

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

29th August 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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

Rev 3:20



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Reflection -

Three weeks ago, I spent five days at Boarbank Hall near Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria. The Augustinian Canonesses of the Mercy of Jesus offer a range of services on the site. I had a retreat as part of the preparation for my ordination. There is a nursing home on the site and around 25 residents are cared for by the sisters and lay staff. Guests are welcome to join in the Divine Office and Mass that is offered in the chapel each day.

Sister Margaret Atkins very kindly offered to direct my retreat. She gave me some texts to read each day and we met at 4pm to share our thoughts. The texts were taken from the writings of St Augustine of Hippo, a 4/5 century bishop, a short biography written by a close friend of Augustine and some of the scriptures. I also asked one of the recently ordained priests in the Archdiocese to give me a few questions to think about. He gave me eight! One of the focuses for the retreat is the motto I have chosen: 'I call you friends.' In the gospel Jesus says to his disciples: ***'No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing: but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.'*** (John 15:15) We can be our self with our friends. Our friends help us to grow and develop as human beings: there is a mutual honesty that enables such growth to take place. The Lord has chosen you and I to be his friends. Each of us grows in friendship with our Lord through prayer, self-knowledge and living a life of faith. May God who began the good work in each one of us, bring it to fulfilment.

Thank you to all those who participated in the 'Farewell Mass' at St Michael's on 18 August. Thank you to those who prepared the refreshments which we all enjoyed so much!

Fr Tom

We pray for those who have died,

Warren Keenan, Nicholas Murphy

Those whose funerals are next week.

Keith Johnson, Andrea Plumley, John 'Alan' Golson

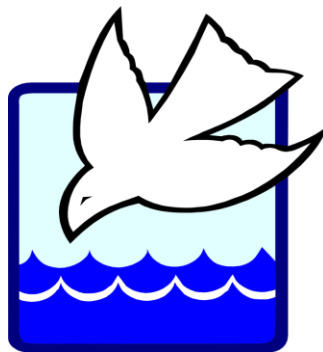


Baptism

Please welcome these children who we have baptised this month and pray for them.

Cai Macauley Naughton
Junior Jordan Hurstfield
Jake Darren Shepard
Oakley William Michael Farrington
Esmae Emily Akins
Thomas Ronnie Ernie leigh
Nella Anne Gaffney
Logan Anthony Filkins
Francesca Jasmin Davies
Roman-James Ainsworth
Eloise Dorothy Keely Coleman
Chloe Ann-Marie Grant
Isabelle Grace Jones-Farmer

Auraelia Belle Maher
Elijah John Maher
Olly Robert Davies
Lucas John Roberts
Jude Lightbody
Tillie Laura ware
Ivy Lightbody
Annie Donnelly
Sophie Louise Brunt
Naomi Jane Brunt
Iyla Rose Henry
Joshua James McKeown
Lilly Rose McNicholas
Noah Michael McNicholas



Wednesday Word - <http://wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

Catholic Pictorial - <http://www.catholicpic.co.uk/>

St Bede's Tuesday Nugent Club

The Tuesday club will be re-starting in the Scout Hut in Appleton Village in late September.

They look forward to welcoming everyone back to meet again.

Please watch the newsletter for more information



MASS INTENTIONS.

The following Masses have been said by the priests this month:

Residents of all our care homes x 4
Winifred & Peter Rouski
Jim & Mavis – 60th Wedding Anniversary
Ann New
Brenda Myler LD
John & David McDonnell
Joan Andrews LD
Residents of all our care homes x 4
Joan Carroll – Ann
Patricia Hughes LD
Elsie Wilcox LD
Elizabeth Maher
James O'Brien - Ann.
Mary & Joseph Freeman
Thomas Bowles – B'day remb
Ann Blomeley – Ann.
Sheila Mannion LD
Annie Irene Dickinson LD
For the intentions of P Golson
Peg & Jack Daly
Bill & Vera McDonnell
Sarah Bold LD
Angela Milloy (7th Ann.)
80th Birthday Thanksgiving (JG)
Vera Goddard LD
Patricia Hughes LD
Ada Battersby LD
Patricia & Peter Rouski 58th Wedding Ann.
Terry Moreton LD
John 'Alan' Golson

