

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

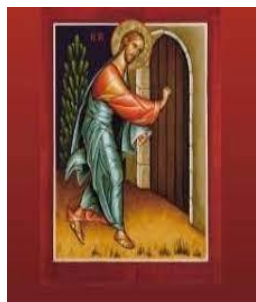
10<sup>th</sup> April 2022

HOLY WEEK

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

Rev 3:20



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**There will be a retiring collection this week for Lenten Alms. Thank You!**

**Please note due to staff holidays over the Easter Break, the Parish Office will close on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm and re-open on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

## Reflection

During his earthly life Christ essentially did three things: he taught us, he guided us, and he offered a sacrifice for us. These are Christ's three great offices through which our redemption is realised: his teaching office, his pastoral office, and his priestly or sacerdotal office. They're highlighted in St. John's gospel when Jesus tells us "I am the way (pastoral office), the truth (teaching office), and the life (sacerdotal office)" (Jn. 14: 6).

Now the essence of priesthood is to offer sacrifice to God and given Christ did precisely that through his death on the cross, then Christ is a priest - our high-priest in fact - and his death is part of his sacerdotal office.

Of course, Christ's sacrifice was unique. It wasn't merely a case of a good man giving up his life for his friends - no matter how impressive that is. While Christ did give up his life for his friends, he did more than that. First, Christ gave up his life for the entire human race - all of us. Second, as well as being human, Christ was also fully and truly God. So when Christ gave up his earthly life on the cross the value of his sacrifice was greater than any merely human sacrifice. As a result, not only did Christ's sacrifice atone for the faults and failings of every human being who has ever lived or who will live - all of us, it also merited that God the Father reward Christ and the rest of the human race subsequently through Christ. What reward? Well for Christ himself: resurrection, transfiguration of the body and ascension into heaven. And for us through Christ: all the supernatural graces God offers us.

This has two very important consequences. First, every human being receives the grace necessary for salvation. Whether we avail of it or not is a matter of our own free choice. Second, whatever grace we can receive is a consequence of Christ's sacrificial death. And to the extent we do receive that grace, we ourselves participate in Christ's death.

Fr Thomas OP

## Parish Gift Aid envelopes for 2022/2023

The new parish Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of each of our churches.

These new envelopes should be used from the weekend of the 9/10<sup>th</sup> April.

We are still trying to update our records after lockdown so apologies if any of the boxes are not needed for whatever reason. Please simply return them to the Parish office and our records will be amended.

Your envelopes have been sent to the church that you originally asked for them to be sent. As you will have requested this several years ago you may have changed the church you attend.

If you are paying by direct debit, then there will be no envelopes for you unless you have specifically requested a set.

There are a limited number of blank envelopes for non-taxpayers who still want to use an envelope.

If for any reason your envelopes are not there, or you have a query regarding the Gift Aid boxes or you would like to join the scheme then please email [parishgiftaid@outlook.com](mailto:parishgiftaid@outlook.com).

Remember the Gift Aid scheme raises many thousands of pounds each year for our parish and all the money reclaimed is used to fund the parish.

If you are a tax payer and have not joined the scheme please consider joining this week. Either give your details to the parish office or email [parishgiftaid@outlook.com](mailto:parishgiftaid@outlook.com). and we will contact you with a set of envelopes or a direct debit form.

Thank you once again to all those parishioners who have joined the scheme already.

## PALM SUNDAY WALK OF WITNESS



This Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm there will be a Walk of Witness starting from St. John Fisher.

We shall walk with palms and pray as we walk, giving witness to our faith as we enter the **GREATEST WEEK** of the Church.

Please come along if you can!

### Altar Servers Meeting

Can all Altar Servers please attend a rehearsal at St Bede's on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm, thank you.

## Live Simply Lenten Soup Supper!



What a wonderful evening we had- we shared:

- relection and prayer
- different types of soup and bread
- cupcakes and shortbread
- a quiz

and most importantly time with each other sharing fun and laughter!

We also raised £245 which has been forwarded on to the CAFOD Lent Appeal!

Thanks to all for an enjoyable evening. Another one is planned for June, date to be confirmed, where we will share all of the same, except it will be cream scones rather than soup- it will be Wimbledon season!



The UCM would like to thank all who supported their Easter Bingo.

The event made £246 on the day.

Thank you all once again.

**Chrism Mass** – Coach will depart outside St. Bede's at 6pm for the Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. If you would like to reserve a place on the coach, then please pass your name and telephone number together with your £5 offering to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**Face Coverings Must still be worn, unless exempt.**



**Confession restores  
our relationship with God  
and increases grace**



**Confession purifies  
and removes the burden  
and weight of sin  
from you**

**Confession strengthens  
and prepares you  
for spiritual combat**

**Confession  
takes away  
pride and  
helps you  
grow in  
humility  
and virtue**



**Confession  
makes you  
aware of your  
weakness  
and helps  
you achieve  
greater  
self-control**



**Confession prevents  
your sin from turning into  
bad habits and also helps  
you overcome bad habits**



### **Reconciliation Service**

Please join us on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April** at **7pm** in **St Bede's Church** there for a Service of Reconciliation so that we may know the mercy and forgiveness of God through individual confession.



# The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



## SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- 09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Fr Tony Reynolds  
10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Gerard McCann & All Deceased Members of the Family  
10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Residents of Our Care Homes  
11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret Rimmer – Birthday Remembrance  
16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columbia Council 18 & Their Families

## MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April

- 09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)  
09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)  
09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Catherine Golding  
10:15 am Requiem (*St Bede*) Helen Jones

## TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April

- 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)  
11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)  
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Derek Heyes  
12 Noon Requiem (*St Michael*) Margaret Johnson  
14:00 pm Requiem (*St Michael*) Patricia Bennett

## Holy Week

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Spy Wednesday)

Chrism Mass 7:30pm – at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Maundy Thursday)

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm at St. Michael (Peter Thompson – Anniversary)

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)

- 11 am – Children's Good Friday Service – St. Basil  
3pm – Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – St. Michael  
3pm – Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – St. Bede  
3pm – Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – St. John Fisher  
3pm – Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – St. Basil and All Saint's  
7.30pm – 'Watching at the Tomb Reflection' – St. Bede

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April (Holy Saturday)

8pm – Vigil of the Resurrection – St. Bede (All those being received into the Church)

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday)

- 9am – Holy Mass – St. Basil – (Keith Woods)  
9am – Holy Mass – St. Bede – (Parishioners)  
10am – Holy Mass – St. Michael (William & Kate Forrest)  
10am – Holy Mass – St. John Fisher – (Sean Karalius 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
11am – Holy Mass – St. Bede (Elizabeth Morris 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Cyril Morris Birthday Rem)