

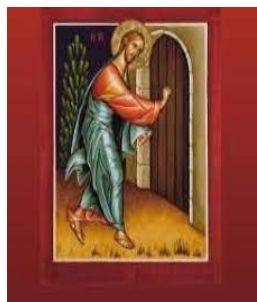
Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

13th February 2022

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

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

Rev 3:20



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SVP – There will be a retiring collection after Mass – Please give generously
Thank you

Charity - Unity - Fraternity.

Last September I received a letter from the Archbishop appointing me as chaplain to Council 18 of the Knights of St Columba here in Widnes to replace Fr. Peter Fox who was chaplain for the past 20 years until his sudden death in February last year.

The Knights of St. Columba is one of the few remaining active lay men's societies that has been in existence here in our Archdiocese for over the past 100 years. Like most Catholic lay societies, the Knights were founded to bring Catholic Men together to deepen their personal spirituality through prayer, good works and friendship. The Knights exist to support both the mission and doctrine of the Church and for the moral and social welfare of our communities, particularly to help the development of young people. Membership is open to Catholic Men from 16years and over and although over the years the membership of our local Council 18 has seen a drop in numbers it is still very much alive and continues its apostolic work. If you are interested in learning more of the Knights, we meet the second Tuesday of every month in the parish hall at St. John Fisher.

Our local branch of the Knights here in Widnes has left us with a very deep and rich history not just raising funds for charitable causes both locally and abroad. Most people will have experienced the presence of the Knights here in our community in The Knights Hall, sadly now replaced by a block of flats, in the town centre in Fredrick St. In its hay day it was very much part of the heart of Catholic social life. For here many Catholics met and married their future spouses.

Fr.Bill

St Wilfrid's Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022

DEPARTURE DATE: 22 Jul 2022 RETURN DATE: 29 Jul 2022
COST PER PERSON: £799.00 sharing, £989 single room
LEAD PERSON: Ged Glover

22nd July 2022

Meet at St Bedes for coach transfer to Liverpool airport

Depart Liverpool airport for the flight to Lourdes. On arrival join the waiting coach for the transfer to the Hotel Paradis for 7 nights stay on full board basis starting with dinner this evening.

23rd July 2022 – 28th July 2022

During our stay in Lourdes a full Pilgrimage in association with the Liverpool Archdiocese and excursions program will be arranged, this will include a walking tour taking in the places associated with St Bernadette, a half day excursion to Batres, Stations of the Cross, the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the candlelight Procession. Mass will be celebrated each day.

29th July 2022

Depart Lourdes for the journey to Liverpool.

Coach transfer from Liverpool airport back to St Bedes

COST INCLUDES:

Return flights Liverpool – Lourdes.

Airport duty & passenger taxes.

1 suitcase per person for the air-craft hold 22kgs.

7 night's full board 4* Hotel Paradis Lourdes

Half day excursion to Bartres.

Northern Star Travel representative



Please contact the Parish Office to secure your place.

No deposit is required at the moment. We just need numbers at this stage.

Foodbank

Please **do not** leave any donations for the foodbank in church.

Please place them in one of the donation boxes in either

Asda, Morrisons or Tesco.

Thank You

Sleep Out with Nugent: On Friday 4 March 2022, Nugent charity will be asking supporters to give up their bed for the night to experience just a fraction of the challenges of what it is like to be homeless. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult at a ratio of one adult to every two under 18's. For more information, please visit Nugent's website at: <https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/sleep-out-with-nugent/> or contact: fundraising@wearenugent.org or 07833 091 852.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Walsingham Pilgrimage 26/11/22 to 28/11/22. Including the Thursford Christmas Spectacular.
Cost £200 for a standard room. £210 for an en-suite room.

It is now time for deposits to be paid. If you have booked your place, please pay £50 deposit per person by 13th March.

Can all deposits be handed in at the Parish office please.

Cheques should be made payable to St Wilfrid's.