Michael & Winfred Butler – Remb.
Brid Butler – Ann.
Rita Hamilton
Douglas Smith – illness
David Holland – LD
Dorothy Clemson & Joan Horabin
James & Julia King – Ann
Barbara Clarke – Ann
For the intentions of C Noon
Marie Elizabeth Golson – 3rd Ann.
Remb
Jean Campbell LD
Terry Morton
Marie Daintith
William & Margaret Smith – Remb.
The soul of Mrs Broome
Speedy recovery for Bishop John
Austin Guilfoyle - LD
Colin Campbell LD
Joyce & Doug Dennett
A Special Intention
Sheila McGuire LD
A Private Intention (PM)
Elizabeth Geraghty – Bday remb.
Patricia Mary King – B'day remb
Mary O'Leary LD



Mass Intentions

R.C.I.A

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

'The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process developed by the Church for prospective converts to Christianity above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices over a time appropriate to the individual.'

Would you like to know more about the Roman Catholic Church?

Are you considering becoming a Roman Catholic?

Would you like to learn more, via one-to-one talks and group discussion?

If you are really brave and want to take the next step then, please contact **Fr. Thomas O.P.** via e mail on stwilfridswidnes@rcaolp.co.uk telling him something of your story.

When we have a group, we shall meet together with some parish catechists and discern the best way forward.

Congratulations to:

Hannah Dow and Joseph Evans who got married at St Bede's church on Saturday 21st August 2021.

Please keep them in your prayers.



Tai Chi

Please come and join our classes on Friday's 11 am-12pm at St John Fisher Hall
All welcome!



Foodbank is continuing to operate in these difficult times and would like to thank everybody for their generous support.

Widnes Foodbank gratefully receives donations of any food items but would particularly welcome donations of the following food items:

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| Sponge Puddings | Corned Beef | Packet Pasta 'n' Sauce | Cordial |
| Men's Toiletries | Chocolate | Tinned Ham/Spam | Tinned Mixed Veg. |

Donations can be taken to the Foodbank Warehouse at the Cemetery Lodge (just inside the main gates of Widnes Cemetery in Birchfield Road) on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 11am. Items can also be left at the Widnes Foodbank collection points in the main Widnes stores of ASDA, Morrison's and Tesco and at various drop off points in Widnes.

Any additional information can be found at: www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk

Thank you to anyone who can make a donation.



DATES
FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3rd September – Episcopal Ordination

Fr Thomas Neylon will be ordained as Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. Please meet the coach at St Bede's ready for it to leave at 10am.

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.

Monday 7th October – Fr. Sean Riley 'HOPE'

Monday 14th October – Fr. Mark Beattie 'FAITH'

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

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

Union of Catholic Mothers - U.C.M.

On **Wednesday 13th October** at **7.30pm** St. Wilfrid's UCM would like to invite all ladies of the parish to Holy Mass at St. John Fisher Church. Please consider coming and praying for family life in our parish community.

Procedures for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

As we welcome back Extraordinary Ministers we would like to draw your attention to the procedures which should happen in all of our churches.

1. At the sign of peace the priest will go to the Tabernacle to retrieve the reserved sacrament and bring it to the altar
2. The minister should approach the altar at the Lamb of God.
3. The priest will bring communion to the minister at communion and pass them the ciborium with hosts to be distributed.
4. After communion the minister should place the ciborium on the altar and then go and stand in front of the altar while the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the Tabernacle by the priest, genuflecting or bowing with the priest.
5. The minister then returns to their place in the pew.

Thank you.

