

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

*Incorporating the churches of St Bede, St Michael,
St John Fisher and St Basil*



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Second Collection: Nugent Care

10th March 2024

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Responsorial Psalm

R. 'O let my tongue cleave to my mouth, if I remember you not'

Thank You

I've been thinking about Lent and how to approach it differently this year. We hear about people giving up things for Lent such as chocolate, biscuits, alcohol, cigarettes etc. That's fine and giving up those types of things is undoubtedly good for your physical health. But I'd argue that Lent should not be understood simply as a test of endurance, of denial, privation, or withdrawal.

So, I decided to take up gratitude for Lent. God blesses us with so many things that sometimes we don't notice them or forget to notice them in our busy lives. Reflecting on this I thought it would be a good idea to say 'Thank You' more frequently for the many good things in life, especially the wonderful gift of Jesus. Research shows that expressing gratitude has a really big positive impact on both your physical and mental health. It also positively changes the way we think about and act towards others.

Jane, Caolan and I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to the parishioners of St Wilfrid's for the fantastic warm welcome we have received since joining the parish just before Christmas. As a token of our thanks, please collect a 'Thank you' bookmark after Mass this weekend. On the back of the bookmark is the prayer of St Wilfrid, our parish Saint.

It's not too late to take up gratitude for Lent!

Reverend Deacon Paul

Lourdes 2024

If you are planning on going to Lourdes this year with St Wilfrid's Parish, could we ask that you return your booking form to the Parish Office with your deposit made payable to 'Northern Star' by **Friday 15th March**. We shall then send all the forms of together.

Deacon Paul, Denise, and Ged

Lenten Journey

Wednesday 13th March **Early Riser Mass at St Michael's Church at 7am**

Come and hear His voice in the stillness of the morning, calling you into holiness and healing.

Wednesday 13th March **Scripture Group, 12.30pm at St Bede's Presbytery**

'My Father will honour anyone who serves me'

Safeguarding – Adult Altar Servers

Could all adult altar servers, (over 18 years of age), please contact Pauline Ruth, Safeguarding Rep, as a matter of urgency regarding the status of their current DBS check. Please contact Pauline via the parish safeguarding e mail – safeguarding246@rcaol.org.uk

Last Call for the Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on **Wednesday 27th March** at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of priests, deacons and lay faithful. Altar Servers are encouraged to attend and wear their albs and sit with other altar servers from across the Archdiocese.

A coach will be available to take parishioners to the Chrism Mass. We shall leave outside St Bede's Church at 6pm and return around 9.30pm. If you would like to come on the coach, please pass your name and offering of £5 into the Parish Office marked: 'CHRISM MASS' and we shall reserve you a place on the coach.

Pilgrimage to Knock Meeting

There will be a meeting for all those going on pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock on **Tuesday 19th March** at **7.30pm** in **St Bede's Church**. Please make every effort to attend as all information will be shared and questions (hopefully!) answered. We shall also be taking names of those who wish to book onto the coach that will take us to the airport and pick us up on our return.

Our Lady of Knock pray for us!

St Joseph pray for us!

St John the Evangelist pray for us!

CAFOD Prayer, Sharing and Soup

On **Monday, 11th March at 7.30pm** at St. John Fisher Hall, you are invited to come and fulfil one of the disciplines of Lent, '*giving alms to the poor*'. We do this in a beautiful way! We are asked to forgo our evening meal that day and then come together to pray with one another and then share a bowl of soup and some bread and give what we have saved in our fasting that people in another part of the world might eat. If you have never been to one of these evenings, then please do think about coming, it is always a joyous time together, it helps others and builds community.

Can you please email: stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk to confirm your wish to attend, so that we have enough soup for everyone.

