

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

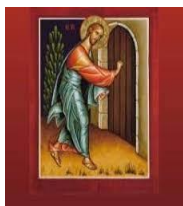
23rd October 2022

Week 30

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

Rev 3:20



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This week there will be a collection next week for **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**
23rd October 2022. Thank you for your generosity.

The Holy Spirit is moving...

This week it was my great joy to celebrate Mass with all the headteachers and senior leaders from our Catholic Schools here in Widnes at the Stadium where we had a day together looking at 'Spirituality in our Catholic Schools'. A wonderful testimony to our Catholic School Leaders here, which shows, how seriously they take the challenge of bringing God and His mission to the smallest people in our parish.

We can all see that sadly we do not have many children in our churches each Saturday and Sunday and this is something that we should reflect and act upon as we constantly think and rethink of ways to attract and make welcome families into our pews at the weekend.

Yet every day in school the children hear the Gospel, they are reminded of the commands of Jesus and taught how to live by them. They are shown forgiveness when they make mistakes and encouraged to try again and then show forgiveness and kindness to those who hurt them. This happens every day in our Catholic schools of St. Bede, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St. Gerard, St. Peter and Paul, St. Michael, St. John Fisher and St. Basil.

We are so blessed; the Holy Spirit is indeed moving...

Fr. Mark

Saturday 5th November 2pm to 4pm

St Marie's Heritage Group would like to welcome you to St Marie's to view our new timeline celebrating the history of the church and the clergy and parishioners who served and worshipped there from 1861 to 2007. Whether you attended St Marie's church or not we are sure you will find something interesting, amusing and thought provoking in the display which will be set out around the church. Come along, meet old friends, and have a catch up and as usual there will be plenty of free hot drinks and biscuits.

If you would like to join us please email: heritage@haltonsthelensvca.org.uk or call 01928 592405

WARM AND COSY CENTRES

St. Basil's Parish Centre, Hough Green Road, WA8 4PE will be open 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. This will start on Tuesday 1st November.

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

Trinity Safe Space Charity, which supports asylum seekers, refugees, and vulnerable migrants in Halton, has been successful in gaining funding from the UK's Government's Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for a pilot project to improve the mental wellbeing of our beneficiaries. It began in August 2022 and will end on January 31st, 2023.

The PARTNERS Project is:

- the recruitment by the multi faith Trustees of Trinity Safe Space Charity of the equivalent of a self-employed Clinical Supervisor/Counsellor to supervise self-employed counsellors and 30+ volunteer Peer Supporters/Listening Ears and to counsel more vulnerable beneficiaries. Peer Supporters/Listening Ears are being sourced from 300+ partner organisations (public and voluntary sectors), trained in trauma-informed practice, buddied with beneficiaries, using interpreters as necessary, to provide empathetic support, accompany them to activities and improve their mental wellbeing
- the delivery of 43 hours of Cultural Awareness, 150 hours of non-accredited ESOL and 20 activities/events to reduce social isolation/enhance community cohesion for 150+ beneficiaries
- the monitoring and evaluation of the project through a strategic Steering Group

The aims of the project are:

- To improve the mental wellbeing of beneficiaries
- To reduce beneficiaries' loneliness
- To enable beneficiaries to integrate into British Society
- To develop principles for a Faith Contract between the Government, Local Government and the Faith Sector

We still need more Peer Supporters/Listening Ears. If you would like to join us on this exciting project, please email tsshilton@gmail.com and ask for an application form or ring Pauline Ruth on 07967627554. Thank you

Mass Times

Weekday Pilot for One Month Commencing

THIS WEEK

Monday

10:00am – St Basil

Tuesday

7am - St John Fisher
12 Noon – St Bede

Wednesday

12 Noon – St Michael
7pm – St Bede

Thursday

12 Noon – St Michael

Friday

10am – St John Fisher
12 Noon – St Basil

Saturday

10am – St Bede
10:30am – 11:30am
Confessions

'What do the saints say about Purgatory?'

