



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

*Incorporating the churches of St Bede, St Michael,
St John Fisher and St Basil*



21st July 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

'Love one another'

Sick and housebound parishioners have to be a priority in the parish. Our parish community is not just those who are at Mass on Sundays, but those who don't come and those who for all sorts of reasons cannot come, and the sick and housebound are very special in this latter group. One of the most important ways in which we stretch out to them is by regularly taking them Holy Communion. But there can be two obstacles to this.

The first is knowing who they are. Becoming housebound can be a slow process of being able to get out some weeks and not others, with gradually longer absences. And people get used to knowing that you cannot always make it, until, hopefully, somebody realises that it is not just a normal absence and raises questions and the parish is able to respond. Or the person her/himself lets the parish know. But as the number of priests reduces, people can be reluctant to become what they see as an extra burden and keep silent. But the parish exists as a Communion/Community and that is essentially about how we are with each other.

"Love one another as I have loved you".

It is said that in the early Church people joined because it was said: '*See how these Christians love one another*'. The second obstacle is having enough Special Ministers to be able to respond. At the moment, the parish is very stretched in this regard. The more we have, the easier it is for everybody. It is a most rewarding ministry. It must be well over forty years now since it was introduced into this Diocese and few changes have done as much to change us as Church and as individuals in the Church. The drop from four to two priests in the parish emphasises these needs. If you have never considered offering yourself for this ministry, will you think about it now, please.

God bless you all!

Bishop John

Another Academic Year Ends

We bid all our schools farewell, as they begin their summer break! We pray that they will be kept safe over the summer, get some rest and return to us in September refreshed and ready for a new year of learning! The relationship between the parish and the schools grows from strength to strength and the links are secure and continue to grow and develop as each year goes by.

Thank you to all who work so hard in building the Kingdom of God in our parish schools and give our children an experience of God and His Church every day!

Office Hours in August

Please note that during the month of August the Parish Office will be open from 10am – 1.30pm. Please call during these hours and Syl and Deb will do their best to help you.

Thank you from our clergy!

A big thank you to the Social Group who coordinated the refreshments at Bishop John, Fr Bill and Fr Thomas' Farewell Mass last Wednesday. The room was filled with delicious homemade cakes and treats, and I think we could have won 'Great British Bake-Off'. The few cakes that were left over were enjoyed by the clergy at the deanery meeting the next day.

Bishop John, Fr. Bill and Fr. Thomas would like to express their deepest thanks for their generous gift which was presented to them at the Mass of Farewell. They were all extremely touched by your generosity and love, and they assure you all of their prayers and remembrance at Mass.

Another testimony to the generosity of our wonderful parish!

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2025

We shall be going on pilgrimage to Medjugorje next year. It will be another experience of God and Our Lady for those who travel.

14th - 21st May 2025

Cost £849 on half board basis if sharing a room and £1024 if a single room is required.

We shall be staying in the Hotel Leone

Flights from Manchester to Dubrovnik (good flight times assured)

If you are considering going on the pilgrimage and were unable to attend the meeting last week, please pass you name and telephone number into the Parish Office marked for the attention of 'SUSAN WARBURTON', and she will contact you to give you any information you require.

Once the booking forms arrive, we will let you know, and they can be completed, and deposits paid.

Fr Mark

Requiescant in pace

Jean Jones, Arthur Burgess &
Paul McSweeney

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede

Rose Hornby

St Michael

Joan Moran

St John Fisher

Margaret Mercer

St Basil

Lourdes Pilgrims

Lourdes at Home

Thursday 25th July at St John Fisher Church

Pilgrims from across the archdiocese have travelled to Lourdes for the annual pilgrimage, and some of our parishioners are amongst them.

For different reasons, many of us were unable to go, so during this time we will have a 'Lourdes at Home' day. We shall mirror a day in Lourdes and experience a pilgrimage day here in Widnes!

7am Mass of St Bernadette

An early start, to begin our day with the Holy Mass. In the stillness of the morning, may we hear the call of Our Blessed Lady to prayer, penance and conversion of life.

12 noon Anointing of the Sick and Call to Conversion

Lourdes is a place of spiritual and physical healing. We shall all have to opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, forgiveness for our sins and the knowledge of God's healing presence in our lives. After the service, we shall share some lunch together in the Parish Hall.

7.30pm Rosary and Torchlight Procession

Our Lady told St. Bernadette the importance of saying the rosary, so we shall heed the call and say the rosary together. Then we shall walk in procession with candles ablaze to the grotto, to seek Mary's intercession.

Please, make every effort to attend this time of prayer that we may grow in the likeness of Mary, and our 'YES' to Him be total and absolute!

Fr Mark

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is at the heart of all we do here in St Wilfrid's Parish.

Safeguarding Lead Fr Mark Moran

Safeguarding Reps Pauline Ruth, Carol Murray and Pauline Rolt.

Any safeguarding concerns, no matter how small, should be reported immediately.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	21st July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	James & Florence Rogerson
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Billy Scott
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Richard & Lilian Shaw
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners / Alan Clark
Monday	22nd July	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	
NO MASS			
Tuesday	23rd July	Feast of St Bridget, Religious & Patron of Europe	
11.30	Exposition & Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Pauline Noone
Wednesday	24th July	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition & Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Kath Bonnon
Thursday	25th July	Feast of St James, Apostle	
Lourdes at Home Day at St John Fisher			
07.00	Mass of St Bernadette		Margaret Mercer
12 noon	Service of Anointing and Call to Conversion		
19.30	Rosary & Candlelight Procession		
Friday	26th July	Memorial of Ss Joachim & Anne	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael*	Sheila Quinn
Saturday	27th July	Ferial	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Patricia Robinson
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Barbara Caston
Sunday	28th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Kevin Butler
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Peter Farrell
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary Purcell
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	All Parishioners

***Please note Holy Mass on Friday is at St Michael's Church**