



# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



**23rd June 2024**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Week: Peter's Pence**

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.**

## **Medjugorje Pilgrimage**

Candlelight Procession and the celebration of the Mysteries of Light....

On Sunday evening, the last but one day of our pilgrimage, three groups of pilgrims assembled on the steps of St James' Church for our evening devotions. A candlelight procession, followed by the celebration of the Mysteries of Light.

The groups were led by Fr. Ed Hughes, an Anglican priest from Nottingham, Fr. Shea O' Neil from Waterford in Ireland and myself, with a group from Gateacre. Over these few days in Medjugorje we have travelled together on a spiritual journey, discovering the many treasures in this beautiful place.

With a lighted candle in our hands, we walked a short way in procession to a small outdoor area where pilgrims come to pray before the 18-foot bronze statue of the crucified Christ. Placing our candles beside those already burning brightly, we paused to pray for all those of our relatives and friends. Again, we experience the 'Silence broken only by the sound of water that flows down from the cross into small streams like graces flowing from the fountain of life'.

From there we walked through the benches by the outdoor altar and reached the five small gardens which contain the 'Mysteries of Light', referring to Christ's Public Life, His Baptism in the Jordan, His self-manifestation at the Wedding at Cana, His proclamation of the Kingdom of God, His 'Transfiguration and His Institution of the Eucharist.

The late Pope St John Paul II introduced the 5 Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary in his Apostolic Letter 'Rosarium Virginis Mariae' in October 2002 at the beginning of the Year of the Rosary.

**Fr Bill**

### **Farewell Mass**

You are all invited to bid farewell and say thank you to Bishop John, Fr Bill and Fr Thomas at Mass **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at St Michael's Church.**

You are then invited to St Basil's Parish Centre for drinks, tea and cakes!

We hope you can come and thank God for the ministry of three priests who have served faithfully here.

### **Ordination Invitation**

Rev Peter Ross, who, after his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood will join Fr Mark as his Assistant on 1<sup>st</sup> September, has invited 48 people from St Wilfrid's Parish, to join him at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King to witness his ordination. Rev Peter will be ordained with three other men, Rev James Finnegan, Rev Martin Fyles and Rev Lister Tonge – all being ordained for the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

#### **Itinerary Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

10.30am Coach to leave St Bede's Church

12noon Ordination Mass

2pm Leave Cathedral

3pm Arrive at St Bede's Church

If you would like to attend the ordination, please pass your name and telephone number into the Parish Office as soon as possible. The cost of the coach will be £5 per person, but we will collect that on the day. Do not pass the offering into the office.

### **Clarification About St Bede's Restoration**

Just to clarify as we approach the start of the restoration at St Bede's. We envisage that the church will be closed during the week. So there will be no weekday Masses or funerals once the work has begun. But the Church is not closing for Sunday Mass until any work begins that might make our presence in church a health and safety risk. This should be for a limited time.

Fr Mark

### **Gift of Life for Zambia Trip to Llandudno**

#### **Wednesday 17th July 2024**

Our next trip needs no introduction - it's to lovely Llandudno - sea, sand, promenade, pier and with abundant eateries and lots of shopping!

We leave St. Basil and All Saints Church at 9.30am and return at approximately 6pm.

The cost is £23. To book, simply put your money in an envelope marked with your name and telephone number and pass to either Monica (424 8194) or Angela (424 8668) or call them for further information and availability.

All profits to our Joint Church Charity, Gift of Life for Zambia.

Thank You!

### Requiescant in pace

George Vincent Yearsley, Linda Stafford  
Frances Margaret Wycherley, Mary Sadler,  
John O'Neill, Carole Anne Brimble, Eileen Lee  
Marie Clemson, Margaret Mercer,  
Mary Philomena Atherton & Margaret Patterson

**May the Angels lead them into Paradise!**

### Sanctuary Lamp

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

<b>St Bede</b>	Rita O'Neil
<b>St Michael</b>	Canon Neil Crawford-Jones
<b>St John Fisher</b>	Special Intention
<b>St Basil</b>	Thanksgiving to St Anthony

### First Holy Communion Prayers

Next Saturday, 30 Year 3 children will make their First Holy Communion. The children attend St. Bede's RC Junior School, and we promise these children our prayers as they prepare to meet Jesus in this wonderful way next weekend.

The reason these children are making their Holy Communion this year is as due to the restoration at St. Bede, Holy Communion Masses will not take place at St. Bede's Church in 2025.

### Lourdes at Home

This is a date for your diary...

Next month, pilgrims from across the Archdiocese will travel to Lourdes for the annual pilgrimage, and some of our parishioners will be amongst them. For different reasons, many of us are 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!

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at St John Fisher Church

##### 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.*

##### 12noon 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

### Upcoming Meetings

<b>Buildings and Finance</b>	St Bede's Presbytery	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm
<b>Liturgy</b>	St Bede's Presbytery	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm

## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Riley
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Margaret Jessica Duffy
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Harry Gregory
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	Honor Evans HF Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist</b>	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	James Francis O'Brien
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>Peter Farrell</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Marie Boden</b>
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Rita O'Neill
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Leah Sadler
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Basil	Christine Wilson
	<b>(No Mass at St Michael's)</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</b>	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Shelagh Smith
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Brian Richard Gornall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	James Meaden
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Kath Bonnon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Joseph O'Neil
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Arthur & Nora Lethbridge
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Vladimir Potopayev
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners Mary Florence Reid