

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

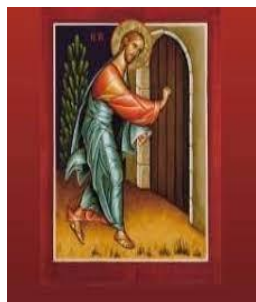
1st May 2022

Easter Week 3

Year C

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

Rev 3:20



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**Collection for Priest Training Fund Next Week
8th May.**

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Clergy Team

On Monday 4th July Fr. Thomas OP will leave us to take up his new post at Bristol University as chaplain to the students and staff there, we wish him well in this new venture. Archbishop Malcolm informed Fr. Mark that he will not be replacing him with another priest.

Fr. Thomas Clarke has been asked to undertake a Licence in Canon Law, JCL, which when completed, will be for the benefit of the whole Archdiocese. To enable him to complete his studies Fr. Thomas will need to have a day each week, 'away' from the parish to read and study in peace and quiet, in addition to his day off.

In consultation with the Archbishop and the Clergy Team we have deemed that each Monday Fr. Thomas will be 'off diary' to study.

We hope to welcome Bishop John back to the parish soon and Fr. Bill and Fr. Mark are still in harness.

We are well served by the number of clergy we have, so all is well.... but a prayer for vocations to the priesthood is always needed!

An Evening of Fun & Laughter

BETTY BLUE EYES is a stage musical comedy based on the 1984 film A Private Function, it is packed with fun and laughter. On **Tuesday 17th May**, we shall have a trip to Manchester with Fr Mark, to see the show.

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 plan to 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 your £20 to the Parish Office. Please mark your envelope '**Betty Blue Eyes**'.

A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA'

The children from St. John Fisher School are performing in this wonderful event at the Foundry on Thursday 19th May at 7pm. Tickets are £8 and are available by emailing

hartsandvoices@hotmail.com

Posters are at the back of Church with all the details of this musical celebration!

Thank you from the knitters

Many thanks to the response for neonatal blankets.

26 beautiful blankets are ready to be delivered to Warrington Hospital.

Please keep knitting.

Margert Rowlands

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

A few weeks ago, I appealed for Foundation Governors to serve in our Catholic Schools; thank you to those who came forward to offer their time and their skills for the good of the whole community in Widnes.

We **still have vacancies**, can I ask you to think about serving the parish in this way, if you would like to know more before you take the next step please go to the Archdiocesan Website and look under '**Schools Department**' – **FOUNDATION GOVERNORS**.

This is a crucial ministry of preserving the Catholic ethos and identity of our Catholic Schools...please pray and think if you could serve.

Fr. Mark

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 to the Parish Office.

Please mark your envelope '**Trip to York**'.

The Knights Choir

A big thank you to everyone who came along and so generously supported the recent Fund-Raising evening for Ukraine at St John Fisher Hall and helped create such a wonderful atmosphere.

With ticket sales, proceeds from raffle, bingo etc and private donations, £1100.00 was raised.

A big Thank You to all those who assisted with the organisation of the event and helped to make the evening the success it was.

Roy Warburton

St. Michael's Church – vandalism and theft!

We are continuing to be terrorised by young adults around the grounds of St. Michael's Church and presbytery. They come in gangs with dogs and are making the lives of people who come to volunteer and worship at St. Michael's unbearable with anxiety and fear.

Last week we found to our horror that the statue of St. Bernadette which was transferred from Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church had been stolen from the grounds of the church.

This sacrilege is so distressing for so many of us who have used the grotto at Our Lady's and St. Michael's as an aid to prayer.

We have contacted the police and the Chief Inspector and we as a clergy team are at our wits end.

PLEASE if you see them around the grounds of the church or presbytery, please call 999 or 101 and report that they are trespassing on private land.

Quote Crime Number – 22000284878
IML - 1254432

Act of Prayer as Reparation

We shall gather at the Shrine at St. Michael's on Wednesday 4th May at 12 noon to say a rosary together, to pray for protection on our church and grounds. Please come, many people ask, 'What can we do?' – we can pray!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022

Last week the children in the parish continued their preparation for their First Holy Communion by looking deeper with the priests and catechists into the great gift that we receive in Holy Communion.

Please pray for the children in the parish who will make their First Holy Communion in May this year!



EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS

Thank you to all who bought tickets for our Easter Raffle, all the money raised will be used in the parish – your generosity is so appreciated!

The raffle was drawn on Easter Sunday morning at the 11am Mass by Thomas and he drew the following winners.

First Prize – Easter Egg and a £50 Marks and Spencer Voucher - **Mary Maguire**
Second Prize - Easter Egg and a £25 Marks and Spencer Voucher - **Christine O Brien**
Third Prize - Easter Egg and a £25 Marks and Spencer Voucher - **Lynn Mannion**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR LUCKY WINNERS!**



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 1st May – Third Sunday of Easter

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – James Burke – Lately Dead
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Angela Warlow
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Terry (Sam) Ellis - Sick
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Eileen Travis – Lately Dead
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Jack & Mary Moore - Anniversary

MONDAY 2nd May – Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Gerald O'Connor – 80th Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY 3rd May – Feast of SS Philip and James, Apostles

11:30am Funeral Service - Marie Tamblin (*St John Fisher*)
 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Charlotte Daniel – Lately Dead

WEDNESDAY 4th May – Feast of The English Martyrs

10:00 am Funeral Service – Raymond Stankevitch (*St John Fisher*)
 18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Maurice Broome – Lately Dead

THURSDAY 5th May

11:00 am Funeral Service – Nicholas Doyle - (*St Bede*)
 11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – The Radcliffe Family

FRIDAY 6th 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*) – Marie Bonnon – Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY 7th May (No Mass at 10am or Confessions due to Holy Communion Masses)

17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Paul Rotherham
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Peg & Jack Daly

Holy Communion Masses 7th May

11:00am St Bede – Parishioners
 11:00am St Michael – Special Intention
 11:00am St Basil – Holy Souls
 11:00am St John Fisher – Private Intention
 13:00pm St Bede – Priest Vocations



St Bede
 is Opened
 For private Prayer
 Mon – Fri
 10:30am – 13:30 pm