

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



## Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) Second Collection: World Communication

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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### Responsorial Psalm

**R. 'The Lord has set his sway in heaven'.**

### To Live is to Change

It was so heartening to see that nearly three hundred parishioners attended the St Bede's Presentation last Wednesday evening. It was quite literally standing room only!

Thank you to the members of the Parish Buildings and Finance Committee, who have worked so hard behind the scenes to bring these exciting aspirations to fruition. Thank you also to Linda and her fantastic team at St Basil's Club for their wonderful hospitality and a plentiful supply of liquid refreshment.

We were also grateful to welcome senior leaders from the archdiocese, who gathered to hear the fruits of our labours and reinforce the message that this project has the full backing of the archbishop, who provides us with a very clear mandate to get on with it and future-proof the Catholic mission in Widnes for generations to come.

In other news, we have added an extra row of benches at St Basil's Church to address the wonderful problem that weekend Mass attendance is also standing room only! Things may look a little different and even the smallest change to our sacred spaces can be disorientating... so, I sign off with a quote, wrongly attributed to Winston Churchill but in fact belonging to St John Henry Newman:

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often".

St John Henry, Cardinal Newman CO

Fr Thomas

### **Pilgrimage to Knock**

The feedback that I have received from all the parishioners who were on the pilgrimage to Knock was that it was a huge success both spiritually and socially. For many, being at the shrine, for the first time, touching the Gable Wall and experiencing Mass at the Apparition Chapel will remain in their hearts for many years to come.

A selection of photographs of the pilgrimage has been placed in a folder at the back of St Bede's church for people to enjoy!

Our Lady of Knock pray for us! St Joseph pray for us! St. John the Evangelist pray for us!

Fr Mark

### **Can you help with Quarant'ore?**

In a couple of weeks, there will be signing up sheets for Quarant'ore, so that all our times of prayer have at least two people watching in adoration and prayer. Can you commit to spending time with Jesus?

#### **Could you buy a candle for Quarant'ore?**

The reason why many parishes do not hold this devotion in their parish is because of the exorbitant cost of candles. Could you buy a candle to burn? You could dedicate the candle for a loved one or for a specific intention. The cost of each candle is £20, and all intentions will be placed in a prominent position on the sanctuary. Please pass your intention and offering into the parish office marked 'Candle'. All intentions should be passed in by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June so that they can be included for the full time of prayer.

### **Presentation Mass for Year 3 Children**

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at either the 9am or the 11.30am Mass the children from St Bede's RC Junior School who are preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion will be presented to the parish community. They will ask for our prayers and support as they start this time of preparation.

We give our prayers gladly!

### **Congratulations Holy Communion Children**

Our children from all our RC Primary Schools and Catholic children from other schools have received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

Thank you to the parish catechists who have worked so hard preparing the children for their great day. Our parish schools support and teach our children in their faith every day – thank you! Finally, thanks to the children and their families who were just wonderful!

Congratulations!

### **Mass Intentions**

When submitting Mass intentions, please be aware that the intention should be offered for an individual or a family and not all the individual members of a family. The submission of multiple names amounts to a request for multiple Masses, which we do not have the capacity to meet.

Also, please be aware that due to lack of space, we advertise the name of the intention in the newsletter, but not necessarily all the particulars. The priest knows the particular circumstances, as do the angels and saints in heaven, so there is no need to worry.

Fr Thomas

### **Requiescant in pace**

Jane Mills, Bridget Freel,  
Kevin Butler, Ann (Nancy) Carter and  
Eileen Blood

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

### **Sanctuary Lamp**

*The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.*

<b>St Bede</b>	Baby George O'Grady
<b>St Michael</b>	Children of the Parish
<b>St John Fisher</b>	Peace in the Holy Land
<b>St Basil</b>	Joan Moran

### **Parish Choir**

The next gatherings of the Parish Choir will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, all at 7pm in St Bede's Church.

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.

All are welcome.

### **Trinity Safe Space Charity Urgent Appeal**

Due to unprecedentedly large numbers of new arrivals into our charity (people seeking asylum, refugees, and vulnerable migrants) we are struggling to meet demand for items and do not have enough funding to buy as much as we need for them. Most of them are men.

We need the following: men's jeans – sizes 32" and 34" waist, regular or long leg; men's waterproof trainers (not the cloth type) sizes 43, 41 and 44; men's boxer shorts sizes medium and large; hair clippers; stick blenders for food; stockpot style pans. It would be excellent if donations could be new ones, but we will also accept clean second-hand clothes, trainers, and pans if they are in a very good state – no dirty, stained, or ripped ones please and no second-hand underwear. Please drop them off at one of the churches as soon as possible and I will collect them.

Thank you in anticipation of your kindness.

Pauline Ruth on behalf of TSS

### **Vision Group Meeting**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the Parish Vision Group will meet. If you have any issue concerning the parish that you would like raised at this meeting, please talk to one of the members of the Vision Group or pass a note into the Parish Office and it will be added to the agenda.

#### **Vision Group Members:**

Pauline Rolt, Peter McCann, Susan Warburton, Denise Roberts, Rev. Paul Rooney and Fr. Mark.

### **Welcome Lourdes Hospitalité**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May we welcome the Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Hospitalité to our parish. They will be celebrating Mass together at St John Fisher Church and then having a meeting together in the Parish Hall.

You are very welcome here at St Wilfrid's!

### **Confessions**

Please note that there will be Mass and Confessions at St Bede's on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. This is because we could not accommodate them on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month due to First Holy Communion Masses.

## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Jean & Jimmy Finn
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	40 <sup>th</sup> Wed Ann & Thanksgiving
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Colette Leake
15.00	Lourdes Hospitalité Mass	St John Fisher	All Pilgrims
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	Parishioners & Tommy Cuerden
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Christ the King</b>	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Carol Houghton
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Feast of St Matthias, Apostle</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Walter Hurstfield
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Garry George Littler</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Winifred & Richard Flanagan
<b>14.00</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Basil</b>	<b>Helen Barbara Hansbury</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Thomas Heatherington
<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Basil</b>	<b>Veronica Daniels</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Knock Pilgrims</b>
<b>10.30</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	
<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Wedding Service</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>Philip Hall &amp; Stacy Allen</b>
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	James Washington
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Bill Cullerton
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Joe Houghton
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Mary Ward
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Charlie Stevens
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners Hugh Brennan Jnr