

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

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

*Rev 3:20*



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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I went for a walk last Saturday morning. It had been snowing the night before and it was icy when I left the presbytery. As I was heading home the sun was helping the ice to thaw. I met an elderly man on the pavement and stood back in an opening so that we could keep our distance as he passed by. I said to him: 'Have you managed to stay on your feet?' He answered cheerfully that he had and that he was wearing an old pair of football boots with screw-in studs! His hard-won experience of playing on muddy or icy football pitches many years ago was still to the good.

In today's gospel Jesus encounters a man, in the synagogue in Capernaum, with an unclean spirit. The spirit recognises Jesus for who he really is: '– the Holy One of God.' Jesus rebukes him, saying: "Be silent, and come out of him!". Like the man I met last Saturday morning, Jesus' hard-won experience of temptation by Satan in the wilderness was still to the good, when he encountered the evil spirits. When we say 'No' to temptation, we do so with the strength that comes from our unity with Christ in his battle against evil.

Fr Tom

## MASS INTENTIONS.

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

Monica O'Mahoney 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Iris Geraghty L.D.  
Barry Loftus L.D.  
Michelle Davies L.D.  
Mary Rimmer 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann  
Doris (Dot) Brennan L.D.  
Parishioners of the Parish x 4  
Michael O'Grady B'day remb.  
Ann Pierce L.D.  
Josie Cleary  
Charlie Stevens  
Residents of our care homes x 4  
Julie Sant 3<sup>rd</sup> B'day remb.  
Denis Hatton  
Dave Miller  
Joan Fenney L.D.  
Roy Nelson (Jnr) 6<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
The Holy Souls  
Stephen O'Connor L.D.  
Peter Stanley Thomas Shaw L.D.  
Craig – recovery from a stroke  
Terence McGillicuddy 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.  
Jean Bernad L.D.  
Christopher Topping L.D.  
Robert Milliard L.D.  
Jimmy Bebbington L.D.  
Marjorie Higginson  
Doris Sylvia Brennan L.D.  
Edward & Liam Carter  
Ann Patricia Jones L.D.  
Thanksgiving for stewards  
Elizabeth Glennys Hammond L.D.  
Christine Flaherty L.D.  
Michael Beech L.D.  
Tess Conway-recovering in hospital

Richard Woodward L.D.  
Florence Rogerson Remb.  
John McGrath L.D.  
Frances Brown L.D.  
Margaret Naylor L.D.  
Barry Loftus L.D.  
Sean Lodge  
Neville John Conroy L.D.  
Rosanne McCabe L.D.  
Kevin Pybus L.D.  
Dorothy Fox x 4 L.D.  
Iris Mary Geraghty L.D.  
Marie Watts L.D.  
Carl Lenahan L.D.  
Patricia Ann Moran L.D.  
Leslie Gee L.D.  
Joan Williams L.D.  
Michael McKown L.D.  
Alan Jackson L.D.  
Mike McKown L.D.  
Dorothy Collins L.D. in Australia  
Terence Burns L.D.  
Lillian Brereton (nee Leather) L.D.  
The Holy Souls  
Tommy McCarthy – Ann.  
Elizabeth Sant L.D.  
Clara Murphy 12<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
Robert Vincent Milliard L.D.  
Nathaniel James Hosker L.D.  
Mary Lewis  
Ann Hurst  
Finbar Stewart  
Nev Conroy  
Bernard Dean  
Patricia Ann Sinnott L.D. x 4

## LENT and EASTER 2021

Unfortunately, we do not know, at this stage, what we will be able to offer for Lent and Easter 2021. Please be assured that we will do our very best.

Ash Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – we will be opening each of our churches to offer a 'walk through' option to receive the ashes.

St Bede's 7:30 am – 8:30 am

St Basil's 10am – 11 am

St John Fisher 12noon -1pm

St Michael's 6pm – 7pm



Stewards will invite you to enter the church, where the priest will **scatter** the ashes **on** your head. You will then be directed to leave by another door. You will receive a prayer/examination of conscience/prayer of sorrow card.

You will have to maintain strict social distancing of 2 meters at all times. There will not be any opportunity to stop and sit in the churches.



### Easter Flowers



This year we will be offering an opportunity to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one. The cost will be £5 and the lily will be displayed in one of our churches at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. The names of the deceased will be displayed in all our churches.

This is a new incentive which will allow us to fill our churches with flowers and will help to defray the cost. We have had such a loss of income during the pandemic which is now approaching a full year and we must look at creative ways to boost our income and keep our churches looking special.

If you would like to purchase a lily, please put the name and donation in an envelope and post through the letterbox at the parish office.



## **How to access Mass**

### **St Wilfrid's Widnes**

YouTube videos are being prepared so that you can participate in Mass.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC52-K27EaYwySzRmeP3f3eA>

Mass from St Wilfrid's will be available on Sunday morning from 8am.

