

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

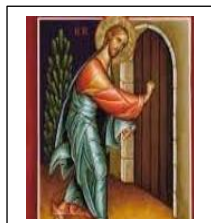
15th May 2022

Easter Week 5

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

Rev 3:20



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There will be a retiring collection this week for SVP.
Thank You.

CHURCH ACTION

Church Action On Poverty is forty years old this year. Founded in the year that Pope John Paul came to this country. Founded to listen to poverty and speak with it to those who can effect change. Perhaps never in those forty years has the need been as great as it is now.

It describes itself, truly, as 'a national ecumenical Christian social justice charity, committed to tackling poverty in the U.K. Working in partnership with churches, and with people in poverty themselves, to tackle the root causes of poverty...'. It is about the gospel values of justice and compassion.

It is quite definitely a campaigning organisation, working with poor people against all that brings them into poverty and for policies that will change the situation. I have been a member for most of those forty years and when I am tempted to despair of the situation, as I am at the moment, Church Action On Poverty is one of my fall back positions. It looks at situations, listens carefully to those who suffer, analyses ways forward, and invites its members to join in campaigning for the necessary change.

Clearly, C.A.P. cannot work without funds. The address is: 28, Sandpiper Court, Water's Edge Business Park, Modwen Road, Salford, M5 3EZ. They will ask you if you would like them to send you regular emails with campaign actions and updates on the work and to send you Spark, three times a year Newsletter. God bless their work

Bishop John

Quarant'Ore

Forty Hours' Devotion of the Most Blessed
Sacrament
13th -16th June
2022
at St John Fisher Church

After several years, we have decided to hold *Quarant'Ore* devotions in the parish. *Quarant'Ore* is an ancient tradition in which continuous prayer is made for forty hours before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, enthroned upon the altar. This will take place at St John Fisher in the days leading up to the Feast of *Corpus Christi* and we welcome this privileged opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament as a parish community.

More information, including itinerary and sign-up sheet for watching before the Blessed Sacrament will be outlined in next week's newsletter.



NOTICE

It came to our attention that there was some confusion with our parishioners, regarding the funeral held on Tuesday 10th May at St John Fisher.

We would like to confirm there was NO error in the newsletter regarding this funeral.

Thank You.

PRESBYTERY GATES AT ST MICHAEL

Could anyone help? And have a look at the gates at the presbytery at St. Michael's? We need to be able to shut them and we are unsure whether they could be fixed? Anyone with any ideas, please have a look and let the office know of your findings!

Parish Choir

The next gatherings of our Parish Choir are on Monday 30th May and Tuesday 28th June both in St. Bede's Church at 7.00pm. 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.

Stations of the Cross- St Michaels Church

Most parishioners will know and love the great paintings of the Stations of the Cross that are in St Michael's Church.

These paintings are a great aid to devotion, especially during the season of Lent.

Due to their age, however, they are in need of some care and attention. To this end a representative of the restorers used by the Liverpool Museum has visited St Michael's church to assess what work would be necessary to restore them.

They were very impressed by the paintings and noted that many years of candle smoke etc. had taken their toll on them. They have been asked to prepare estimates to restore the paintings to their original colours.

The restorer is the same person who restored the paintings from the former church of St Patrick.

It is hoped that this estimate and schedule of work will be received in the next few weeks, and we can then consider the best way forward with regard to these paintings.

If in the meantime if there are any parishioners who have old photographs of the paintings in their original frames.

It would be good to share them with Fr Thomas.

Sacramental Programme

A big thank you to all our parish catechists, sacristans and helpers who ensured all the children who celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion did so with reverence and a sense of awe and wonder. So much time is given by so many and it is greatly appreciated by the children and their families. A word of special thanks to our parish primary schools, who are so supportive and by working together we build the relationship between school and parish.

Bless you all!

Betty Blue Eyes Show

Could all those who are coming to see the show on Tuesday evening please meet outside St. Bede's Church at 6pm, we hope to be home at around 10pm!

I am sure we shall have a great evening of music and laughter together!

May procession and crowning of Our Lady.

On Sunday the 29th, the last Sunday of May, our parish will honour Our Blessed Lady with the crowning of her statue and the traditional May procession at 2.30pm.

Many of us will remember the May processions as we were growing up walking along behind Our Lady in our Holy Communion dresses and suits. This year we hope that many of the children who have made their First Communion these past few weeks will join us in giving honour to Mary, Queen of the May. It will be great to see you all.

An open invitation is extended to all our parishioners to join us.



Sunday Obligation Returns

The Roman Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement saying that from Pentecost Sunday, 5th June, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is reinstated. It is clear though in the statement that anyone who does not feel safe because of ill health is not committing a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.'

Face Covering – wearing of face covering is now up to each individual.

Precious Blood – at this time we are not allowed to offer the chalice to the faithful.

Holy Communion on the tongue – if you desire to receive Holy Communion on the tongue you should present yourself to the priest or minister once everyone else has received.



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 15th May

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Doris Cox - Anniversary
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Terence Doran – Lately Dead
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – John, Freda & John Biggs
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – James Meapen – Birthday Anniversary
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners

MONDAY 16th May

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – John Davis – Poorly
 12 Noon Funeral Service (*St Michael*) James Barr

TUESDAY 17th May

09:00 am Requiem (*St Basil*) – Richard Burns
 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Mark Hurst – 10th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY 18th May

10:00 am Requiem (*St Bede*) – Margaret Hannon
 18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes

THURSDAY 19th May

10:15 am Funeral Service (*St Bede*) *Gerald Priestly*
 11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Joanne Carroll - Poorly

FRIDAY 20th May

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Hughie Brennan Jnr – 2nd Anniversary

SATURDAY 21st May

10 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Nancy Prendergast - Remembrance
 10:30 am Confessions
 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Stephen, Marie & Mary Tarpey & Roy Hensley
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Frances Green

Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil: Vocations to the Priesthood
St Bede: The Sick and Housebound
St Michael: Peace in the World
St John Fisher: Pope Francis

St Bede
 is open
 for Private
 Prayer
 Mon – Fri
 10:30
 To
 14:30