts according to reports on Facebook. I have spent many a memorable holiday in both places myself over the years.

Speaking with some of our older parishioners who tell me they are still weary and anxious about Covid and would prefer to stay close to home, some opting for days out in easy reach of home or just happy visiting family and friends whom they have not seen for nearly two years. Everyone wishing that they could return to some sort of normality, whatever that might be?

They tell us that during Covid 19 we as individuals have spent a third of our day watching TV including Netflix and Amazon Prime. TV certainly has kept us sane over those months of lockdown, but events like The European Cup, Wimbledon and the Olympic Games 2021 have given us the tonic we really needed.

If you have not yet seen the new film ' Fatima ' it's worth seeing on Amazon Prime, also a BBC iPlayer programme called ' The Confessors '.

Happy Holidays.

OUR LADY OF OERPETUAL SUCCOUR, WIDNES

It is just over 6 years since Our Lady's Church ceased to be a place of worship in St Wilfrid's Parish. The building was used as a Pastoral Centre; a gathering place for parish and community activities. The presbytery has been unoccupied since 2010 and its condition has deteriorated to such an extent that it would need significant spending to make it habitable or to convert to alternative use. The Parish Centre has ceased to trade as a licensed premises because of the pandemic. The John Dalton Centre has provided another meeting space for the parish and local community. Following a review of the buildings, and in the light of the financial impact of the pandemic on the parish, the Trustees of the Archdiocese have taken the decision to demolish all the buildings on the site. The various parish and community groups have been informed of this decision and have been offered alternative accommodation within the present stock of parish properties in St Wilfrid's Parish.

Congratulations to, Anthony Downey & Lisa Morrissey who were married at St Bede's on Saturday 14th August. Please keep them in your prayers.

We pray for those who have died,

Keith Johnson, Andrea Plumley, John 'Alan' Golson

Those who's funerals take place this week.

Margaret Houghton, Patricia Griffiths, Anthony Austin



This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:

St Basil's *In memory of Christina Sumner*
St Bede's *For Helen Patrick-successful recovery*
St Michael's *In memory of Anthony Austin*
St Michael's *In memory of Sheila Connolly*



THIS WEEK		21 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	
Saturday 21st August	11am – 12pm	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 22nd August	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 23rd August	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 24th August	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
	10am	St Basil's	Requiem Mass- Margaret Houghton
Wed 25th August	7pm	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 26th August	12noon*	St Bede's	Mass
	1pm	St Basil's	Funeral Service-Patricia Griffiths
Friday 27th August	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass
	12 noon	St Bede's	Funeral Service-Anthony Austin

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

