

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

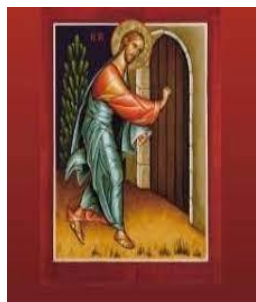
17th/24th April 2022

Easter Week 1 & 2

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

Rev 3:20



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Reflection

This week we want to discuss Christ's resurrection and the best way to begin is to clarify what we mean by it. Let's note straight away, when we speak of Christ's resurrection, we don't mean Christ was resuscitated. Resuscitation pertains to living people who are unconscious; dead people can't be resuscitated. Christ, however, truly and really died on the cross. On the cross Christ's soul was separated from his body. Christ's death was a true death in every sense of the term. So, resuscitation was not an option for Christ and hence it is not what we mean when we speak of Christ's resurrection.

Nor, however, do we mean Christ just came back to life after he had died. Certainly, this did happen - as it did to Lazarus as well (Jn. 11:1-44) - but crucially, this wasn't all that happened to Christ. Because when Christ rose from the dead he rose to eternal life; he would never die again. Lazarus, on the other hand, would die again. So when we speak of Christ's resurrection, we mean Christ's body being reunited with his soul in such a way that they would never be separated again. Christ rose to eternal life, and this was something completely new in history.

Still if that's what we mean by Christ's resurrection why was it necessary and how did it affect us? Here we have to be careful. Christ's resurrection was only necessary because Christ died on the cross. If God the Father had chosen another way to bring about our salvation, then his Son's resurrection wouldn't have been necessary. But given what actually happened - given Christ's sacrifice on the cross - then Christ merited his resurrection together with the transfiguration of his body, his ascension into heaven, and all the other graces the Father bestowed on him. So Christ's resurrection was necessary in that sense.

But how did it affect us? Well, first, it confirms our belief that Christ was divine. After all, if Christ hadn't been raised, then there would be no reason to believe he was anything other than a good man. And there would certainly be no reason to think he had conquered death, overcome sin, and opened the way to eternal life. Second, it offers us legitimate hope of future glory. If Christ is raised to eternal glory and we are united to Christ, then we also can hope for future glory in heaven with Christ. Third, it confirms that we should imitate Christ's way of life. If Christ who lived in the way he did was raised to eternal life, then we who also want to be raised to eternal life should try to behave in the same way. Finally, and most importantly, it causes the resurrection of our bodies. Christ's resurrection came first, our resurrection will follow. The divine power which reunited Christ's body and soul will flow from Christ to all of us at the general resurrection of the dead. As a result, our bodies will also be inseparably reunited with our souls and Christ will reward us all with our just deserts.

Fr Thomas Skeats OP

EASTER THANKS

A massive thank you to all who have worked so hard to ensure all our Easter Services will be the best that they can be this year! Our churches will look magnificent, our liturgies will be meaningful and prepared and will raise minds and hearts to God. This is due to the efforts of so many people behind the scenes who give of their time and skill for the good of us all. May the blessings of God be showered upon you all!

The Parish Clergy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

BETTY BLUE EYES

On **Tuesday 17th May**, we shall have a trip to Manchester, to see the show '**Betty Blue Eyes**' – this show is being performed by St. Dunstan's AOS. The show takes place in a Parish Hall but has a full orchestra and lots of very talented thespians, including Fr. Mark's best friend, Fr. Philip Brady who falls in love with a pig...in the show!!! We shall leave at 6pm and return at about 10pm. It will be a great evening of fun and music! Cost will be £20 per person, including cost of ticket and coach. If you would like to come to the show, then please pass your name and telephone number with £20 through the letterbox in the Parish Office. (The Parish Office is closed until 25th April). **Mark your envelope 'Betty Blue Eyes'**.

TRIP TO YORK

On **Tuesday 10th May**, we shall have a day out together to York. We shall leave the parish at 9.30am(ish) and travel to this beautiful city. Upon arrival we shall celebrate Holy Mass at the Parish of St. Wilfrid and then have the day free to explore the Minster, the Shambles and the Shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow. We shall arrive home at about 6.30pm. Cost will be £15 per person. If you would like to come on our 'day out' then please pass your name and telephone number with your £15 through the Parish Office letterbox. (The Parish Office is closed until 25th April). **Mark your envelope 'Trip to York'**.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 24th April, Holy Family Church, Cronton, WA8 5DP
1.30pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Devotions and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.
4pm - Holy Mass
All are welcome to attend!



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 17th April 2022 – EASTER SUNDAY

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Keith Woods

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – William & Kate Forrest

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Sean Karalius – 10th Anniversary

11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Elizabeth Morris – 8th Anniversary & Cyril Morris – Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY 18th April 2022 – EASTER OCTAVE

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 Martin – 1st Anniversary

TUESDAY 19th April 2022 - EASTER OCTAVE

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)

11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)

12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Nancy Prendergast

WEDNESDAY 20th April 2022 - EASTER OCTAVE

18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)

18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)

19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Benny Lynch - Anniversary

THURSDAY 21st April 2022 - EASTER OCTAVE

10:30 am Requiem – (*St Bede*) – James Jackson

11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)

11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)

12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Bob Challinor – Birthday Remembrance

12:30 pm Requiem - (*St Basil*) – Nicole Marsh

FRIDAY 22nd April 2022 - EASTER OCTAVE

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*) – Residents of Our Care Homes

SATURDAY 23rd April 2022 - EASTER OCTAVE

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Hilda Noon – Birthday Remembrance

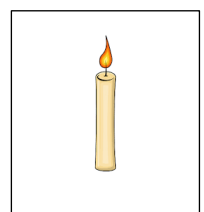
10.30 am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)

17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Collette Leake - Anniversary

18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Sam & Elsie Clemson

Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil:	Vocations to the Priesthood
St Bede:	Patrick Barker- Anniversary – Jason Barker
St Michael:	Anne Noon – Birthday Remembrance
St John Fisher:	Private Intention





The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 24th April 2022 – DEVINE MERCY

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Gerald Quinn**
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – **Parishioners**
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – **Special Intention (MB)**
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Margaret Cain – 1st Anniversary – Michael Cain – 90th Birthday Remembrance**
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Special Intention**

MONDAY 25th April 2022 – FEAST ST MARK EVANGELIST

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – **Joyce, Paul & Doug Dennett**
 12 Noon Funeral Service (*St Bede*) **Patricia Carroll**
 14:00 pm Funeral Service (*St Bede*) **William Picton**

TUESDAY 26th April 2022 – SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE MARTYR

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Catherine Crowther – Lately Dead**
 12:30 pm Funeral Service (*St John Fisher*) **Margaret Woodward**
 13:30 pm Requiem (*St Bede*) – **Mary Robinson**

WEDNESDAY 27th April 2022

18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Monica Davidson – Birthday Remembrance**

THURSDAY 28th April 2022

11:00 am Requiem (*St Bede*) **Mary McPartland**
 11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – **Peter Geraghty – 4th Anniversary**

FRIDAY 29th April 2022 – FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

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*) – **Margaret Joyce Morana – 1st Anniversary**

SATURDAY 30th April 2022

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Bereavement Group**
 10.30 am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Residents of our Care Homes**
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – **Marie Dowling – 20th Anniversary**

Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil: Bishop John
 St Bede: Margaret Cain – First Anniversary
 St Michael: Parish Clergy
 St John Fisher: Peace in the world

