

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

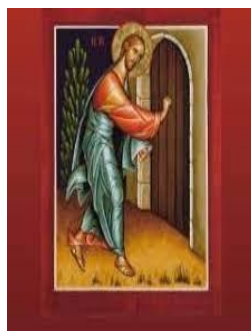
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**“Listen!**

***I am standing  
at the door  
knocking.”***

*Rev 3:20*



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There will be a Second Collection this week for 'The Catholic Education Services'

## ‘Learn, how to listen’

It has been an eventful week and we all pray that the political changes in this country will, first and foremost, help those most in need of help.

But the images of the week which will remain with me the longest are the aerial photographs of vast swathes of Pakistan under water and thousands of people living in misery, not just on roadsides but in the centre of roads, the only areas above the waters. No clean water, no toilets, not even any shelter in many cases. Houses washed away, jobs gone, fields ruined for the foreseeable future. And their presence on the roads making helicopters the only way to deliver aid. This is climate change and, as is so often the case, it is the poor who suffer most.

September 1st to October 4th, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, is the Season of Creation, a worldwide ecumenical focus on Christians working and praying together for our common home. This year's theme is "Listen to the voice of creation". As you would expect, Pope Francis has written a letter to encourage our involvement.

***'If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of our common home'.***

Francis calls us to be attentive to God's presence in the natural world and to be aware that we are joined with the rest of God's creatures in a 'universal communion'... and to praise God for it. 'Let everything that breathes praise the Lord'.

But to hear the cry of anguish as well the chorus of cries. The earth cries at our abuse and destruction of the earth itself. And then of the countless species that are dying because of our abuse. And so, to Pakistan and the poor of our world who are suffering the effects of climate change in flooding, drought, hurricanes, and heat waves becoming so much more frequent. Our children are calling on us adults to do everything possible to prevent or limit the collapse of our planet's ecosystems. And each of us has our part to play, however tiny it may seem.

+ John

# Parish Pilgrimage to St. Cuthbert's Seminary, Ushaw College, Holy Island and Durham 2023

Just to whet your appetite!

The Social Group are looking at organising a trip next April to the Northeast of England. We shall stay at Ushaw College where many of our priests were trained to serve in the Archdiocese.

We shall go to Holy Island on the Northumberland Coast to visit this ancient place of pilgrimage and have time in the beautiful city of Durham, hopefully attending evening prayer in Durham Cathedral.

As soon as we know more information and costings, we shall let you know...

St. Cuthbert and St. Bede – pray for us!

## St. Wilfrid's Parish

Holy Mass for all Headteachers, SLT, RE  
Coordinators and Governors

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 4pm

St. John Fisher Church, WA8 3JA

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall



## LGBTQ+ MASS

The next Mass will take place on  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm** at  
**All Saints Church, Anfield,  
L4 2QH.**



All are welcome to attend.

**Principal Celebrant – Archbishop  
Malcolm McMahon**

## SYNODAL COUNCIL

THIS WEEK THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
ST. WILFRID'S PARISH WILL MEET TO CONTINUE  
TO PRAY AND DISCERN TOGETHER THEIR ROLE  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS DEANERY  
APPOINTED COUNCIL.  
PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE  
SYNODAL COUNCIL.

*A big thank you to the volunteers who gave up their  
afternoon to scrape all the loose paintwork off the  
walls at St Bede's*

*The average age was, shall we say north of 40, but  
like a good wine some parishioners mature well  
with age!!*

*Thanks again!*

# The Ministry of Reader

Once more we are appealing for volunteers to read at Mass. In some of our churches, the same people are reading almost every other week and we are unable to have 2 readers, as is appropriate, at any of the weekend Masses. This is a real shame, and I am sure there are some of you that are reading this that could read beautifully at Mass!

Please volunteer, your parish needs **YOU!**

If you would like to know more then please come along to the **Readers Training and Reflection Evening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm** at St. Michael's Church or just pass your name and telephone number into the Parish office for the attention of **Pauline Rolt** and she will contact you.

If you are thinking about it, just quickly write your name down and pop it through the letterbox! You will be great!

**Fr. Mark, on behalf of the whole parish!**

## Dates for your diary...

**19<sup>th</sup> September** – Parish Trip to pray with the relics of St. Bernadette in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

**20<sup>th</sup> September** – 7pm, St. Michael's Church, Reflection Evening for the Ministers of the Word.

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – Feast of St. Wilfrid

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – 12 noon, St. Michael's Church, Mass of Anointing for the Sick and Housebound.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you thinking about becoming a Roman Catholic?

Would you like to know more?

Would you like a space and time to ask questions?

Are you a Catholic who wishes to know more about your faith?

The R.C.I.A. is a process of accompanying people in their faith journey, there is no expectation or pressure, rather a 'walking with' model of deepening faith and exploring the vast treasures of the Roman Catholic Church.

If you, or you know someone who is interested in starting this time of discernment then please pass your name, address and telephone number into the parish office or e mail [stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk) and one of the R.C.I.A. Team will contact you, answer any questions you may have and let you know when the group will meet!

**Make a leap of faith and start a wonderful journey!**

## Relics of St. Bernadette - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

There are still a few places left to the parish in visiting the Relics of St. Bernadette at the Cathedral. Names and £5 to be given in to the Parish Office by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** as we must inform the Cathedral.

The coach will leave at **10am** outside St. Bede and return at about 3.30pm.

**INTENTIONS** – please note, there is a box for intentions in the Cathedral, but you need to bring them with you on the day already written. If you are not coming on the day, but have an intention to place before St. Bernadette, please pass your intention into the Parish Office for Fr. Mark's attention and he will place the intention at the Cathedral.





# The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> September

09.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Charlie Shalvey  
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Patricia King – 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Marie Cullerton  
 11.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – JW – Lately Dead  
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Gordon Riding – Lately Dead

## MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> September

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer- (*St Basil*)  
 09.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – David & John McDonnell  
**12 Noon Requiem (*St Michael*) – Helen Walsh**

## TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September – St. John Chrysostom

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)  
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)  
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Nancy Prendergast - Remembrance

## WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)  
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)  
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes

## THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September – Our Lady of Sorrows

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)  
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)  
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Phil Meade – Lately Dead

## FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> September – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)  
 09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)  
 09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Jane Smith – Lately Dead  
**11:30am Requiem (*St Bede*) Laurence Grace**

## SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret Walker - Lately Dead  
 10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)  
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Michael Cowan – Lately Dead  
 18.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Jean Hancock – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

## SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

09.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners  
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Joseph Edward Davies – 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – A Sick Person  
 11.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – June Rolt - Anniversary  
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John & Margaret Colford – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

### Sanctuary Lamp

**St Bede:** Special Intention (DS)  
**St Basil:** Marie Elizabeth Golson – Birthday Remembrance  
**St John Fisher:** Sick and Housebound Parishioners  
**St Michael:** Joseph Davies - Remembrance

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