

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

17th July 2022

Week 16

Year C

**"Listen!
I am standing
at the door
knocking."**
Rev 3:20



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SECOND COLLECTION – PROVISION FOR PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT - Thank you for your generosity

Reflection

In these last two weeks the Archdiocese has been blessed with two new priests. Fr Derek Lloyd who spent two weeks with us in January as part of this pastoral training and Fr Michael Harwood who trained in Rome.

Over the years I have been asked many times 'did you always want to be a priest'? The honest answer would be 'yes', from about the age of seven after I'd made my First Communion. Growing up in Dublin I loved going to Mass on Sundays with my family and often during the week I'd wake up early and walk the three miles for the 6am Mass, dashing home afterwards for my breakfast of porridge, a round of toast and a large cup of strong sweet tea before getting ready for school at the local Irish De la Salle. At the age of 18 and now living in Bootle I got involved in helping out the parish sister at our local parish of St James. Among other things she encouraged me to join the choir where I met Fr Brian Foley, one of the parish clergy. He was a great inspiration to me, and I shared with him on many occasions my desire to try my vocation. But God had other plans and my journey sadly was abruptly postponed. My father became very ill and the following April he passed away leaving my poor mother a widow with 8 children. Family responsibilities kept me busy for the next ten years. So, as they say watch this page, my story will continue another time.

Please remember our new priests Fr Derek and Fr Michael in your prayers as they await their appointments to their first parish that God will bless them with a happy and fruitful priesthood. Let us also continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Fr Bill



Reading during the Sacred Liturgy is a highly important ministry in which we break open the Word of God and make it incarnate in the hearts and minds of the faithful.

Sometimes we can risk reducing this beautiful ministry to one task amongst many others and fail to meditate upon the sacred scriptures as we convey their deep and meaningful message to the people.

In order to build upon all the good work of our readers and to affirm them in their ministry of proclaiming the Word of God, we are holding a training evening on Tuesday 20th September at St Michael's Church at 7pm and would request their presence.

This evening will be facilitated by Deacon Paul Mannings, who brings a wealth of liturgical and theological experience, and we look forward to welcoming him to the parish as we recommit ourselves to the great adventure of proclaiming the Word of God.

If you feel you could become a reader at Mass, please pass your details into the Parish Office.

Widnes Foodbank

Monthly shopping List July

Every food item generously donated to our foodbank will help to save a life. This month, we're asking if you could especially donate...

Tinned Rice Pudding

Rice Pudding

Tinned Custard

Tinned Veg

Tinned Fish

Tinned Potatoes Cereal

Tea/Coffee

Please do not leave donations in the church, all donations should be dropped off at any of the collection points in Widnes Town Centre.

Farewell Year 6 and have a good rest!

This week we end another academic year in our schools across the parish. All the schools will celebrate this with Masses, Retreat Days Away, Farewell Assemblies and times of Collective Worship. We bless the children, and we send them on their way!

The Clergy Team and all the parishioners would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who work with the children of this parish each day – for so many of our children ‘School is Church’ – thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors of a loving and forgiving God! A special mention to our head teachers and our SLT, who lead our schools and give so much support to the families in our parish community. The links between school and parish grow stronger year on year and this is because of a real desire for the children in our care to have the best experience they can of God and His Church that they can.

May God bless you all and have a good rest when the summer holidays come!

ST BEDE'S JUBILEE CLUB

Dates for your Diary

THURSDAY JULY 21ST ST BEDE'S INFANT SCHOOL 1.30 TO 3.30 PM

THURSDAY JULY 28TH JOHN FISHER HALL 1.30 TO 3.30 PM

All are welcome!

**ST. WILFRID'S LOURDES DEPARTURE MASS
WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY AT 7PM
ST. BEDE'S CHURCH**



ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND, WHETHER YOU ARE GOING ON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES OR NOT.

Petitions and Candles for Lourdes

On Friday 22nd July I will be travelling to Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes with our parish group to join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. If you would like me to take a petition to place at the Grotto, then please pass it into the Parish Office in a sealed envelope with the words '**LOURDES PETITION**'.

If you would like me to light a candle for you at the Grotto then please pass your offering and intention in another envelope with the words, '**LOURDES CANDLE**'. I shall happily place the petitions and light a candle for your intentions at this miraculous and holy place.

Fr. Mark

Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette – pray for us!

Please pass your petitions into the office before 5.00pm Wednesday, 20th July.

Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church

Last month we said that we hoped to have the paintings of 'The Stations of the Cross' at St Michael's Church restored professionally to their former glory.

Restorers have been out to look at the paintings and as you can imagine there is quite a lot of work needed to clean repair and re-stretch the canvases and to frame them in new frames. The cost will be £1000 each to have them fully restored and framed.

The question is how as a parish can we fund this?

It is difficult times for many households at present and some parishioners may question whether we should carry out this work. However, whilst we still have our churches open, we do need to invest in them to keep them in a state fit for the worship of our Lord and something that we can be proud of.

The plan therefore is to go ahead with the restoration of the paintings. Invitations are extended to any family who would like to pay for one to be restored in memory of their family or a deceased loved one. A small plaque will be fitted to rear of the station acknowledging this.

Anyone can make donations to restoration fund, however small will be received with grateful thanks. Any donation over £500 will be recorded in the parish archive book being set up for the Restoration Project. The first three paintings will be taken away to be restored at the end of July and it is expected that the whole restoration project will take 12 months, only if we are able to raise the funds. If you feel that you would like to sponsor one of the paintings, you should let Fr. Thomas or Fr. Mark know. We would also encourage any individuals or parish groups who have any ideas for raising funds for the restoration to drop a line to the parish office.



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy

SUNDAY 17th July

09.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Liam Carter (*Birthday Remembrance*)
10.00am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Fred Arrowsmith (*Lately Deceased*)
10.00am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Bill Cullerton (*Anniversary*)
11.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Brain & Valerie Young (*Golden Wedding Anniversary*)
16.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Roy Nelson (*8th Anniversary*)

MONDAY 18th July

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- (*St Basil*)
09.10am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
09.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) *Residents of Care Homes*
11.00am Requiem – (*St Basil*)- Brian Morgan

TUESDAY 19th July

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Frank Broom (*Birthday Remembrance*)

WEDNESDAY 20th July

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret Smyth (*Birthday Remembrance*)
7.00pm - Lourdes Departure Mass – The Sick and the Housebound

THURSDAY 21st July

10.00am Requiem – (*St Bede*) Margaret Karalius
11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – John Bingham

FRIDAY 22nd July – Feast of St Mary Magdalene

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)
09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – *Special Intention (RB)*
11.30am Funeral Service (*St John Fisher*) – Mary Glover

SATURDAY 23rd July – Feast of St Bridget

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Leah Sadler (*Anniversary*)
10.30 am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Billy Scott (*1st Anniversary*)
18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Patricia Dearden

Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil:

Margaret Smyth

St Bede:

Vocations to the Priesthood

St Michael:

Pilgrims going to Lourdes

St John Fisher:

Those who feel lonely and sad



**St Bede
is opened
For private Prayer
Mon – Fri
10:00am – 13:00 pm**