

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Widnes - Advent 2023



'O, come, let us adore Him'

The great season of Advent begins on 2nd/3rd December, four weeks of waiting and watching in hope! The season is given to us to refocus our minds, to take stock, to see if our minds and our hearts are ready to meet Jesus.

Throughout Advent there will be different opportunities offered to help prepare the way of the Lord...

Advent Scripture Group

Come along and share with fellow parishioners, what the scriptures mean to you. No one gathering is a scripture scholar, we will simply read the scriptures together and see what they are saying to us in our daily lives. We will meet in the presbytery at St. Bede at 7.30pm – 9pm. It is often in small groups that we learn something new and wonderful about our faith and help one another hear the scriptures in a new way!

Monday 4th December – Mark 1:1-8 'A voice cries in the wilderness'

Monday 11th December – John 1:6-8, 19-28 'Who are you?'

Monday 18th December – Luke 1:26-38 'I am the handmaid of the Lord'

Recommissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers

On the 1st Sunday of Advent at all the Masses the Eucharistic Ministers of the parish will be asked to stand before the altar and recommit themselves as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. It will also give us all the chance to pray and to give thanks for their ministry amongst us.

Healing Service

On Thursday 7th December we shall gather in St. John Fisher Church at 1.30pm to experience the healing touch of Christ. All present will be invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and being anointed, healed and renewed by the grace of God.

Parish Carol Service

On Sunday 17th December at 3pm we shall come together as a parish family at St. Michael's Church to sing carols, light candles and prepare ourselves to receive the Christ Child into our hearts. The children from our schools will join us to sing and pray. Do not let this parish tradition fall away by lack of attendance, please come!

Advent Reconciliation Service

'Go in peace, your sins are forgiven'. What a beautiful phrase to hear as we approach once more the birth of our Saviour! On Wednesday 20th December at 7pm at St. Basil's Church there will be a Reconciliation Service, individual confessions will be heard and forgiveness from God readily given.

Christmas Card Invitation

This year we are producing Christmas Cards which will contain good wishes from the priests and people of our parish and also all the times of the Masses over the Christmas days.

When the cards come, we will gather them into bundles of 20 cards with envelopes and then we are asking you to take a bundle and post them to houses in your road. *Yet*, the hope is that you would post them through the letterboxes of people that you do not know, to invite people who do not come to celebrate with us each week. To let them know that they are welcome! There is little point posting a card to people who attend our churches already!

So, please when they come, take a bundle and give and let others know how welcome they are!

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 23rd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

5pm – St. Bede

5pm – St. Michael

5pm – St. Basil

5pm – St. John Fisher

Sunday 24th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am – St. Bede

Sunday 24th December – First Mass of Christmas

6pm – St. Bede

6pm – St. Michael

6pm – St. Basil

6pm – St. John Fisher

Midnight – St. Bede

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

10am – St. Bede

10am – St. Michael

10am – St. John Fisher

Tuesday 26th December – St Stephen's Day

12noon – St Bede (Mass with Altar Servers)