Fr Thomas O.P.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Season of Creation

During the last eighteen months, many of us have been aghast at those who remain sceptical about the Covid-19 pandemic and see it as some sort of conspiracy. Sadly, there are plenty of people who view the constant warnings about climate change in a similar way. However, the evidence is undisputable, and the latest report from the United Nations warns us that if we don't take action now, the damage to the earth, our common home, will be irreversible. Just this month we have heard about terrible fires in Europe and the United States, as well as unprecedented flooding in various cities.

In 2015, Pope Francis issued an encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, about these issues and established a Season of Creation in the Church's Year to help us to focus on the cry of the earth. The season begins this week with the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation' on 1 September and runs until the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October.

A call to help the most vulnerable members of our local community?

Please see the attachment to this newsletter if accessing online, or if you have a paper copy the information on how to help is at the back of church.

Please help and support refugees in our local community.

With thanks,

Pauline Ruth – Safeguarding Representative

Weather Vane – St Bede's

Those, eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that some 12 months ago the vane which was falling off the steeple at St Bede's was removed. There was some damage to the roof and the vane needed refurbishment.

The good news is that it has been returned to its former glory and you will soon see it back in its rightful place.

Social ~ let us have some fun!

After months of lockdown and lots of bad news it is time, we started to plan for some fun together as a parish family! A few parishioners are going to meet together to try and organise some things for us all to enjoy.

Do you have any ideas?

If you do pop them down on a piece of paper and drop them through the parish office letterbox for **Fr. Mark's** attention we will try and get things organised.

We already have an **'Parish Advent Party'** booked on Friday 26th November at St. Basil's Parish Centre, there will be dancing, music and a short (very short!) pantomime of Cinderella performed by members of the parish including Fr. Mark who will be appearing for one night only as Prince Charming! Tickets will be available soon!



Volunteers Needed!

Have you got any DIY or building skills? Do you own a big car or trailer?

Can you manage a project?

Have you got lots of enthusiasm and some spare time?

If you can answer 'YES' to any of these questions *we need you!*

We are looking to put a working party together to dismantle and re-locate the grotto from Our Lady's site to its new home at St Michael's church.

If you have any skills or just lots of enthusiasm, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the Parish office.

| THIS WEEKEND | | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) | |
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| Saturday 28 th August | 11am | St Bede's | NO CONFESSION |
| | 5pm | St Michael's | Confession & Mass |
| | 6pm | St Basil's | Mass |
| Sunday 29 th August | 9am | St Michael's | Mass |
| | 9am | St Bede's | Mass |
| | 10am | St John Fisher | Mass |
| | 11am | St Bede's | Mass & Baptism |
| | 4pm | St Bede's | Mass |
| WEEKDAYS | | DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2 | |
| Monday 30 th August | 9:30am* | St Basil's | Mass |
| Tuesday 31 st August | 12 noon* | St Bede's | Mass |
| | 11am | St Michael's | Funeral Service-Keith Johnson |
| | 1pm | St Basil's | Funeral Service-Andrea Plumley |
| Wed 1 st September | 7pm* | St Michael's | Mass |
| Thurs 2 nd September | 12 noon* | St Bede's | Mass |
| | 12:30 | St Michael's | Requiem Mass-John Golson |
| Friday 3 rd September | NO MASS ORDINATION AT CATHEDRAL | | |
| *The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass | | | |

Prayer for those returning to School

'May you feel the excitement of the new academic year and the adventures that lie ahead.

May your nerves and worries be erased by the smiling faces and familiar friends.

May your ears, eyes, hands and mind be ready to learn.

May your heart be ready to show and feel kindness.

May you know connection even at a distance.

May you know courage even when things are different.

May your year hold hope and promise for you and all you love. Amen.'



Please pray for the children of the parish and for teachers and all staff as they return to school in the coming days.

"Let us thank all who teach in Catholic Schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life."

Pope Francis