

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

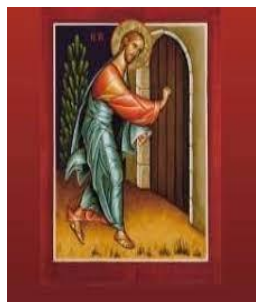
20th March 2022

LENT WEEK 3

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

Rev 3:20



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**Please note office will be
closed from 13:30pm on
Tuesday 22nd March 2022**

Wednesday Word - <http://wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> Catholic Pictorial - <http://www.catholicpic.co.uk/>

Reflection

Last Sunday evening, my sister and I went to the cinema to see the new Batman film. I was really looking forward to this film but must admit the experience was somewhat ruined by no fewer than nineteen blasphemous uses of our Lord's name over the course of three hours.

As a society, we have become desensitised to blasphemy. Too often, the divine name is invoked in the most inappropriate of contexts and because we live in an increasingly secular culture and desire to get on with others, we can readily dismiss these instances with a 'no harm done' attitude. But for the great many of us who worship God and seek to place Him front and centre in our lives, every instance of blasphemy, whether casual or malicious is deeply offensive.

We should guard against taking the Lord's name in vain in our own lives too. It is a bad habit that we can easily form. Instead, reminding ourselves of all the graces and blessings that God bestows upon us, we should never tire of singing His praises here on earth, until one day we will meet Him face to face in heaven.

**May the Most Holy, Most Sacred, Most Adorable,
Most Incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God
be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored
and glorified in Heaven, on earth,
and under the earth,
by all the creatures of God,
and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Amen.**

*Golden Arrow Prayer
Sister Mary of St Peter
1816-1848*

Fr Thomas Clarke

LOURDES DEPOSITS PAYMENT

All those travelling with St Wilfrid's Lourdes Group to Lourdes on the 22nd July 2022, deposits of £250 are now due.

Please leave your name, telephone number and email details with deposit.

Payment can be paid to the Parish Office or to Ged Glover.

Cheques should be made payable to St Wilfrid's Lourdes Group

Once deposit payment is paid it is advised that you purchase your travel insurance.

SVP APPEAL

This weekend at all Masses, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Wilfrid's Parish will be making an appeal for membership and also to inform us of their work within the parish.

Thank you for all they do in serving some of our most needy and vulnerable parishioners within the community.

Mass Intentions

If you wish to have a Mass offered for a specific date and in a particular Church within the parish, you must put that request in as soon as possible.

Please use the 'Mass Intention' sheets that are at the back of every Church and return it with your offering to the Parish Office.

We will then endeavour to have the Mass offered for you and your loved one.

Parish Choir

The next gatherings of our Parish Choir are on Tuesdays to prepare for the Easter Liturgies (*please note the change of day*).

We will be meeting on Tuesday 29th March and Tuesday 5th April, both in St. Bede's Church at 7.00pm. There will be an additional practice on Tuesday 12th April at 7.00pm in St. Michael's Church. 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 Power of the Gospel for Mission'

Holy Family Church, Cronton, WA8 5DP

Saturday 26th March, begins with Holy Mass at 10am and ends at 3pm.

All are welcome, posters with full details at the back of Church.

CAFOD Lenten Soup Supper



Great news, our CAFOD Soup Suppers can now be restarted following our "pandemic break"!

Time to come together as a community, on Monday March 28th, 7.00 - 9.00pm at St John Fisher Hall. As part of our parish 'Live Simply' commitment a group of parishioners have got together so that we can once again show our support to our global family by sharing prayer, reflection, and a simple meal.

Archdiocesan Ukraine Appeal

Please see the posters at the back of the Church for how you can donate via **TEXT** to the appeal to help our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. Please be as generous as you can. God bless you!

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

In the next few weeks Eucharistic Ministers will contact all the parishioners who receive Holy Communion at home to give a time and a day when they will visit.

Thank you to the generosity of all our ministers who give their time serving the most vulnerable in our community.