<p style="text-align: center;">Requiescant in pace</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ellen Jones, Madge Houghton, Mary Naughton, Amy Ogburn & Tommy Cuerden</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May the Angels lead them into Paradise!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sanctuary Lamp</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">St Bede</td> <td>Les Dean</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Michael</td> <td>Mothers of the Parish</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St John Fisher</td> <td>Peace in Holy Land</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Basil</td> <td>Madge Houghton</td> </tr> </table>	St Bede	Les Dean	St Michael	Mothers of the Parish	St John Fisher	Peace in Holy Land	St Basil	Madge Houghton
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<p style="text-align: center;">A Lily for Easter</p> <p>There are envelopes at the back of all churches, with a form inside for you to list the names of your loved ones that you wish to be remembered. The envelopes should be returned to the office by Sunday 24th March. The cost of each lily is £5 per stem.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Bingo</p> <p>Monday 18th March, St John Fisher Hall, Moorfield Road. 1.30pm, Admission is £1.00 All proceeds will go the UCM Charity's.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All are very welcome!</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;">Confirmed Mass Schedule</p> <p>After much discussion, reflection and further consideration, the Clergy Team and Vision Group have discerned the way forward for the next chapter of our parish's journey.</p> <p>From the 7th of April 2024, the weekend Mass Schedule in St. Wilfrid's Parish will be.</p> <p><u>2 priest model</u></p> <p><u>Saturday</u></p> <p>10.00am Holy Mass and Confessions (<i>first Saturday of the month</i>)</p> <p>4.30pm Vigil Mass at St Basil</p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass at St John Fisher</p> <p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>9.00am Holy Mass at St Bede</p> <p>10.15am Holy Mass at St Michael</p> <p>11.30am Holy Mass at St Bede</p> <p>12.30pm Baptisms</p> <p>4.00pm Holy Mass at Holy Family (<i>from 1st September, this Mass will return to St. Bede's Church</i>)</p> <p><u>1 priest model</u> (<i>when one priest is away, and we cannot get a supply priest</i>)</p> <p><u>Saturday</u></p> <p>4.30pm Vigil Mass at St Basil</p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass at St John Fisher</p> <p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>10.15am Holy Mass at St Michael</p> <p>11.30am Holy Mass at St Bede</p>									
<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Raffle</p> <p>At the back of all the churches there are books of raffle tickets for our annual Easter Raffle. The prizes are amazing as always and are donated by very kind and generous parishioners! Please take as many books as you can and return them to the parish office as soon as you can. All money will go to the upkeep of all our church buildings, so please, sell, sell, sell! Raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday.</p>									
<p style="text-align: center;">The Parish Hall at St John Fisher</p> <p>Can I remind every group that uses the parish hall at St. John Fisher that every meeting must be booked in to the diary via the office. This is to avoid a double booking and, also so that every group is insured whilst using the building. Parish Groups have priority in their use of the hall, but we will allow other groups to use it, if it is available.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Choir</p> <p>We will be preparing for the Easter Services at our next gatherings which will be on:</p> <p>Monday 18th March, 7pm, St Bede. As usual, everyone is very welcome, even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All Welcome!</p>								

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	10th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Marie Bonnon (7 th Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Pat Conlon (LD)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Honor Evans
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Jean & Domingo Bernard (Rem)
Monday	11th March	Weekday of Lent	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Steven Bate (B'day Rem)
Tuesday	12th March	Weekday of Lent	
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Terry O'Malley (LD)
Wednesday	13th March	Weekday of Lent	
07.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Rosemary Goher (LD)
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Theresa Callaghan
Thursday	14th March	Weekday of Lent	
10.00	Funeral Service	St Bede	Sheila Ackerley
11.00	Requiem Mass	St Basil	Christine Margaret Wilson
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Mary Starkey (LD)
Friday	15th March	Weekday of Lent	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Joseph Pope (LD)
Saturday	16th March	Weekday of Lent	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Lizzie & Owen Batty (Rem)
10.30	Confessions		
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Denis Thompson (LD)
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Peter Golson (Sen) (Ann)
Sunday	17th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Norah Warren (B'day Rem)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Patricia Quinn (10 th Ann)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Mary O'Brien (8 th Ann)
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Rimmer (B'day Rem)
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners

