

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

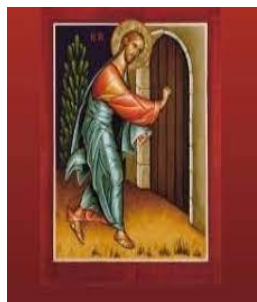
20th February 2022

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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***"Listen!
I am standing
at the door
knocking."***

Rev 3:20



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Reflection

Sometime age I was invited to lead a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, a place I have visited many time before. It has become the third most popular pilgrimage destination in Europe after Lourdes and Fatima. Medjugorje was a quite Yugoslav town in modern day Bosnia and Herzegovina until 1981 when on the 24th and 25th of June, six local children reported to have seen apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary standing on a cloud with a crown of twelve stars on her head. The first time I heard about Medjugorje was when I returned from the missions in South America in the late 90s.

One Sunday morning after Mass during tea and coffee, a group of people were talking about going on pilgrimage with Fr. Peter Kelly and Fr. Joe Cunningham to Medjugorje. "Hay Fr. Bill Why don't you come with us" one of them shouted, The little I'd read about Medjugorje left me with mixed feelings, and reservations but listening to the chatter of this group and the stories they shared of personal conversions, that brought them back to Mass, and the Blessed Sacrament. I decided there and then that I would go with all my doubts and see for myself what draws so many thousands to Medjugorje every year.

It's very difficult to put into words the effect that first pilgrimage had on me. There were many things that left a lasting impression and others that raises many more questions. Anyway, here two very positive signs that left a lasting impression.

1) Can you picture in your mind's eye a thousand + pilgrims sitting outdoors on parklike benches in semidarkness praying during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour in silence. Nobody moving, no thought of saying this is too much, the peacefulness of the moment took hold of your heart and mind. The only sound came from the singing of intermitting short phrases like ' Jesus you are truly present before me ' repeated in about six different languages. It was so moving that I and all of our group were spiritually uplifted and felt we could have stayed a little while longer.

2) Taking part in the outdoor celebration of confession. Again, can you imagine a hundred priests hearing confessions either in open confessional boxes or sitting on chairs with a constant stream of penitence that went on for some hours. If one priest got up another readily took his place. The Sacrament of Reconciliation took place every evening after exposition. As a Priest I found the whole experience very humbling and at the same time spiritually uplifting.

Although Medjugorje has won the hearts of many thousands over the years and still grows in popularity as a place of pilgrimage the Church has as yet not recognized the authenticity of the apparitions. But in May 2019, official parish and diocesan pilgrimages were given the green light by Pope Francis.

Hail Mary full of grace!

Fr. Bill

St Wilfrid's Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022

DEPARTURE DATE: 22 Jul 2022 RETURN DATE: 29 Jul 2022
COST PER PERSON: £799.00 sharing, £989 single room
LEAD Person: Ged Glover

22nd July 2022

Meet at St Bedes for coach transfer to Liverpool airport

Depart Liverpool airport for the flight to Lourdes. On arrival join the waiting coach for the transfer to the Hotel Paradis for 7 nights say on full board basis starting with dinner this evening.

23rd July 2022 – 28th July 2022

During our stay in Lourdes a full Pilgrimage in association with the Liverpool Archdiocese and excursions program will be arranged, this will include a walking tour taking in the places associated with St Bernadette, a half day excursion to Batres, Stations of the Cross, the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the candlelight Procession. Mass will be celebrated each day.

29th July 2022

Depart Lourdes for the journey to Liverpool.

Coach transfer from Liverpool airport back to St Bedes

COST INCLUDES:

Return flights Liverpool – Lourdes.

Airport duty & passenger taxes.

1 suitcase per person for the aircraft hold 22kgs.

7 night's full board 4* Hotel Paradis Lourdes

Half day excursion to Bartres.

Northern Star Travel representative



Please contact the Parish Office to secure your place. No deposit is required at the moment.
We just need numbers at this stage.

SIDE BY SIDE

Join us for this interactive event, exploring the vision of a Church that walks together and accompanies people in life and faith.

