Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes				
23rd January 2022Third Sunday of Ordinary TimesYear C				
"Listen! I am standing at the door knocking." Rev 3:20	Fr Mark Moran (PP) Bishop John Rawsthorne Fr Bill Murphy Fr Thomas Clarke Fr Thomas Skeats O.P.	0151 513 0024 0151 424 4021 0151 495 1854 0151 424 6641 0151 424 2738	St Wilfrid's Parish Office St Bede's Presbytery Appleton Village Widnes, WA8 6EL 0151 422 1772 Please email: stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk	
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Thinking the other way round...

Prayer changed for me when I was told by a very wise priest, Fr. Michael McCarthy, who was my spiritual director for 5 years in the seminary, that prayer wasn't something I did for God but rather something that God did for me!

Prayer, for me, is simply acknowledging that I am in the presence of God and allowing His will to be revealed to me. In that time, I can bring to Him all my wants, my fears, my joys – I can bring all that I am at that moment to Him.

Prayer is praising God for all that He is yet remembering that in His love and His greatness He knows me and treasures me. If we remember that prayer is allowing God to do something for us it really does change how we approach prayer...it isn't so much 'doing' rather simply 'being'.

Fr. Mark



Contacting an R. C. Priest In An Emergency

In an emergency if you require a Roman Catholic Priest for someone who is at the end of life then please contact us.



During the Day (Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm) please ring the Parish Office at St Bede's Presbytery on 0151 422 1772 and the administration staff will get a priest to you as soon as possible.

> Other Times. Please ring one of the following numbers:

Fr Mark (lives at St John Fisher, WA8 3JA) 0151 513 0024

Fr Thomas (lives at St Basil's, WA8 4SZ) 0151 424 6641

Fr Thomas OP (lives at St Bede's, WA8 6EL) 0151 424 2738 or 0151 422 1772

The priests can offer the Sacrament of the Sick.

May God Bless You

Parish Choir of St. Wilfrid

The next gathering of our Parish Choir is on **Monday 31st January** at 7.00pm in St. Bede's church.

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.

Halton Child Contact Centre: Volunteering Opportunity

Halton Child Contact Centre is looking to recruit more volunteers, including younger adults, to help at our Centres in Widnes and Runcorn. We support families affected by relationship breakdown, where parents can't agree other arrangements for the child to see the parent they don't live with. Child contact sessions take place on Saturday afternoons working on a Rota basis alongside others. No direct child care is involved. Positions are subject to Disclosure and Barring checks at enhanced level. For more information, please contact the Co-Ordinator on 07944930711 or email info@haltonchildcontactcentre.org.uk.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Any young person currently in year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration will close on Monday 21st March.

To register they should visit <u>liverpoolcalled.co.uk</u> and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page.

Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



There will be a time of prayer for Christian Unity on Tuesday 25th January 7.30pm

at

St. Basil and All Saints Church.

All are encouraged to come and pray for unity amongst our Christian Churches.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Children's Church will be offered at the Mass at St. Basil's Church on the first Saturday evening Mass of the month. Please bring your children along to this Mass and allow them to understand the Mass at their level of understanding.



THE BELLS! THE BELLS!

A massive thank you to Wayne Murray and Peter Golson who have led the restoration of the bells at St. Bede's Church!

The bells will be rung for the Angelus at 12noon at 6pm each day and at 9am on weekdays to remind us to pray and that He is with us!

Thank you for all your hard work gentlemen on a task that was not easy or straightforward!!

Liturgy Matters



GO THE MASS IS ENDED?

Please note that Mass has not ended till the priest has left the sanctuary and the last hymn has finished.

Are we in such a hurry to leave church that we dive for the door immediately after we have received the final blessing?

I ask you to think about this.

Fr. Mark

ANTI Social Behaviour at St Michael's

The behaviour of the young men and their dogs is making things impossible for the parishioners who wish to attend church and carry out their voluntary duties in the church because of the behaviour of this growing gang of young people.

THEY DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO BE ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

If you see any one in the church grounds or in Bishop John's Garden, please **PHONE THE POLICE IMMEDIATLEY** either on 101 or 999. The grounds are littered with dog faeces, litter and the gang's presence is intimidating.



The Parish of St Wilfrid - Liturgy



SUNDAY 23 rd January		
09.00 am Holy Mass <i>(St Bede)</i> – A Special In tension (D&E)		
10.00 am Holy Mass <i>(St Michael)</i> – Carol Melvin – Lately Dead		
10.00 am Holy Mass <i>(St John Fisher) –</i> The Fay Family		
11.00 am Holy Mass <i>(St Bede)</i> – Parishioners		
16.00 pm Holy Mass <i>(St Bede)</i> - Mary Worthington – Lately Dead		
MONDAY 24 th January – Memorial of St Francis De Sales		
09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (St Basil)		
09.10 am Morning Prayer <i>(St Basil)</i>		
09.30 am Holy Mass <i>(St Basil)</i> - Roy O'Niell		
12.30 pm Requiem Mass – Moria Shipley - <i>(St Bede)</i>		
TUESDAY 25 th January – Feast of the Conversion of St Paul		
11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(St Bede)</i>		
11.40 am Holy Rosary <i>(St Bede)</i>		
12 Noon Holy Mass (St Bede) – The Intention of Mr & Mrs. Mc Mullen		
13.30 pm Requiem Mass - Francis Kirwin <i>(St. Michael)</i>		
13.30 pm Funeral Service - Audrey Gilinsky <i>(St Bede)</i>		
WEDNESDAY 26 th January – Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus		
14.00 pm Funeral Service – Thomas Fitzsimons <i>(St Bede)</i>		
18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (St Bede)		
18.40 pm Evening Prayer (St Bede)		
19.00 pm Holy Mass (<i>St Bede</i>) – Tom Worrall – Lately Dead		
THURSDAY 27 th January		
11.15 am Requiem Mass – Michelina Manning <i>(St Bede)</i>		
11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament <i>(St. Michael)</i>		
11.40am Holy Rosary (St. Michael)		
12 Noon Holy Mass <i>(St. Michael)</i> – Residents of our Care Homes FRIDAY 28 th January – Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas		
09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(St John Fisher)</i>		
09.10am Morning Prayer (St John Fisher)		
09.30am Holy Mass <i>(St John Fisher)</i> – Jeanette Han – Lately Dead		
SATURDAY 29 th January		
10.00 am Holy Mass <i>(St Bede)</i> – Mrs. Winstanley - Lately Dead		
10.30 am Confessions (St Bede)		
17.00 pm Holy Mass <i>(St Bede)</i> – Tom McCarthy - Anniversary		
18.00 pm Holy Mass (<i>St Basil</i>) - Bernard Fitzsimons - Lately Dead		
Sanctuary Lamp		



St Michael: St Bede: St: John Fisher: Bert & Brian Higginson – Birthday Remembrance Joao Manuel Des Santos Martins Gloria For the Vocation of Priests

St Bede will be open for private prayer Mon – Fri 10:30 am till 13:30pm