



This week the sanctuary lamp burns for:

St Bede's: Mary Bromley (Lately Dead)

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King



Sunday 21 st Nov	<i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</i>	9.00 am	Holy Mass (<i>St Bede's</i>)	SVP Members
		10.00 am	Holy Mass (<i>St Michael's</i>)	People of the Parish
		10.00 am	Holy Mass (<i>St John Fisher</i>)	Catherine Myler (LD)
		11.00 am	Holy Mass (<i>St Bede's</i>)	Michael Connolly (Anniversary)
		4.00 pm	Holy Mass (<i>St Bede's</i>)	Holy Souls
Monday 22 nd Nov	<i>Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i>	9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		9.10am	Prayer During the Day	
		9.30am	Holy Mass (<i>St Basil's</i>)	Pat Rhodes
Tuesday 23 rd Nov	<i>Feria</i>	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.40am	Holy Rosary	
		12 Noon	Holy Mass (<i>St Bede's</i>)	Mary Tollet (Wedding Anniversary & Birthday)
Wednesday 24 th Nov	<i>Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>	6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		6.40pm	Evening Prayer	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass (<i>St Bede's</i>)	Evelyn McDairmid (LD)
Thursday 25 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>	10:00am	Funeral (St Bede's)	Stephen Allen
		11.30am	Exposition	
		11.40am	Holy Rosary	
		12 Noon	Holy Mass (<i>St Michael's</i>)	Residents of our Care Homes
		13:00pm	Funeral (<i>St Bede's</i>)	
		13:30pm	Funeral (<i>St Michael's</i>)	Paula Briggs Salome Connaughton
Friday 26 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		9.10am	Prayer During the Day	
		9.30am	Holy Mass (<i>St John Fisher</i>)	Holy Souls
		11:45am	Funeral (St Bede's)	John Maher
Saturday 27 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass (<i>St Bede's</i>)	Thanksgiving
		10.30am	Confessions (<i>St Bede's</i>)	
		5.00 pm	Holy Mass (<i>St Bede's</i>)	Nora Lowe (LD)
		6.00pm	Holy Mass (<i>St Basil's</i>)	Holy Souls

St Bede's is open for private prayer - Monday to Friday 10.00am to 13.30pm

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

21st November 2021 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

**"Listen!
I am standing
at the door
knocking."
Rev 3:20**



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**Please note the parish office will only
be open 2pm till 5pm on
Wednesday 23rd November**

There will be a second retiring collection this week for National Youth Sunday

Reflection

At this time of year, many people are busy booking Christmas meals out with friends and colleagues. But do we ever stop to think just how Catholic sharing a meal with friends is? This is the message of the short story 'Babette's Feast' by Norwegian authoress Karen Blixen.

The story is set in the 19th century amongst a strict puritan religious community in a Norwegian village. A French woman, Babette, arrives in the village and is employed as a servant by the two daughters of the late pastor.

One day, Babette wins the lottery and decides to spend her winnings on preparing a delicious meal for the sisters and their small congregation. At first, they are a bit reluctant to accept the invitation to such a lavish banquet. They eventually agree to attend, but to forgo speaking of any pleasure in it. As the meal progresses, something remarkable happens. Old animosities suddenly melt away and broken friendships are repaired. A spirit of forgiveness takes hold of those around the table. By accepting the invitation to the banquet, however reluctantly at first, the guests are transformed in a way they could never have imagined.

The story is suffused with eucharistic symbolism. God desires to express his intimacy with us through a festive meal - the Mass. The fine food being laid out for us is nothing other than Christ's own Body and Blood. This food has the power to transform us and to prepare us for life with God. 'I am the living bread come down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever' Jesus says.

Fr Thomas Skeats O.P

BLESSED SACRAMENT

We all have a duty to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is given every honour and respect. Yet a host is still being placed through the letterbox of the presbytery after Mass each week. This week it was posted through the letterbox at St John Fisher.

This is **Sacrilege** and must **STOP!**
Please speak to one of the Priests.

In order for us all to assist in safeguarding the Blessed Sacrament; can **everyone** place the sacred host into their mouth before they move away from the priest or the Eucharistic Minister. **Fr Mark**

Bags of clothes and food

Please **do not** leave bags of clothes or food at the back of any of the churches as we do not have the facility to move them to the areas of need in our community.



Please take them directly to a charity shop of food bank.

There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers who take holy communion to the sick on **Wednesday 24th November** after the 7pm Mass at St Bede's Church. Please make every effort to attend as we try to be prepared to visit our sick and housebound parishioners and friends. We have challengers to face to keep everyone safe and it is important that we are all heard and understood as we move forward together. **Fr Mark**

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group met last week with Fr. Mark and had a very positive meeting thinking about how we can support those who are grieving and suffering due to the death of a loved one. We looked at what we could do, and what was sustainable within the group.

Four times during the year, families will be written to and invited to a Mass and their loved one's names will be read aloud. Also, they will be given a cross with the name of their loved one attached to it; after Mass they will be invited into the Guild Hall for refreshments and the chance to talk with members of the group and other people who are walking through the same difficult time.

The next Mass for the Bereaved will be on **Saturday 29th January 2022** at 10am at St. Bede's.

Thank you to the members of the Bereavement Group for their generosity of heart in serving the community of St. Wilfrid in this ministry of hope and consolation.

