

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

24th October 2021

30th 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 this week, 24th October for: **AFP World Missions**

I would like to introduce you to one of my favourite's prayers to Our Lady, the *Memorare*:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

I recently discovered that this beautiful prayer was a favourite of Pope Saint John Paul II, whose Feast we kept on Friday.

Upon his appointment as Bishop at the tender age of 38, Karol Wjotyła, as he was then known, chose the motto, *Totus Tuus* ('All yours'), commending his pastoral ministry to the Mother of God.

As the *Memorare* instructs us, John Paul II was supremely confident in the powerful intercession of his heavenly mother, and inspired to be like her on earth, he now rejoices with her in heaven.

We receive the same invitation to place all of our confidence in her who was supremely confident in the loving mercy of her Son, that one day we may see Him face to face in the promise of eternal life to come.

Fr Thomas Clarke



St. Wilfrid's – Our Parish Our History Our Future

Saturday 23rd October – 12 noon - Mass and Presentations

Sunday 24th October – 3pm Benediction

Procession of Our Lady's Statue

Crowning of Our Lady

3.45pm – Close of Celebrations



Farewell to Heather

This Friday we say goodbye to Heather as she leaves her post as Office Manager here at St. Wilfrid's. Heather has done so much in the short time she has been with us and has created an atmosphere of support and kindness for the clergy and all parishioners.

We shall all miss her so much!

Heather leaves us for a new adventure in Copenhagen and we bless her as she moves on to this wonderful new chapter in her life!

God bless you Heather and thank you for all that you are and all you have done here in the parish.



Mass Times Review

Mass times in the parish of St. Wilfrid from 1st November 2021.

Weekdays

Monday – **St. Basil**

9.10am – Morning Prayer

9.30am – Mass

Tuesday – **St. Bede**

11.40am – Prayer During the Day

12 noon – Mass

Wednesday – **St. Bede**

6.40pm – Evening Prayer

7pm – Mass

Thursday – **St. Michael**

11.40am – Prayer During the Day

12 noon – Mass

Friday – **St. John Fisher**

9.10am – Morning Prayer

9.30am – Mass

Exposition 30 minutes before Mass.

Weekends

Saturday

10am – Mass at **St. Bede**

10.30am – 11.30am – Confessions

5pm Mass at **St. Bede**

6pm Mass at **St. Basil**

Vigil

Sunday

9am Mass at **St. Bede** (please note the change)

10am Mass at **St. Michael**

10am Mass at **St. John Fisher**

11am Mass at **St. Bede**

4pm Mass at **St. Bede**

St. Bede's Church will be open from 10am – 2pm for Private Prayer, Monday to Friday.

PARISH ADVENT DANCE

If you didn't get your ticket for the Parish Dance this weekend then there are a few left in the Parish Office.

Available Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

Dance is at **St. Basil's Parish Centre, WA8 4PE**



CALLING ALL EX-NOTRE DAME PUPILS

If you were ever a pupil at any of the Notre Dame schools or colleges in Liverpool or surrounding areas, we would be delighted to see you at St Mary's Woolton on 6th November for lunch at 12.30 in the church hall. There will be a Mass at 12 noon for anybody wishing to attend.

RSVP to Bernie Shaw tele: 07891 645785 email: berniemshaw@hotmail.com

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 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.

The Knights Choir

With Covid restrictions now easing, The Knights Choir is attempting to get back into its stride, and be available for engagements in the community.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, choir numbers have become depleted over the last 18 months, and new singers are needed if the choir is to continue with its work.

If you would like to enjoy the satisfaction that comes from singing, making new friends and also help the local community, please consider joining us.

No audition required, uniform is provided and all engagements are within the Widnes area.

For details phone Brendon on 0151 420 0611 or Roy on 0151 424 1924.



Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.
You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.
We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

Churches across the country are being asked to ring their bells to *ring out for the climate and COP26* between 6 - 6.30pm on Saturday 30 October; listen for the bells at St Michael's which will ring out in support.

This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:



St Bede's In Thanksgiving to Heather Harrison for the support she has given to all.
 St Basil's In Memory of Mary McKeown – Birthday Memory
 St John Fisher In Memory of Pat Moran – 1st Anniversary
 St Michael's In Memory of Tom Moran – 6th Anniversary

We pray for those who have died:

John Richards, Eileen Baldwin, Catherine Myler, Glyn Thomas Ward

Remembrance Mass for Priests

Archbishop Malcolm has invited us all to the Cathedral on Friday November 12th for a Mass to remember all those priests who died, from Covid or other causes.

If you would like me to organise a coach for this time of prayer, then please pass your name and an offering of £5 per person to the Parish Office by FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER. Please include a telephone number as if there are not enough people who wish to attend, we will all have to go under our own steam. I will then return your offering to you!

Fr. Mark

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'

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Saturday 23 rd October		St Bede's	NO Confessions THIS WEEK
	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 24 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 2	
Mon 25 th October	9.30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tue 26 th October	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Wed 27 th October	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thu 28 th October	12noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Fri 29 th October	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass
*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass			