

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at  
the door  
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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**Reflection** - During the first session of the second Vatican Council there was a great debate about the Sacred liturgy, the main thrust of the debate seemed to be about the use of vernacular languages instead of Latin, when suddenly the aged Bishop of Mostar in Yugoslavia stood up and put in a very long plea for the inclusion of the name of St. Joseph in the Canon of the Mass... he was nervous and repeated himself which prompted the Cardinal who was presiding at the debate to cut him off! At the end of the days debate the same cardinal brought the 'house down' by a loud invocation to St. Joseph at the end of the closing prayers... Within three days Pope St. John XXIII had ordered the insertion of the name of Joseph within the canon of the Mass. The Holy Father knew that the Bishop of Mostar had been put on trial by the Communists and sentenced to four years in a concentration camp. He and the other prisoners were then put on a train which was deliberately wrecked in an attempt to kill all on board. The Bishop survived, but both hips were broken. He was in poor health but had made a great effort to attend the council and speak up for St. Joseph.

Thanks be to God that Pope Francis also has a great devotion to St. Joseph and has had his name inserted into all the Eucharistic prayers, he also made this year the year of St. Joseph. Joseph says nothing at all really in the Gospels and yet his actions are what strike us as heroic and noble. He trusts his dreams in which he is told what God wants of him, which amounts to being the protector and spouse of Mary and the guardian of Jesus. I love to think of Joseph as someone who listens and acts silently, resolutely, and kindly on what he hears.

At Seminary we have been saying a prayer each day which Pope Francis has said at the end of morning prayer each day throughout his priestly life, I commend it to you.

*‘Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible. Come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.’*

I know that he will hear you and silently and kindly hold you close to Mary and Jesus.

**Derek Lloyd - Seminarian**

***This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:***

***St Basil's***                      ***for Alan Golson***  
***St Bede's***                      ***for a Special Intention***



We pray for those who have died,

***Anne Lake, Susan Shaw***

Those who's funerals take place this week.

***Jean Hancock, William Scott, Edward Burns***



**Cleaners Needed!**

The ladies who clean St. Bede's Church do a wonderful job keeping the church clean and tidy. Yet many hands make light work!

Could you spare an hour on Tuesday morning to help?

If you can, no interview is needed! Please just turn up at Church on Tuesday morning at 9am and you will be made most welcome!

Gentlemen are free to help too!

Many thanks.

**WELCOME MINISTRY - THANK YOU FR. MATTHEW**

Last Thursday evening nearly 40 parishioners met together in St. Basil's Parish Centre to listen to Fr. Matthew Nunes talk about the importance of being a truly welcoming parish.

It was wonderful to be together to reflect and share on the truth that, 'to welcome' is a ministry within the parish community and often the face of the Church to a stranger or someone who may have been away from Church for a long time.

Thank you to Fr. Matthew for giving his time, to the wonderful parishioners who gathered together and to the members of the Liturgy Group who organised this event for us all.

**You are welcome!**

**CANON THOMAS NEYLON – ORDINATION AS BISHOP OF PLESTIA AND AUXILIARY BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL**

There will be a coach leaving St. Bede's Church at 10am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September to the Cathedral. It will return to Widnes at 2pm after the ordination. If you would like a place on the coach the offering is £5 per person, to offset the cost; please pass your name and offering into the Parish Office. Places are limited.

We shall reserve your place if you are coming on the coach with the Cathedral, so you do not have to do this.

***Please note the Leaving Mass for Fr Carl and Fr Tom is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at St Michael's. Refreshments will be served afterwards.***

<b>THIS WEEK</b>		<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>	
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>11am – 12pm</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Confession</b>
	<b>5pm</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>St Basil's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>9am</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>4pm</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		<b>DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3</b>	
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9:30am*</b>	<b>St Basil's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>12 noon*</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>12noon*</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am*</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass</b>			

