

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

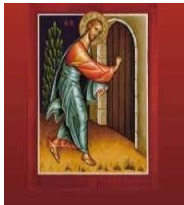
22nd January 2023

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

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

Rev 3:20



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Psalm - Please join in the response: 'The Lord is my light and my help'.

Reflection

Thank you. I did not know what to expect when I asked for feedback last week. I am delighted to say that one small group responded verbally and two people sent substantial and very thoughtful and helpful written responses. I have shared one of the written responses with Fr's Mark and Bill and will share the other and the verbal responses next time we meet. And update Fr Thomas when he returns. There is always time for more responses!

Each year, the material for prayers and reflections for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is prepared by a different ecumenical group. This year it has been prepared by the Minneapolis Council of Churches. And if you recall the things that have been happening in that part of the U.S.A. In recent times it will not surprise you to hear that the main Theme is Seeking Justice for all and especially Racial Justice. The Scripture headline is Isaiah 1:12-18, which contains the words: "Remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes, cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow".

Minneapolis, you will remember, was the city where George Floyd died as the result of a policeman kneeling on his neck and preventing him breathing, all on video by a passer-by on their camera. The general unrest that followed showed up yet again how racist society can be, as well as how serious so many people are about rooting it out.

And that can be true in our country as well. While the great majority of people in Britain declare themselves anti-racist, it can still be very uncomfortable to be black or of a visibly racial minority in this country. And there is clear evidence that they are socially disadvantaged in many ways. I have to add that I once asked Fr Anthony if he had come across racism in Widnes and he said that he had not, which was different to his experience in other countries. But it is something that we have to be constantly on our guard against and very sensitive to the issues involved.

The service of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Basil's and All Saints will be an opportunity to reflect on the involvement of the Christian churches in both racism and anti-racism.

+John

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of the Northern Saints

St. Cuthbert's Seminary, Lindisfarne (Holy Island) and Durham

Friday 21st April – Sunday 23rd April 2023

Friday 21st April

We shall leave the parish and head to the Northeast of England, stopping en route at Barnard Castle. You would need to either bring a packed lunch or buy some lunch when we stop. We shall arrive at St. Cuthbert's Seminary where we shall be staying for two nights.

On arrival and after we have settled in, we shall have a fully guided tour of the seminary. We shall then have our evening meal together and some social time as a parish family.

Saturday 22nd April

After breakfast we shall board the coach and travel to Holy Island. On the island we hopefully will celebrate Holy Mass together and have a chance to visit the castle and soak up the atmosphere in this awesome place of prayer and pilgrimage. You will be able to buy your lunch at the various shops and cafes on the island. After our time there we shall return to St. Cuthbert's Seminary for our evening meal and time together.

Sunday 23rd April

After breakfast we shall celebrate Holy Mass together in St. Cuthbert's Chapel and then spend some time having a last look around this beautiful place that is dear to the heart of so many of our priests who trained there. After a lovely Sunday lunch, we shall head into the City of Durham perhaps catching Evensong in the Cathedral before we board the bus to come home. Hopefully happy and a little tired after our adventures together.

To see more about these places Google – 'Ushaw, Historic House and Gardens', 'Lindisfarne, Holy Island' and 'Durham Cathedral' – to see images and a potted history of the places we are going to visit.

Cost £300pp for a single room

£230pp for a twin room.

If you would like to come, please fill in a booking form which at the back of all the churches and return to the Parish Office for the 'ATTENTION OF SUSAN WARBURTON' with £100 deposit per person by Friday 27th January. (Please make cheques payable to St Wilfrid's Parish)



CONFIRMATION

As a new year beckons so does the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people of year 8 age.

Any young people who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer are asked to register online at: <https://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation/>, after which we will be in touch with you regarding preparation for this beautiful sacrament later in the year.

Registration is open 16th January 2023 to 17th March 2023

If there are any questions, please direct them to Animate Youth Ministries, on 01744 740641 as Fr Thomas is now away for several weeks as part of his canonical studies.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY AT 7PM

ST. BASIL AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We are in such a unique position here in Widnes in that we share one of our churches with the Anglican Community. So, we have an added responsibility, with joy, to pray for unity amongst every Christian Community.

Please come along on the 25th to pray for unity and peace!

Thank you!

The Ladies of St Wilfrid's UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers), would like to thank everyone who has supported their fund raising during 2022.

Due to your generosity £855 has been shared with local charities, and a further donation of £200 has been sent to Zoe's Place from the Baby Memorial Fund.

The next meeting takes place at St John Fisher Hall on Thursday 26th January 7.00pm.

WARM AND COSY CENTRES

St. Basil's Parish Centre, Hough Green Road, WA8 4PE.

Linda and her team will open the parish centre every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm - 3.30pm to offer a warm place to enjoy a hot drink, biscuits, TV, and WI - FI as well as meeting new friends.

Please come along and enjoy time in your parish centre, you will be made most welcome!

Please note the office will be closed on Friday 27th January.

Mass Times

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Mon-Fri 10am-13:00pm

Sunday 22nd January

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – William & Margaret Smith (Remembrance)
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Therese Ambrose (Anniversary)
10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Renee Glynn & Doris Platt (Anniversary)
11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John Richards (Birthday Remembrance)
16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Elizabeth Yvonne Lightfoot

Monday 23rd January

9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St. Basil*)
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Eileen Purcell, Lately Dead
10.30am Funeral Service (*St John Fisher*) - Teresa Mitchell

Tuesday 24th January

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Eddie & Margaret Burke, Anniversary

Wednesday 25th January

10.00am Mass of the Angels (*St Bede*) – Baby George O'Grady
19.00pm PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - (*St Basil*)

Thursday 26th January

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – John Davies
12 Noon Funeral Service (*St Basil*) – Marie Hankey

Friday 27th January

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)
09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Mary, Albert & Tony Clark
11.00am Funeral Service (*St Basil*) – Mary Hampton
12 Noon Requiem (*St Bede*) - Mary Kelleher

Saturday 28th January

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Jessie Burke, Lately Dead
10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners
17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Joan & Ted Williams, Anniversary

Sunday 29th January

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Deceased Members of Milliard Family
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Frances Smith
10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Tommy McCarthy, Anniversary
11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Carole Ann Banks
16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Patricia Hammond

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede: Mary Bromley
St Basil: Baby George O' Grady
St John Fisher: Archbishop Malcolm
St Michael: The Homeless

Please pray for those who have recently died...

**Marilyn Whitfield, Anthony Comiskey,
Victor (Bernard) Standen, Ellen (Eileen) Cooke,
Peter Jones, Gerald McCann, Bridget Martin,
Frances Allen, Brian McGeiver, Kevin Conway, Gaynor
Meredith, Daniel Smith, Patricia Tomlinson,
David McKeown, Bernadette Carr, Sheila Fort,
Kathleen Golding**

May they rest in peace & rise in glory!