Please put all deposits in an envelope and write Walsingham on the front of the envelope, don't forget to include your name and contact number.

Many thanks.

Music for Easter



There will be a meeting for all those who play or sing at Mass over the Easter period on,

**Tuesday 15th February at 7.30pm
St. John Fisher Hall**

Could everyone please make every effort to attend so that every group is represented, and we can ensure that the liturgy is the best that we can offer.

Fr Mark

ANTI Social Behaviour at St Michael's

The behaviour of the young men and their dogs is making things impossible for the parishioners who wish to attend church and carry out their voluntary duties in the church because of the behaviour of this growing gang of young people.

THEY DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO BE ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

If you see any one in the church grounds or in Bishop John's Garden, please **PHONE THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY** either on 101 or 999. The grounds are littered with dog faeces, litter and the gang's presence is intimidating.

Reminder From Fr Bill

Please continue to save your used postal stamps.
Boxes are still at back of church.
Thank You.



If you have any items or information that you would like to be included in your weekly Newsletter.

Please email the Parish Office before Wednesday
12.00Noon
at:

stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk

Thank You

Liturgy Matters



The most basic Christian gesture in prayer is and always will be the Sign of the Cross. It is a way of confessing Christ crucified with one's very body, in accordance with the words of Saint Paul: "We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (I Cor 1:23f). Again, he says: "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (2:2).

To seal oneself with the Sign of the Cross is a visible and public Yes to Him who suffered for us; to Him who in the body has made God's love visible, even to the utmost; to the God who reigns not by destruction but by the humility of suffering and love, which is stronger than all the power of the world and wiser than all the calculating intelligence of men.

The Sign of the Cross is a confession of faith: I believe in Him who suffered for me and rose again; in Him who has transformed the sign of shame into a sign of hope and of the love of God that is present with us. The confession of faith is a confession of hope: I believe in Him who in His weakness is the Almighty; in Him who can and will save me even in apparent absence and impotence. By signing ourselves with the Cross, we place ourselves under the protection of the Cross, hold it in front of us like a shield that will guard us in all the distress of daily life and give us the courage to go on.

Joseph, Cardinal Ratzinger, *Spirit of the Liturgy*, (2000), Ignatius Press, p 177.

MASS OF WELCOME FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTISED

This weekend at the 11am Mass at St. Bede's we welcome the children and the families who are to be baptised in our parish in the coming months.



Let us make sure that we give them a lovely welcome and let them know that they are always welcome here for they are very much a part of our parish family. Remember to pray for these children in these weeks leading up their baptism.



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 13th February

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) - Brenda Web – Birthday Remembrance
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Joan & Arthur Wilcox Anniversary
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Monsignor Charles Glass
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Gerard O'Connor – Remembrance
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Joanne Leadbetter – Lately Dead

MONDAY 14th February – Feast of saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe.

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*)- Residents of Care Homes
 11:00 am Funeral Service – Julie Newell – *St Bede*

TUESDAY 15th February

10:15 am Requiem - *Christopher Ostick* – *St Michaels*
 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Patricia Heyes

WEDNESDAY 16th February

18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – James Swain – Lately Dead

THURSDAY 17th February

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St. Michael*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Julia King – Birthday Remembrance
 13:00 pm Requiem – Elizabeth Burgess – (*St Bede*)

FRIDAY 18th February

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)
 09.10am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
 09.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Anthony Bath – Lately Dead
 13:00 am Funeral Service – Mary Webster – *St Michael*

SATURDAY 19th February

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Mary Bebbington – Anniversary
 10.30 am Confessions (*St Bede*)
 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Kev Gibbons – Anniversary
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) –



Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil:	Private Intention
St Bede:	Geraldine Peacock
St Michael:	Susan McGarry – Birthday Remembrance
St Michael:	Mary McKeown – 7 th Anniversary

St Bede will be open for private prayer Mon – Fri 10:30 am till 13:30 pm