

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

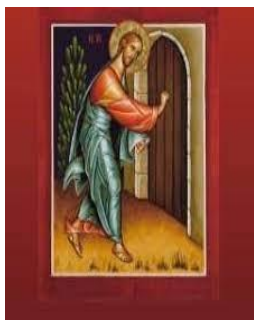
10<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Week 15

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

Rev 3:20



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## Reflection

In 1794 Napoleon Bonaparte described the British as 'A Nation of Shopkeepers'. Two centuries later how would we describe our nation today?

Since lockdown would you agree that our nation has experienced many cultural and social changes that effect our daily life?

The effects of Covid19 have given all of us the opportunity to revalue our priorities. Family, friendships, our health, looking after our wellbeing and those of our nearest and dearest who have been scared both mentally and physically comes to mind! The phrase "life will never be the same" are words expressed by many of my generation and their continued anxiety over the future.

One of the notable surprises has been an increase in our love of animals. A recent survey by the RSPCA has shown that over 52% of the population has an animal of some kind. They bring us so much comfort, joy and have proven to be excellent for our health and wellbeing. Have you noticed how many families have suddenly added a dog to their family? We see them taking their dogs for a walk in the park or on a runs!

Children's hospitals and nursing homes are rediscovering what now is called "Animal Assisted Therapy" or popularity called "Pet Therapy" which has proven to be very positive on the health of individuals of all ages, young and elderly alike.

I have been the owner of two Cavalier King Charles Spaniel's since the late 90s and am now on the third generation. Sadly, I lost one during Covid19, he lived to the ripe old age of 13 and 6months. His death at that time of lockdown left me devastated, as you will remember, I was having my own health issues and losing him was like losing a member of my family. I have recently replaced him with a puppy but not a King Charles, a beautiful French Bull dog given to me by one of my nephews. This little fellow has brought such joy into the house but more importantly of all he has given a new lease of life to my eight-year-old King Charles. So, I'd like to answer my own question by saying: that we are a nation of pet lovers

By the way, forgot to say the dogs are called, Wallace & Gromet!\*

Fr Bill

# Thank you does not seem enough...

I cannot thank my wonderful parish community of St. Wilfrid for the joyous, prayerful and generous outpouring of love for my Silver Jubilee. I was truly overwhelmed! The church looked magnificent, the music was beautiful and raised minds and hearts to God, the sacristans polished and prepared, the welcomers and the stewards greeted effusively and everyone in Church prayed, even the priests looked wonderful! Deo Gratias!

Thank you too for all those who offered cards, prayers and gifts – so kind! Holy Mass will be offered for you all!

Fr. Mark



Reading during the Sacred Liturgy is a highly important ministry in which we break open the Word of God and make it incarnate in the hearts and minds of the faithful.

Sometimes we can risk reducing this beautiful ministry to one task amongst many others and fail to meditate upon the sacred scriptures as we convey their deep and meaningful message to the people.

In order to build upon all the good work of our readers and to affirm them in their ministry of proclaiming the Word of God, we are holding a training evening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at St Michael's Church at 7pm and would request their presence.

This evening will be facilitated by Deacon Paul Mannings, who brings a wealth of liturgical and theological experience, and we look forward to welcoming him to the parish as we recommit ourselves to the great adventure of proclaiming the Word of God.

## ST BEDE'S JUBILEE CLUB

### Dates for your Diary

<b>THURSDAY JULY 14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>JOHN FISHER HALL</b>	<b>1.30 TO 3.30. PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY JULY 21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>ST BEDE'S INFANT SCHOOL</b>	<b>1.30 TO 3.30 PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY JULY 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>JOHN FISHER HALL</b>	<b>1.30 TO 3.30 PM</b>

**All are welcome!**

## Widnes Foodbank

### Monthly shopping List July

Every food item generously donated to our foodbank will help to save a life. This month, we're asking if you could especially donate...

