

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

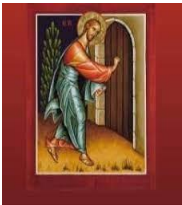
26th February 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Year A

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

Rev 3:20



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Psalm - Please join in the response:

'May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you'.

What are you fasting for?

You all know how much joy it gives me when His Holiness, Pope Francis agrees with me! We have entered the holy season of Lent, prayer, almsgiving and fasting, but fasting from what?

Fast from hurting and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaining and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent.

Pope Francis

Fr. Mark

Lenten journey...

Monday 27th February, 7pm at St. Bede's Church

Walking to Calvary – through different voices, light and music we are invited to walk with Jesus to Calvary. We shall hear the voices of those around Him on that day and reflect on our part in the story of Calvary.

Tuesday 28th February 11.15pm at St. Bede's Church

Stations of the Cross – Traditional Stations of the Cross will be recited and prayed before Holy Mass at noon.

Wednesday 1st March, 7am at St. Bede's Church

Early Riser Mass – come and celebrate Holy Mass in the still of the morning.

Friday 3rd March, 1pm at St. Michael's Church

Stations of the Cross – Traditional Stations of the Cross will be recited and prayed together.

Please come and walk with Him!



LGBTQ+ MASS

To offer support to this community and their families as they live out their Catholic Faith. All Are Welcome!

ST. BEDE'S CHURCH, APPLETON VILLAGE, WA8 6EL

SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AT 2PM

If you require any further information, please contact: Canon Stephen Maloney on s.maloney@rcaol.org.uk

CAFOD Family Fast – at the back of church there is an envelope to be collected if you wish to be part of the Family Fast Day, they should be returned to church with your offering on what you have saved by self-denial. The money will be sent to CAFOD at the end of Lent. Thank you once again for your generosity to the poorest of the poor.

Note – Prayer, Soup and Sharing for CAFOD – Monday 13th March at 7pm at SJF Hall.

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer service is being held at St Ambrose Church, Halton View Road, WA8 0TT, Friday 3rd March at 2.00pm.

Each year the service is written by Christian women from different countries, this year it has been prepared by the women of Taiwan, who have chosen the theme, 'I have heard about your faith'. The service is held throughout the world; so that for every hour of that day many of our brothers and sisters in Christ will be sharing in this act of worship.

This is an interdenominational event and all Churches in Widnes have been invited. Please come along and join us as we share in fellowship and seek to grow in our faith together. **All are welcome.**

OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS

St. John Fisher – volunteers required at 9.30am on Monday 27th February to help prepare for the decorator's arrival. If you can help, please just turn up!

St. Michael – The group of volunteers have decided to give it a go and will paint the walls where the paintings of the Stations of the Cross will go. We will begin on **Friday 10th March at 9am** by washing the walls with sugar soap. If you are free, bring a bucket and a cloth and help!

St. Bede – Please return any questionnaires to the parish office as soon as possible.

St. Basil – You are not forgotten; you are on the list!

Important notice for parishioners who donate to the parish by Direct Debit

During lockdown many parishioners set up Direct Debits to make their monthly offerings to our parish.

Some of these Direct Debits are not covered by a Gift Aid declaration. In such cases it means that if the person making the payment is a taxpayer, then the Parish cannot claim back the tax. As we all know Gift Aid raises many thousands of pounds every year for our parish.

As an example, for a parishioner who has Gift Aided donating £20 per month, our parish is able to claim back an additional £60 per year.

To enable us to ensure we have the maximum update of people on Gift Aid we would really appreciate ***if anybody paying by Direct Debit could complete the proforma below and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.***

We can then check if the appropriate Gift Aid declaration has been signed.

Once again thank you so much for your kind generosity and support of our parish.

Private & Confidential

Name

Address

Telephone number

I make my monthly offering by Direct Debit

I am a taxpayer YES

I am not a taxpayer YES

(Please delete as appropriate)

Mass Times

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

Sunday 26th February

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Matthew Fairhurst, Lately Dead
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – John & Michael Kearns
10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Rita Hamilton, Birthday Remembrance
11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Anne Clarke, 10th Anniversary
16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John Traynor, Lately Dead

Monday 27th February

9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St. Basil*)
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Charles Bowd Lately Dead

Tuesday 28th February

10.30am Funeral Service (*St Michael*) – Philip Potter
11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes

Wednesday 1st March

7.00am Holy Mass – (*St S Bede*) – Steven Bate, Lately Dead
18.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer
19.00pm Holy Mass - (*St Bede*) – Brian Mercer, Lately Dead

Thursday 2nd March

10.00am Funeral Service (*St Michael*) – Edith Cooney
10.30am Funeral Service (*St Bede*) – Robert Fyldes
11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Shelia Clare, Lately Dead

Friday 3rd March

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)
09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Golden Wedding Anniversary, Remembrance
10.30am Funeral Service (*St Bede*) – Edward Casey

Saturday 4th March

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret Brennan
10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners
17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Frances Treglown, Lately Dead

Sunday 5th March

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Frank Cox, Anniversary
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Austin Gavin, Lately Dead
10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Honor Evans, Lately Dead
11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Mary Kelleher, Lately Dead
16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Diane Ferris, 4th Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede:	George Joseph Grace
St Basil:	Carmel Carolan
St John Fisher:	James Duckett
St Michael:	Mary & Arthur Green & Family, Australia

Please pray for those who have recently died...

**Josephine Dallman, Norman (Ginger) Hunt, Philip Mede,
James Duckett, Dominic Murray, Marie Batt,
Declan Smith, Mary Louisa Green,
Eddie Connolly**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!