

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

7th March 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

"Listen!

**I am standing at
the door
knocking."**

Rev 3:20



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Reflection.

On the 8th of December last year, the feast of the 'Immaculate Conception ' Pope Francis proclaimed ' the Year of St. Joseph '.

St Joseph is only mentioned a few times in the Gospel of Matthew and John. They refer to him as: Son of David, Husband of Mary and Foster Father of Jesus.

Pope Francis referred to St Joseph as " the man who goes unnoticed, a daily discreet hidden presence, who played an incomparable role in the history of salvation ".

St Joseph never utters a word in the scriptures, he is as we say ' seen but not heard '. He may be a man in the shadows but his silence is more than made up for by his actions and it is through his actions that we get a window into his character. He is seen as an honourable man in the way he dealt with the news of Mary's pregnancy and his decision to divorce her informally but later takes her home to be his wife. When Herod sought to kill his young son he quickly fled with his young family to safety in Egypt. Then finally returning home he settled in Nazareth where he built a home for his family; became a loving husband and father and provided for his family, working as a carpenter and passing on those same gifts to Jesus.

St Joseph is Patron of our Archdiocese with Our Lady Immaculate.
His feast day is on 19th March. He is also Patron of Workers on May 1st.

He is Patron of the Universal Church: his name was inserted in the Roman Canon after Vatican II by Pope John XX III and Pope Francis had his name inserted in Eucharistic Prayers 2, 3 and 4. St Joseph is also Patron on the dying.

Fr Bill

We pray for those who have died:

Janet Wilcox

Fr Peter Fox

Thomas Patrick Bowles

Baby Isaiah Pender

And those who's funerals take place this week:

Ted Dourley

Annie Humphries

Veronica McDonnell



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 Sunday morning. Fr Bill has also prepared a Lenten meditation for you this week.

This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns for:

St Basil's

Christina Sumner

St Bede's (1)

In memory of Michael O'Grady

St Bede's (2)

In memory of Peter & Pauline Kavanagh

St John Fisher

For all babies born asleep

St Michael's (1)

Vocations to the Priesthood

St Michael's (2)

George Austin

St Michael's (3)

In memory of Marie Elizabeth Golson

St Michael's (4)

In memory of Stephen Graham



Fr Peter Fox funeral details

As we are unable to attend Fr Peter's Mass on Monday 15th March there will be 2 Masses offered for him on that day: **St Basil's 9:30am** **St John Fisher 11am**

Please come and pray for the repose of his soul.

WEEKDAYS

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3

Wednesday 10 th March	7:00pm	St Michael's	Novena Mass
Thursday 11 th March	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition & Mass
Friday 12 th March	9:00am	St John Fisher	Exposition & Mass
	7:00pm	St John Fisher	Stations of the Cross

CHURCHES RE-OPENING

Whilst our churches re-open on Wednesday we need to emphasise that there is still ***no obligation*** to attend weekly Mass.

If you do not feel able or that it is safe for you to do so please continue to stay at home and watch our weekly YouTube Masses.

We will be following all the current guidelines and would ask that you continue to wear a mask over both mouth and nose and follow the steward's directions. Please also remember not to congregate outside the churches after Mass.

Thank you