

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Second Collection: Priests in Retirement**

15th July 2023

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NB: CHECK MASS TIMES CAREFULLY AS THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Responsorial Psalm

R. 'Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop'.

Reflecting on my first week

My first week has been a busy one. I have met so many wonderful people giving their time for the benefit of others. Those volunteers behind the scenes at church, or helping in the foodbank, and even helping the smooth running of our schools, and many more activities besides. In Rome I volunteer with the Missionaries of Charity (St. Mother Theresa's sisters), whom we can all look to as those who are living the Gospel. The order's motto is 'I thirst'. Seeing that we can think of Our Lord on the cross, or the giving of drink to the thirsty as he asks us to do. But it can also make us think of what *we* thirst for. While the Sisters are giving to those in need, they recognise that they too thirst for Jesus, for the Word of God. Whilst the good work that we do can often shine the love of our faith into lives of others, it's important that we don't become malnourished ourselves. Looking after our own thirst is vital to help give drink to others. Prayer, the sacraments, and community at church can all be great starting points to help our faith grow.

The people of our parish have a great faith and clearly this is the heart of their good works. There are people in Widnes who thirst for much more than water and perhaps you know them. Perhaps our good work can be the encouragement that others need to fulfil their thirst for something greater, for an unconditional love. Perhaps we can help the sower from Sunday's gospel, and talk to others about our faith, and in turn pray that they can put roots in what we know is right and true.

Dan Howarth,
Seminararian

Welcome Fr. David Rocks, O.P.

We welcome Fr. David to our parish. We are very grateful to Fr. David who will supply here whilst Fr. Bill, Fr. Thomas and Fr. Mark are in Lourdes with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage.

Welcome to the Parish of St. Wilfrid!

Private Prayer

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday from 10.00am until 13.00pm, except for funerals. *(If the church is unopen during these times, please knock at the parish office)*

You are encouraged to come in and spend some time in prayer for your own needs, the needs of the Church and the world.

Deanery Synodal Council

On Saturday the members of the Deanery Synodal Council met together in the Guild Hall to continue our discussions around the synodal process. It is good to meet with the Warrington side of the deanery, to hear where they are on the journey and to listen, offer reflection and share.

St. Wilfrid's Deanery Synodal Representatives: Peter McCann, Denise Roberts, Pauline Rolt, and Susan Warburton. Clergy Representative: Fr. Mark.

Exciting news!

We are delighted to announce, after two years of painstaking preparation and research, that approval has been given by Archdiocesan Trustees for the restoration works at St Bede's Church.

Already, arrangements are in hand to appoint a project manager, whom we hope to appoint before September, and for various expert contractors to submit tenders for the project.

At the same time applications will be submitted to the Historic Churches Commission, to ensure any proposal respects the historic character and integrity of this grade II listed building.

The successful contractor will draw up detailed specifications and obtain quotations for the repair and restoration works; this should be completed by the autumn.

Provided that everything goes according to schedule work should commence at the beginning of 2024, and a presentation of this exciting project will be made to parishioners later in the year.

The Buildings and Finance Committee

Summer Timetable

Over the summer holidays there will only be two priests in residence across the parish, so we need to adjust the weekend schedule, so that the priests who are here are able to cope with the liturgical timetable.

From **Saturday 29th July till Monday 11th September** the weekend timetable is as follows.

Saturday (Please note **NO** Saturday morning Mass. If you need confession, please approach one of the priests either before or after Mass)

5pm – Holy Mass at St. Basil

5pm – Holy Mass at St. Bede

Sunday 9am – Holy Mass at St. Bede

9.30am – Holy Mass at St. Michael

10.30am – Holy Mass at St. John Fisher

11.15am – Holy Mass at St. Bede

(**NO** 4pm Holy Mass at St. Bede)

Weekday Masses will in the most part remain unchanged, but please check the newsletter each week.

We know you will understand the need for this slight change, for this limited time.