NUGENT

On Sunday 27th March we will be having a second collection to support Nugent, our official Archdiocesan caring service. This year marks the 200th anniversary of our founder, Fr. James Nugent. Inspired by his work to educate children in Liverpool, support women prisoners in Walton prison and care for the poor, his legacy continues with Nugent today.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Prayer for the Ukraine

This Friday, the **25th March**, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Holy Father Pope Francis will dedicate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To coincide with this time of dedication all are invited to come and pray the '**ROSARY FOR PEACE**' at 4pm (The dedication is happening at 5pm in Rome) at the grotto behind St. John Fisher Church.

Please come and pray.

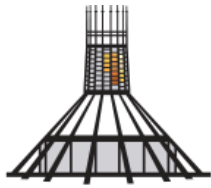
Immaculate Heart of Mary - pray for us!
Our Lady of Fatima - pray for us!
Queen of the Holy Rosary - pray for us!

CONFIRMATION

If you are a young person, who would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation, please register your interest at:

Liverpoolcalled.co.uk
By 21st March 2022

Mass of Chrism
Wednesday 13th April



**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

Come and be a part of the wonderful Mass of Chrism as we gather with the Archbishop, our bishops, priests and deacons to begin the Sacred Triduum.

Coach will leave St. Bede's at 6pm and we should return by 9.30pm. Offering towards the cost of the coach is £5 per person.

If you would like to reserve a place on the coach, then please pass your name and telephone number together with your £5 offering to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Sacramental Programme Begins!



This week the children of our parish begin their preparations to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

The children will be led in their preparations by our parish catechists and they will be supported by their families as they continue their preparations in their homes.

Please pray for all the children as they learn more about the mercy and love of Jesus and if you see them at Mass, please say hello and make them feel welcome in their church!

Retreat Day Reflections...

Last Saturday parishioners from St Wilfrid's Parish gathered to reflect and pray at St Joseph's Prayer Centre in Formby. Here are some of the reflections from some who attended.

As Peter said to Jesus..."it is wonderful for us to be here". This is what I felt during the Retreat Day, a wonderful setting, lovely people, a walk in the sunshine by the sea and time and guidance to look at things differently. I came away with a renewed focus on myself and my faith during Lent and so many images to help me achieve this. Thank you for giving us this opportunity which I hope we can repeat.

A big thank you for Saturday's retreat, just what we needed, look forward to the next one.

Saturday's retreat was a gentle day away reconnecting with God in prayer, reflection and being with likeminded people. It was refreshing and a perfect lead into Lent. Mark 6:31 "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest for a while"

Enjoyed the day, time to prepare for Lent/Easter and to reflect on God and the Mass.

What a beautiful day!
Thank you so much for your time and effort to help us with our retreat today.
We were so lucky to have a sunny day and to have your guidance to enrich our lives and our faith.

Everyone seemed to enjoy it, lots of smiles. Fr Mark has a lovely way of encouraging people to deepen their faith.

The retreat day was just what I needed.
Thank you, Fr Mark.

At no point was there any feeling of pressure, Fr Mark assured us that we were free to take part in certain workshops or we could go for a walk. I think we all came away feeling more of an understanding of God's love.

Amazing day I felt I was amongst friends from the first hello. I would not have any hesitation in joining more retreats.

We hope to offer another day retreat soon, even perhaps an overnight retreat, please consider taking the plunge and saying 'YES' when the next retreat is offered.



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 20th March

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Rita & Harold Dawson & Edward (Ted) Jones
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Kevin & Peter Geraghty – Birthday Remembrance
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – The Hamilton Family
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John Donegan – 1st Anniversary
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioner's

MONDAY 21st March

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Residents of Care Homes
 11:00 am Funeral Service (*St Bede*) – Nunziata Haworth

TUESDAY 22nd March

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – James Swift – Lately Dead

WEDNESDAY 23rd March

07:00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Private Intention
 18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Christina Kenny – Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY 24th March

11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Patricia Waller – Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY 25th March – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

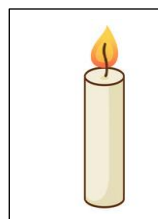
09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – James O'Brien - Sick
 19:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*St Bede*)

SATURDAY 26th March

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Helen Davidson – Lately Dead
 10.30 am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Michelle Spencer – 7th Anniversary
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – John McEvilly- Lately Dead (Ireland)

Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil: Peace in Ukraine
 St Bede: Holy Souls in Purgatory
 St Michael: Vocations to the Priesthood
 St John Fisher: Bishop John



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