

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at  
the door  
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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## Reflection.

One of the most important movements with young people of my generation was the YCW (Young Christian Workers), which had an offshoot in the YCS (Young Christian Students).

Founded in Belgium in 1912-13 by a young priest called Joseph Cardin, it sought better working conditions for the young, but, more importantly, to give young people a renewed sense of personal dignity as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

The first YCW group in England was in 1937 in Wigan. Its chaplain was Fr. Gerry Rimmer and its first President a young factory worker called Patrick Keegan. Patrick went on to work with Fr. Cardin, later made a Cardinal by Pope Paul VI, and Patrick became the first layperson to address an Ecumenical Council, speaking at Vatican II on the apostolate of the laity.

YCW worked on the "See, Judge, Act" process. It worked with small groups, took a situation which needed to be addressed at the work of the youngsters, looked carefully at it (See), held it up to the light of the Gospel (Judge), and decided in view of that what they should do to have it rectified (Act).

Some of my best times as a young priest were working with young people in the YCW.

All of that by way of introduction to Pope Francis' new book, "Let us dream", The Path to A Better Future. Described as Pope Francis in conversation with Austen Ivereigh, it is Pope Francis' See, Judge and Act about the present situation of our world. And it is wonderful.

Austen Ivereigh is a British author and journalist who has written two biographies of Pope Francis. The book is very readable, not too long, just 144 pages, and essentially has three chapters, not called See, Judge and Act, but that is what they are:

A time to see, A time to choose, A time to act.

It would be good to read it! Published by Simon and Schuster at £10.99. But in case that does not happen I plan, God willing, to take the three parts for Reflection in the next three Newsletters...

God bless.....

Bishop John

We pray for those who have died:

*Beryl Wright*

*Josephine Gorman*

*Mary Lewis*

*Margaret Yates*

*Marię Teręsa Quirk*

*Thomas Coady*



Those whose funerals take place this week:

*Nancy Prendergast*

*Nellie Roberts*

*John Hollywood*

*Alexander Braniff*

*Winifred Higginson*

*Tom Hough*

*Ellen Morgan*

*Yvonne Carney*

### 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.

#### Across the Archdiocese:

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Sunday readings](#).
- [Week 22 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)

### ASH WEDNESDAY

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.

### BISHOP JOHN

Unfortunately, his operation scheduled for January was cancelled to free up beds for urgent cancer operations.

Bishop John is patiently waiting for a new date for his much-anticipated hip operation.

Please keep him in your prayers.

### EASTER LILIES

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.

Please put the name on an envelope and post through the office door.