The Clergy Team

Requiescant in pace

Margaret McLoughlin, Eleanor Flanagan,
Walter Hurstfield, Irene Dedrick
& Mary Sheridan

May the Angels lead them into paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Baby George O'Grady
St Michael	Private Intention
St John Fisher	All Lourdes Pilgrims
St Basil	Seminarians

Another Academic Year Ends!

At the end of this week our children and staff end another academic year. We wish them all a good rest and a time of refreshment after a very busy year in school!

We would like to express our deepest thanks to all the staff, especially our head teachers and senior leadership teams.

Our schools are centres of evangelisation in our parish, indeed for many of our children and their families, the school is the 'church' in the community and the schools do a wonderful job in being a beacon of the love and forgiveness of Jesus in our community!

Children and staff – have a wonderful rest and see you in September!

The Clergy Team

Lourdes Petitions and Candles

If you would like me to take a petition to Lourdes or light a candle for you at the grotto, please pass the intention and the candle offering into the Parish Office as soon as possible. Please mark the envelope 'PETITION' or 'CANDLE' – a monetary offering can be made for the candle and placed in the envelope with the intention for the candle, but **DO NOT** put any money in with the petition as they are unopened and burnt at the grotto.

Fr. Mark

Lourdes Mass and Healing Service

A Lourdes Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 18th July at 7.30pm** at St. John Fisher Church. You do not need to be coming to Lourdes this year to attend. Come and experience a small piece of Lourdes at home!

A Service of Healing will take place on **Thursday 20th July at 1.30pm** at St. John Fisher Church. Come and know the healing touch of Our Lord. The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered to all who attend.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

St. Bernadette, pray for us!

Parish Office

From 26th July till 30th August the parish office will be closed on Wednesdays. This is to enable Syl and Deb to catch up on the jobs that they don't have time to get to during the busier months, so try not to ring or call on Wednesdays!

Pilgrimage to Knock Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 26th April 2024

On Wednesday 2nd August at 7.30pm, after the 7pm Mass there will be a meeting for all those interested in going to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock next year. All the information that we have at this stage will be shared and booking forms will be available. Come along if you want to know more.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	16th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9.00am	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Kevin Dolan
9.30am	Holy Mass	St. Michael	Jimmy Meaden, 3 rd Anniversary
10.30am	Holy Mass	St. John Fisher	Joan & William Davies, Anniversary
11.15am	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Sheila Quinn
16.00pm	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Parishioners
Monday	17th July	Ferial	
9.00am	Exposition	St. Basil	
9.30am	Holy Mass	St. Basil	Paul Conroy, Lately Dead
12 noon	Service	St. Bede	Brian Bold
Tuesday	18th July	Ferial	
14:00pm	Funeral Service	St. John Fisher	Maureen Shakeshaft
19.30pm	LOURDES MASS	St. John Fisher	Rita Fagan
Wednesday	19th July	Ferial	
17.00pm	St. Bede Y6 Mass	St. Bede	William Cullerton, Anniversary
Thursday	20th July	Ferial	
11:15am	Requiem	St. Bede	William Leslie Dean
11:30am	Exposition	St Michael	
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Richard & Lilian Shaw
13.30pm	Healing Service	St. John Fisher	
Friday	21st July	Ferial	
9:00am	Exposition	St. John Fisher	
9:30am	Holy Mass	St. John Fisher	Olga Naughton
Saturday	22nd July	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	
10:00am	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Bridie Jones, Lately Dead
10:30am	Confessions	St. Bede	
17.00pm	Vigil Mass	St. Bede	Thomas Bowles, Birthday Remembrance
17.00pm	Vigil Mass	St. Basil	Rosemary McNulty, Lately Dead
Sunday	23rd July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9.00am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Billy Scott, 2 nd Anniversary
9.30am	Holy Mass	St Michael	Margaret Jessica Duffy, Anniversary
10.30am	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Stephen Marsh
11.15am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Thomas Bowles, Birthday Remembrance
16.00pm	Holy Mass	St Bede	William Billy Dwyer