

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

18th September 2022

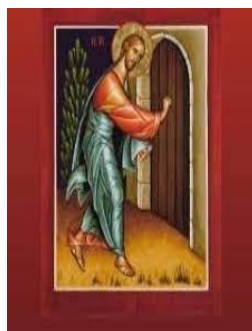
Week 24

Year C

“Listen!

***I am standing
at the door
knocking.”***

Rev 3:20



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Please Note: Parish Office will be closed on Monday 19th September and will close at 13:30 pm on Tuesday & Wednesday 20/21st September.

This week's mandatory collection is for: Home Missions – Thank You for your Generosity

A Gift of the Holy Spirit

It was a typical Cardinal Vincent memory. He recalled being at a religious service where the Queen was present. Everybody was glued to their service booklet, reciting a long prayer. +Vincent glanced up and saw the Queen, eyes closed, reciting the prayer by heart.

Archbishop Justin Welby commented that the Queen could not understand why other people did not pray as she did. Somebody, I forget who, said that Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury at the time of the Coronation, prepared a series of reflections for her on her future role. She studied them carefully.

The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Roman Williams, has written an article about Anointing at the Coronation, 'Queen Elizabeth, Servant of God'. He notes that the image of the anointed monarch pervades Scripture. So, the title 'Christ', the Anointed One', our Saviour. Anointing at Baptism or Ordination, signifies that someone is being given a new place in the community of God's people. It is not a job description, he adds, nor is it a blank cheque for power and privilege. It creates a relationship with God and with the community of faith and promises grace to make that relationship live and thrive.

..."And this is what the royal anointing means at its most important level - a gift of the Holy Spirit to hold a fragile human person in faithfulness to this place where community can gather for restoration and renewal. And there is no doubt at all that this was exactly what Queen Elizabeth believed about her role. It was a vocation for which she had been blessed and graced, and anointing was at the heart of it.

What does all of that say to me as a baptised /anointed person in this community of faith? It is a powerful thought.

(Roman Williams article appears in 'First Things' and the full article is well worth reading, and not at all hard going!)

+ John

Parish Pilgrimage to St. Cuthbert's Seminary, Ushaw
College,
Holy Island and Durham 2023

Just to whet your appetite!

The Social Group are looking at organising a trip next April to the Northeast of England.

We shall stay at Ushaw College where many of our priests were trained to serve in the Archdiocese.

We shall go to Holy Island on the Northumberland Coast to visit this ancient place of pilgrimage and have time in the beautiful city of Durham, hopefully attending evening prayer in Durham Cathedral.

As soon as we know more information and costings, we shall let you know...

St. Cuthbert and St. Bede – pray for us!

Fr. Malcolm Prince

Fr Malcolm Prince will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary on Sunday 25 September.

Mass will be celebrated by the **Archbishop** and will be at **10.00 am** in the Chapel at Nazareth House, Liverpool Road, Great Crosby, L23 0QT where Malcolm is resident.

There will then be a buffet in the parish hall at St Helen's Church. Alexandra Road, Crosby, L23 7TQ at 11.30 am and again everyone is welcome at no charge. It would be helpful if some idea of numbers attending could be given to us asap in order to arrange suitable catering.

For further information contact Tony Bird on 07756186231 or anthonybird13@gmail.com.

Requiem Mass for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

*Monday 19th September at 10am
St. Basil and All Saints Church, Hough Green,
WA8 4SZ*

*On this momentous day please come and pray for
the repose of her soul
and for the members of the Royal Family.*

**Church Restoration
Fund**

St John Fisher Hall
Friday 21st October 2022
8pm

Knights Choir

Iona Sound

(Out of Retirement Once Again)

Plus, Guest Groups

Bring your own
food/drink

Tickets £3.00

available from Choir Members or
Brendon 0151 420 0611
Roy 0151 424 1924

LGBTQ+ MASS

The next Mass will take
place on
Sunday 25th September
at **2pm**

at **All Saints Church,
Anfield,
L4 2QH.**

All are welcome to
attend.