Fr. Michael Mc Cormick will be showing a film explaining what the saints say in relation to purgatory, all are welcome to attend.

**Holy Family Parish Centre, Cronton
Tuesday 25th October at 7pm**

USED STAMPS

Fr Bill has asked that we put all our used stamps in the boxes provided at back of church.
Thank You

November – Month of the HOLY SOULS

November is when we as a Church remember and pray in a special way the dead, those we have known and loved and those, who, in charity, who have no one to pray for them. At every Mass the faithful departed are remembered but during this special month certain opportunities are offered to draw us together as a community to pray, remember and support one another in faith.

Tuesday 1st November – Feast of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday 5th November – Mass for all the Faithful Departed, St. Bede, 10am.

At this Mass we pray for all who have died, and everyone will be offered a bottle of holy water to take to graves or places of remembrance to bless and pray.

Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th November – Mass for all who have died from our parish in the past 12 months, St. Michael's, 4pm.

At these two Masses the names of all who have died in our parish community in the past 12 months will be read aloud, to call them to mind, to pray and to thank God for them.

“In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die...they are in peace.”

Book of Wisdom

Pious List envelopes at the back of church for you to place the names of your loved ones so that they can be added to the November Pious List. Return them to the Parish Office asap.

‘A Christmas Carol’

New Shakespeare Theatre, Prescot

Wednesday 14th December

Leave St. Bede's at 6pm

Cost ~ £25pp

If you would like to come, please pass your name and money into the Parish Office.

Places are limited so please book your place early!

Widnes Food Bank

The former St. Bede's Parish Centre has been gifted on a lease to Widnes Food Bank for their amazing work supporting families who are struggling at this time. Food can be dropped off there Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri from 9.30am-1100am. Also, if you would like to drop food at St. John Fisher, St. Basil or St. Michael then it can be left in the porches of each of these churches and it will be taken to the Food Bank by some wonderful volunteers each week. Thank you for your generosity of heart.

Christmas is Coming

We have a lovely selection of Christmas cards available in the piety stall in all churches. Please think about purchasing your Christmas cards from our church, they are religious and will provide a small income for the parish and our piety stall.

Mass Times

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

Sunday 23rd October

09.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Tracey McNamara
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Joan Kelly – Deceased
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Joan, Eileen & Joe Skilky
 11.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Carol Ann Randall - Anniversary
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Cyril Morris - Anniversary

Monday 24th October

9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St. Basil*)
10:00 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Mr & Mrs Penketh
11:00am Requiem Mass (*St Bede*) – Catherine Whitfield

Tuesday 25th October

07:00am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Laurence Grace – Deceased
 11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (*St. Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Deceased Members of the Walsh Osman & Lynch Families
13:00pm Requiem Mass (*St Bede*) – Sheila Millard

Wednesday 26th October

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (*St Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) - Robert William Warren – 1st Anniversary
 18:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
19:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of the Care Homes

Thursday 27th October

11: 00am Requiem Mass (*St Bede*) - James Coffey
 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (*St. Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) - Special Intention

Friday 28th October - SS Simon and Jude

9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
10:00 am Holy Mass – (*St John Fisher*)- Dorothy Fox- Birthday Remembrance
 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (*St. Basil*)
12 Noon Holy Mass - (*St Basil*) – Bernard Kelly – 3rd Anniversary

Saturday 29th October

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Sick DS & KB
 10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners
 18.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Marie Fearn – Deceased

Sunday 23rd October

09.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Harry Taylor - Anniversary
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Joan Meade - Anniversary
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Harry Doyle – 50th Anniversary
 11.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Catherine Rogers – Special Intention
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Ted Riley – Birthday Remembrance

Sanctuary Lamp

St Bede: Harry Taylor
St Basil: Bernard Kelly
St John Fisher: All Our Housebound
St Michael: Fr. John Gildea R.I.P.

Please Pray for those who have recently died.

Catherine Whitfield, Sheila Milord, James Coffey, John Russell, Carmel Carolan, Neil Shaw, Cecilia McNulty, William Jones, Megan Woods & Elizabeth Lightfoot.