Tinned Rice Pudding

Rice Pudding

Tinned Custard

Tinned Veg

Tinned Fish

Tinned Potatoes Cereal

Tea/Coffee

Please do not leave donations in the church, all donations should be dropped off at any of the collection points in Widnes Town Centre.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

On Tuesday evening, we will welcome His Grace the Archbishop to St Michael's to Confirm twenty of our young people.

Please come along if you can, to support our young people as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Holy Mass of Confirmation  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7pm  
at St Michael's Church, followed by refreshments.**



### ST. WILFRID'S LOURDES DEPARTURE MASS WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY AT 7PM ST. BEDE'S CHURCH



ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND, WHETHER YOU ARE GOING ON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES OR NOT.

## Petitions and Candles for Lourdes

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July I will be travelling to Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes with our parish group to join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. If you would like me to take a petition to place at the Grotto, then please pass it into the Parish Office in a sealed envelope with the words '**LOURDES PETITION**'.

If you would like me to light a candle for you at the Grotto then please pass your offering and intention in another envelope with the words, '**LOURDES CANDLE**'. I shall happily place the petitions and light a candle for your intentions at this miraculous and holy place.

**Fr. Mark**

Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette – pray for us!

## Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church

Last month we said that we hoped to have the paintings of 'The Stations of the Cross' at St Michael's Church restored professionally to their former glory.

Restorers have been out to look at the paintings and as you can imagine there is quite a lot of work needed to clean, repair and re-stretch the canvases and to frame them in new frames. The cost will be £1000 each to have them fully restored and framed.

The question is how as a parish can we fund this?

It is difficult times for many households at present and some parishioners may question whether we should carry out this work. However, whilst we still have our churches open, we do need to invest in them to keep them in a state fit for the worship of our Lord and something that we can be proud of.

The plan therefore is to go ahead with the restoration of the paintings. Invitations are extended to any family who would like to pay for one to be restored in memory of their family or a deceased loved one. A small plaque will be fitted to rear of the station acknowledging this.

Anyone can make donations to restoration fund, however small will be received with grateful thanks. Any donation over £500 will be recorded in the parish archive book being set up for the Restoration Project. The first three paintings will be taken away to be restored at the end of July and it is expected that the whole restoration project will take 12 months, only if we are able to raise the funds. If you feel that you would like to sponsor one of the paintings, you should let Fr. Thomas or Fr. Mark know. We would also encourage any individuals or parish groups who have any ideas for raising funds for the restoration to drop a line to the parish office.

**The Restoration Group/Building Group**



# The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



## SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July

- 09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) - Parishioners
- 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Jennie Baker
- 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – William Adrian Glynn (*Birthday Remembrance*)
- 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Mary Pearsall (*Anniversary*)
- 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Peter Mc Gloin (*Lately Deceased*)

## MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July – Feats of St. Benedict

- 09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
- 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
- 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Joan Fenney
- 12 Noon Funeral Service – (*St Bede*)- Patricia Cousins

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

- 11.00 am Requiem – (*St Michael*) - Sarah Loftus
- 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
- 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
- 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Pauline Haunch and Pat Price (*Anniversary*)
- 7.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Confirmation Candidates

## WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July

- Please note change of time and venue
- 7.30 pm – UCM Holy Mass at (*St. John Fisher*) – Marie Royle (*Birthday Remembrance*)

## THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> July

- 11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
- 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
- 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – James Michael O Brien (*Sick*)

## FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> July - Feast of St. Bonaventure

- Please note change of time
- 9.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Joan Mary Mc Callum (*4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*)

## SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> July

- 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes
- 10.30 am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
- 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Pat and Terry Henegan (*Birthday Remembrance*)
- 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Parishioners

### Sanctuary Lamp

- St Basil:** Parishioners of St. Wilfrid's
- St Bede:** Mary Timperley
- St Michael:** Vocations to the Priesthood
- St John Fisher:** Those suffering with mental health



**St Bede  
is opened  
For private Prayer  
Mon – Fri  
10:00am – 13:00 pm**