Parish Choir

The next gathering of our Parish Choir
is on Monday 10th October 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

The Ministry of Reader

Once more we are appealing for volunteers to read at Mass. In some of our churches, the same people are reading almost every other week and we are unable to have 2 readers, as is appropriate, at any of the weekend Masses. This is a real shame, and I am sure there are some of you that are reading this that could read beautifully at Mass!

Please volunteer, your parish needs **YOU!**

If you would like to know more then please come along to the Readers Training and Reflection Evening on Tuesday 20th September at 7pm at St. Michael's Church or just pass your name and telephone number into the Parish office for the attention of Pauline Rolt and she will contact, you.

If you are thinking about it, just quickly write your name down and pop it through the letterbox! You will be great!

Fr. Mark, on behalf of the whole parish!

Dates for your diary...

20th September – 7pm,
St. Michael's Church,
Reflection Evening for the
Ministers of the Word.

12th October
Feast of St. Wilfrid

20th October – 12 noon,
St. Michael's Church,
Mass of Anointing for the
Sick and Housebound.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you thinking about becoming a Roman Catholic?

Would you like to know more?

Would you like a space and time to ask questions?

Are you a Catholic who wishes to know more about your faith?

The R.C.I.A. is a process of accompanying people in their faith journey, there is no expectation or pressure, rather a 'walking with' model of deepening faith and exploring the vast treasures of the Roman Catholic Church.

If you, or you know someone who is interested in starting this time of discernment then please pass your name, address and telephone number into the parish office or e mail stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk and one of the R.C.I.A. Team will contact you, answer any questions you may have and let you know when the group will meet!

Make a leap of faith and start a wonderful journey!

Relics of St. Bernadette

It is with great regret that the decision has been made to cancel the coach going to the Cathedral on Monday 19th September from our parish. This is due to Her Majesty the Queens Funeral which takes place the same day at 11am. The relics are still arriving at the Cathedral on Saturday 17th September at 3.30pm and will leave the Cathedral on Tuesday 20th September at 7am. So please, if you can, visit the relics during this special time of grace in our Archdiocese.

Key times...

Saturday 17th at 7.30pm – Torchlight Procession

Sunday 18th at 3pm – Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Monday 19th at 7pm – Closing Mass followed by Rosary

Tuesday 20th at 7am – Service of Departure

It is a great sadness that we cannot go to visit the relics as a parish group, but we could not be assured of what was going to happen on the day of the funeral of Her Majesty.

If you paid your £5 towards the cost of the coach, please collect it from the Parish Office.



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 18th September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

09.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Joseph Edward Davies – 37th Anniversary
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – A Sick Person
 11.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – June Rolt - Anniversary
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John & Margaret Colford – 3rd Anniversary

MONDAY 19th September

10:00 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – **Requiem Mass for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II**

TUESDAY 20th September – St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and Martyr

10:30am Funeral Service – (St Michael) – Terence Higgins
 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Elisabeth McLoughlin - Lately Dead

WEDNESDAY 21st September – Feast of St Matthew Apostle

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – George, Mary & Gerard Dann – Anniversaries

THURSDAY 22nd September

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Residents of Care Homes
12 Noon Funeral Service (St Bede) – Joseph Houghton

FRIDAY 23rd September – Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)
 09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
 09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Albert Attwood – Lately Dead
12 Noon Requiem (St Bede) – John Brian Johnson

SATURDAY 24th September - Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret Walker - Lately Dead
 10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Anne Catherine Hurst – 2nd Anniversary
 18.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Joyce, Doug & Paul Dennet

SUNDAY 25th September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

09.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret Wilson – 11th Anniversary – Thomas Douglas 19th Anniversary
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Parishioners
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Bibby Hayes
 11.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John Richardson – 1st Anniversary
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Tony Crook – Lately Dead

Sanctuary Lamp

St Bede: Vocations to the Priesthood
St Basil: In Memory of our Beloved Queen & The Intentions of the Rosary Group
St John Fisher: The Bereaved
St Michael: Holy Souls in Purgatory

St Bede
 is open
 for private
 prayer
 Mon – Fri
 10:00 – 13:00