Readers Required

If you are interested in being added to the rota for St Bede's on a Tuesday, Wednesday or 10.00am Saturday Mass, please see Margaret Rowlands for further details.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who regularly read at St Wilfrid's parish.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

As you will be aware due to the lockdown/Covid 19 interrupted the release of the Gift Aid envelopes. Many parishioners contacted the parish office to collect their envelopes, many took this as an opportunity to switch to direct debit. A huge thank you to these people.

The Gift Aid envelopes that remain have now been placed at the back of the churches. Sincere apologies if there any which should have not been prepared. Please just mark them as cancelled and return them to the parish office and our records will be updated.

After Christmas there will be a review of the list of current Gift Aid members for the forthcoming financial year and further information will be published at this time.

Once again, many thanks for your support of the Gift Aid scheme which continues to raise many thousands of pounds for our parish.

A huge thank you to all who took part and contributed to the CAFOD Afghanistan appeal. £200 was raised on the day.
Cecilia

CHRISTMAS



St Wilfrid's UCM invite you to join them on Monday 29th November 2021 at St John Fisher Hall.

Admission is 50p which includes Tea/Coffee & mince pie

Eyes down 1.30 pm. Raffle & Tombola.

Proceeds to UCM charities
Please come and join in the fun.

An Appeal for used postage stamps

Fr Bill is collecting used postage stamps and would appreciate if you would bring any stamps you have and leave in boxes provided church porch

Parish Choir of St. Wilfrid

The next gathering of our Parish Choir is on **Tuesday 30th November** at 7.00pm in St. Bede's church (please note the change of day). Everyone is always very welcome, even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally.

NEWSLETTER

Please note any items for the newsletter must be **emailed** to the parish office no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, if they are to be included in that week's newsletter
Thank You



St. Wilfrid's Advent Appeal – 2021

So often we buy gifts for people who don't really need them! Socks and scarves that are very nice but not really needed! As Christians we are called to see Advent as a real time of waiting in hope, a time of reflection and prayer and a time of showing our faith in caring for those in need. This year we are going to help asylum seekers, refugees, and vulnerable migrants by giving them a gift that IS desperately needed.

All items must be **NEW** as they are a Christmas gift. If you would like to buy a gift, you simply take a 'Christmas Label' from the back of Church **NEXT WEEKEND**, with an item that is needed and return it with the label attached. This stops us all buying the same things!

Gifts can be left (please do not wrap them) at the back of all the churches during Advent.

(Last date for donations is Sunday 19th December)

Men's underwear – sizes small and medium, Socks – sizes 6 – 12, Warm hats, gloves, and scarves (male and female)
Training shoes – male sizes 6 – 10, Women's underwear – sizes 10 – 16
Small electrical items – toaster, kettles, blender, juicer *(if the receipt could be attached to these items it would be a great help)*, small and medium pans, pillows and pillowcases.

“Joseph got up, took the child and his mother and left that night for Egypt where he stayed until the death of Herod. In this way, what the Lord had said through the prophet was fulfilled: *I called my son out of Egypt*”

Matthew Ch 2 vs. 14 - 15

Children's Liturgy of the Word

On Monday, we gathered to look at how we can reintroduce Children's Liturgy at Mass. Though very few people turned up for the meeting, only four, we forged ahead and thought about what we can offer rather than worrying about what we cannot!

Moving forward...

Children's Liturgy will be offered once a month at **St. Basil's** at the 6pm Mass (starting Saturday 8th January) and at **St. Michael's** at the 10am (starting Sunday 12th December).

Thank you to the catechists who have committed to this.

Letters will be sent out to the local RC Schools encouraging children and their families to attend, so please, if they come, ensure we welcome them to church with a big **SMILE** and a cheery **HELLO!**

Fr. Mark

Animate Youth

Solemnity of Christ The King - Youth Sunday

The role and presence of young people in the Catholic Church has always been of the utmost importance, and the Catholic Church in England and Wales has a rich history of recognising this every year by celebrating National Youth Sunday.

Please be as generous as you can with the retiring collection.

Our Parish Our History Our Future

The Heritage event at the end of October was a huge success both in terms of the number of parishioners who supported the event but also the impact the event had on so many parishioners. It was an incredibly emotional experience for so many people. Maybe it was the ability for us to celebrate as a community again, or memories brought back by the excellent speakers or the photographs or maybe just the chance to catch up with old and new friends over a cup of tea at the end.

As previously mentioned, the event was not an attempt to cling onto the past. It was a weekend to celebrate the rich Catholic heritage of Widnes and to take strength from the Faith that was passed down to us today by our parents and grandparents. It was also to take strength from this Faith to help us move forward as one Catholic family in facing the challenges and the many opportunities that lie ahead as we move forward together.

There were over 500 photographs on display in St Bede's Church. Although the photographs have been removed from the display boards, to enable anyone who wants to view these photographs again or view for the first time, they will be held in folders at the back of St Bede's church for the next 2 weeks for people to enjoy.

Together with the folders will be some *post it* notes. So, if you know anything about the photographs, where it is who was on it etc. jot it down on the note and stick it to the photograph. The more information we have about them the better and many people had lots of stories to tell about the photographs at the event.

As was said on the day, there will be an opportunity after Christmas for anyone in Widnes to have one of their family photographs recorded in the parish archives that will be set up in the New Year. This will be a unique opportunity for you to ensure that your family is included in the history of the Catholic community in Widnes. There will also be an opportunity for any artefacts, memorabilia etc. to be lodged in the archives.

Further information will be in the newsletter in January, but feel free to email peterhistory@aol.com if you have any queries in the meantime.