

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE (YEAR A)

21st May 2023

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### Responsorial Psalm

**R. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

**The second collection is to support the communications work of the Bishops in England and Wales.**

## Second Collections!

Every priest and sacristan has to hand on a daily basis the reference book known as "the Ordo". Its proper title is: The Order of Celebration for Divine Office and Mass for the Archdiocese of Liverpool 2022-2023". For this Diocese, it is compiled each year by Fr John Ealey at St Aloysius, Roby.

It gives all sorts of helpful reminders for the Liturgy in general and the details for each day's liturgy. It also, very helpfully, reminds us of priests' anniversaries each day. I am writing this on the feast of the Ascension, and it has a little added note today that says: Eastertide continues until Pentecost, so the Paschal Candle should remain on the Sanctuary until after Pentecost Sunday. So, these things don't happen by magic!

But there is a note at the end of this Saturday that says: Special Prayers and Mandatory collection. The special prayers and mandatory collection are because it is World Communications Day. That is serious and Pope Francis himself has written about it this year.

In England and Wales, there are twelve mandatory second collections each year. These are agreed by our Bishops' Conference. Too many to list here, but they include things like Peter's Pence, Day for Life, Catholic Education, World Missions, all very important projects of the national and universal Church.

Then there are what are listed as Optional Collections and Appeals in each diocese. Here, they include Crib, Nugent, Pax Christi, Friends of the Holy Land, and so on.

I have never been a parish priest... but I have always noticed that parish priests can be very sensitive to not asking too much of people and so, some but not all, do not rejoice at these collections. I think that there is another approach that says that different people like supporting different good works, that nobody is expected to give to them all, but only to those they genuinely want to support, so not to feel guilty about walking past the collection basket. In which case, it doesn't really matter how many there are. As long as people do know that they are not expected to give to all of them.

**+ John**

### **World Communications Day**

World Communications Day is celebrated today. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live.

### **Private Prayer**

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday from 10.00am until 13.00pm, except for funerals.

You are encouraged to come in and spend some time in prayer for your own needs, the needs of the Church and the world.

### **Parish Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm St Bede's Church**

**Please come and walk and during this special month of May !**

*"Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest"*

### **St. Helens Singers Concert in aid of Mary's Meals**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Penketh Methodist Church, Chapel Road, WA5 7NB  
Adults - £8, Children - £4  
Family of Four - £18

Tickets available from 07974 189 132 or

### **Painting continues at St Michael's**

If you are free Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am and can paint, please come along, and lend a hand !

We are starting to decorate and the sacristy and porch and need help !

### **Office Hours**

Due to staff holidays the Parish Office opening times from

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
will be  
**09:30am to 13:00pm.**

### **Social Group News Knock – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

We are looking to make a booking to go as a parish to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock. We shall be flying from Liverpool and will stay for 3 nights, and as well as having time in the Shrine, we shall have time in Croagh Patrick, Westport and Ballintubber Abbey.

We shall have a board basis of Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

At this stage we need to know if there is any interest before we make a booking. The approximate cost would be £550, based on two people sharing a room. Single supplement is £95, though these are limited.

If you might be interested in this pilgrimage, please pass your name into the parish office with the envelope marked 'KNOCK – SUSAN WARBURTON'. This does not bind you to go!

It is just to say that you are interested and want to know more.

Fr. Mark and the Social Committee

### Requiescant in pace

Irene Clarke, Rita O'Neil, Edward Andrews,  
Paul Roberts, Edward Duffy,  
James Michael O'Brien,  
and Patrick (Paddy) Monaghan,  
Paul Roberts, Kathleen Morley.

May the Angels lead them into paradise!

### Sanctuary Lamp

*The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.*

St Bede	Mitchell and McGuire Family
St Michael	Bridget Hickey
St John Fisher	Vocations to the Priesthood
St Basil	Sick and Housebound

### Thank you to all Catechists

A big thank you to all the catechists who prepared nearly 180 children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist over the past few months.

Our catechists go to where the children and their families are and instruct them in the wonder of receiving Jesus and how wonderful it is to be a part of His Church. So much time is given by our catechists.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit.

**Mass on Sunday at 4pm is at St John Fisher NOT St. Bede, due to the Parish Procession.**

### Making your wishes known...

The only certainty we have in this life is that one day we shall die!

Can we please urge you all to make it very clear to your family/next of kin what you wish to happen when that time comes. Please let them know that you would want a Requiem Mass, and if it is possible, which church in the parish you would prefer. We are finding instances of practicing Catholics receiving a service either in Church or at the Crematorium when a Requiem Mass would be properly appropriate.

Please do not rely on 'oh well they will know' or they 'will be guided by the funeral directors' – please be very clear to those who will sort out your arrangements when the time comes. Write it down and be sure you receive a Requiem Mass when it is time to meet the Lord. The Clergy Team

### Catechesis for Adults

#### Christ is Risen!

Please come and join the Neo-Catechumenate Community each Monday & Thursday evening 7.30pm for next 6 weeks.

St John Fisher Community Hall  
55 Moorfield Road WA8 3JA

### Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June we shall begin a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Mass of the day will be at 7pm and will follow the rota of the daily church timetable. The Novena will culminate on the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Please make a note in your diary and try and attend this novena of prayer.

### Walsingham

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Our pilgrimage to Walsingham, which includes a full pilgrimage itinerary, Christmas Dinner, and great tickets for the Christmas Extravaganza Show at Thursford is going ahead again this year!

If you would like to secure a place, please complete a booking form which can be found at the back of church, and return it with a deposit of £50 to the Parish Office, for the attention of Susan Warburton, as soon as possible.

**Please note** Price for all en-suite rooms, whether twin or single is £255. A single standard room is £230.

A very limited number of single rooms are available, so be quick!

## Parish Liturgy

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

9.00am Holy Mass  
9.30am Holy Mass  
10.30am Holy Mass  
11.15am Holy Mass  
4.00pm Holy Mass

### Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

St Bede Cecelia McMullen, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
St Michael Patricia Quinn, Anniversary  
St John Fisher Elizabeth Vera Murty  
St Bede Parishioners  
**ST JOHN FISHER** Pat Tomlinson, Lately Dead

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

9.00am Exposition  
9.30am Holy Mass

### Easter Ferial

St Basil  
St Basil Marian Barber, Lately Dead

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

11.30pm Exposition  
12 noon Holy Mass

### Easter Ferial

St Bede  
St Bede Jack and Joan Stephens

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

11:00am **Requiem Mass**  
7pm Mass

### Easter Ferial

**St John Fisher** **Mary Teresa Topping**  
St Bede Dave Harris, Birthday Remembrance

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

12 noon Holy Mass

### Feast of St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor

St Michael James Michael O'Brien, Lately Dead

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am Exposition  
9.30am Holy Mass

### Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest

St John Fisher  
St John Fisher William & Kate Forrest, Remembrance

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Holy Mass  
10:30am Confessions  
5.00pm Vigil Mass  
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### Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

St Bede Dominic Murray  
St Bede  
St Bede Jane Bissenden, Lately Dead  
St Basil Jack Beham, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am Holy Mass  
9.30am Holy Mass  
10.30am Holy Mass  
11.15am Holy Mass  
4.00pm Holy Mass

### Pentecost Sunday

St Bede Margaret Smyth, Anniversary  
St Michael Bridget Hickey, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
St John Fisher Felix Kaloski, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
St Bede John Finlan  
St Bede Parishioners