### **Across the Archdiocese:**

- [Reflection for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (also available as an audio download).
- [Sunday readings](#).
- [Week 21 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)

You may also like to check out:

### **St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day: 9 February 2021**

**Tuesday 9 February 2021 7:00 - 8:30pm**

*An Economy without Human Trafficking* with **Sr Imelda Poole** IBVM ([The Tablet Sept 2020](#))

We are delighted that Sr Imelda will join us virtually from Albania. We will also be able to view a short film produced by [RENATE](#) (*Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation*) and guided by Sr Imelda.

Julia Bayton who works with early action anti-trafficking support from [Refugee Women Connect](#) will also give some input from a local perspective.

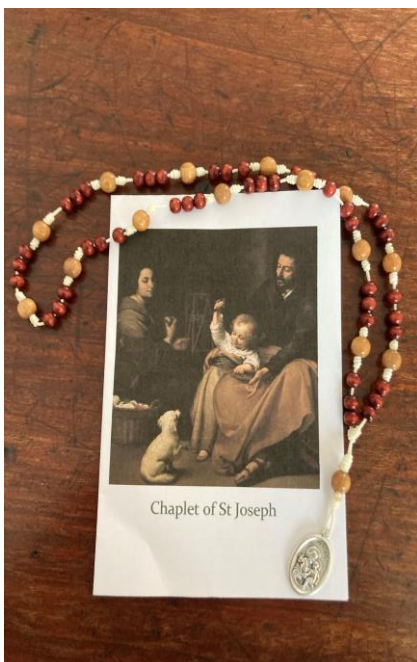
There will be an opportunity for small group discussion followed by a Q&A with Sr Imelda and Julia.

Please do register and join us to help understand Human Trafficking and what we can do.

**Registration for Zoom Link:** <http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk> or [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk)

This event is open to all people of faith and of none. **All are welcome.**

*Facilitated by Liverpool South Pastoral Area Justice & Peace and supported by the Archdiocese of Liverpool Justice & Peace Commission.*



### **Chaplet of St. Joseph**

As we have entered the 'Year of St. Joseph', the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph have reminded us of the Chaplet of St. Joseph. This can be used as an aid to prayer. The chaplet is recited on beads and comes with a self-explanatory leaflet with how to pray the prayer.

The beads are hand made by the sisters and both beads and prayer card costs £10. If you would like me to order you a set please pass your **NAME, ADDRESS AND £10** through the letter box at either **St. John Fisher or St. Bede's presbyteries for my attention.** I shall deliver the beads to your homes when they arrive. (When churches open again, we shall have the opportunity to pray the chaplet together perhaps before Mass.)

St. Joseph - pray for us!

**Fr. Mark**



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:

Sponge Puddings	Tinned Custard	Tinned Potatoes	Rice Pudding
Tinned Vegetables	Tinned Potatoes	Antibacterial Wipes	Toothbrushes

Crossing Point centre will now be able to accept donations on Mondays (11am – 2pm), Thursdays (11am – 1pm) and Fridays (11am – 2pm). Items can also be left at the Widnes Foodbank collection points at the main Widnes stores of ASDA, Morrison's and Tesco and various drop off points in Halton.

Any additional information can be found at: [www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk)

As well as the Widnes Foodbank website information on Widnes Foodbank can be found on the following social media sites: -

[facebook.com/WidnesFoodbank](https://www.facebook.com/WidnesFoodbank)

[twitter.com/Widnes Foodbank](https://twitter.com/WidnesFoodbank)

[instagram.com/WidnesFoodbank](https://www.instagram.com/WidnesFoodbank)

**Thank you to anyone who can make a donation.**

### **Catholic Pictorial**

The latest edition is available digitally at:

<https://bit.ly/36fUh2V>

[http://www.catholicpic.co.uk/](http://www.catholicpic.co.uk) updated daily  
with news from around the Archdiocese.

### **Wednesday Word**

This could be a very helpful way of accessing  
the Sunday readings.

<http://wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

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**Please find attached a digital copy of this week's paper.**

**We pray for those who have died:**

*Margaret Smith*      *Mary Lewis*      *Nancy Prendergast*      *Alexander Braniff*  
*Tom Hough*      *Ellen Morgan*      *Josephine Gorman*      *Winifred Higginson*  
*John Hollywood*      *Beryl Wright*

**And those who's funerals take place this week:**

*James O'Connor*      *William Smith*      *Kathleen McDermott*  
*Patricia Webster*      *Edward Riley*      *James Hunt*

**May they Rest in Peace.**



*live simply*



**Livesimply Catch- up and News**

As we move through the month of January our usual livesimply parish activity is focused on the 're-Gifting campaign' which greatly supports the work of Nugent. This year, as with so many other things in life, this has not been possible due to pandemic restrictions.

However, Fran, from Nugent, keeps in contact with us all here at St Wilfrid's and will let us know of forthcoming new initiatives that may enable us to continue our support in a variety of ways. In the meantime, let's hold the work of Nugent in our prayers as a sign of our commitment and support.

Over the coming weeks news of Cafod's Lenten Family Fast Appeal will feature in our livesimply column, this year it calls us to 'Walk alongside Abdella', who, in Ethiopia, walks 10 hours a day to find water for his family' ... more news and further details on how we at St Wilfrid's can act to help end water poverty this Lent will feature next week.