The day will include a carousel of enriching workshops, and everyone will be given a resource pack to take away and use in schools, parishes, local communities and families.

Both events will be held at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA.

The Saturday event is 10am-4pm and the Sunday is 12-6pm with an optional Mass celebrated by Archbishop Malcom at 11am.

Registration is essential, please email registration@rcaol.org.uk by 6 March

Please see posters at back of church for further details.

CAFOD

CAFOD Family Fast
Friday 26th February.

**Please find envelopes at the back
of church return next week**

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your incredible generous donations.

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and generosity.

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Nugent Family.

Liturgy Matters



The Meaning of Kyrie Eleison

The word mercy in English is the translation of the Greek word *eleos*.

This word has the same ultimate root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, olive oil, which was poured onto wounds and gently massaged in, thus soothing, comforting, and making the injured part whole again.

The Hebrew word which is also translated as *eleos* and mercy is '*hesed*', which means steadfast love.

The Greek words for 'Lord have mercy' are 'Kyrie, eleison' meaning, '*Lord soothe me, comfort me, take away my pain, show me your steadfast love*'.

Thus, mercy does not refer so much to justice or acquittal but to the infinite loving-kindness of God, and his compassion for his suffering children.

'Kyrie Eleison, Christi Eleison, Kyrie Eleison'

Women's World Day



Women's World Day of Prayer
Farnworth Methodist Church
Hall
Derby Road (opposite cemetery)
Friday 4th March 2pm

All Welcome

BOOK SALE



Sunday 27 February 2022
in St John Fisher Hall
after 10.00am Mass

All proceeds to UCM
Charities.

'Sing to Him with a glad heart'



Thank you to all who attended the meeting for musicians last Tuesday evening, it was great to see so many people there, generously sharing their time and talent to enhance the liturgical life of the parish community. Thank you to all who minister each week in their singing and playing, it is a gift to us all!

Fr Mark

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Walsingham Pilgrimage

26/11/22 to 28/11/22.

Including the Thursford Christmas
Spectacular.

Cost £200 for a standard room and
£210 for an en-suite room.

It is now time for deposits to be paid. If
you have booked your place,
please pay £50 deposit per person by
13th March.

Please hand in all deposits at the
Parish office.

Cheques should be made payable to St
Wilfrid's.

Please put all deposits in an envelope
and write Walsingham on the front of the
envelope, don't forget to include your
name and contact number.

Many thanks.

Newsletter

If you have any items or
information that you would like
to be included in your weekly
Newsletter. Please email the
Parish Office before 12 noon on
Wednesday at:
stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk
Thank You

Fr Peter Fox

1st Anniversary Mass to be held at St Luke's on
Thursday 24th February 2022
at 7pm.

All are welcome to come and pray together for dear Fr. Peter.



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 20th February

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) - Parishioners
10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Tony Baker – Anniversary
10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Doris Syze & George Roberts – Anniversary
11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Anne Clarke - Anniversary
16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Paul Price – Lately Dead

MONDAY 21st February

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*)- Mark Carroll – Lately Dead

TUESDAY 22nd February – Feast of The See of St Peter the Apostle.

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Eddie Burke & Deceased members of the family

WEDNESDAY 23rd February – Memorial of St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr.

18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of our care homes

THURSDAY 24th February

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St. Michael*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Raymond Shaw

FRIDAY 25th February

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)
09.10am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
09.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Fr Charles Lynch – Anniversary
10.00am Funeral Service – (*St Basil*) – Pauline Gordon
11.00am Funeral Service – (*St Bede*) - Peter Price

SATURDAY 26th February

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Keith Downey – Lately Dead
10.30 am Confessions (*St Bede*)
17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Robert William Warren
18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Dennis Murray – 4th Anniversary



Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil:	Fr Tony Reynolds
St Bede:	Fr Tony Reynolds
St Michael:	Fr Tony Reynolds
St John Fisher:	Fr Tony Reynolds

St Bede will be open for private prayer Mon – Fri 10:30 am till 13:30pm