

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own**

### Election Fever

I was preparing for First Confessions on Wednesday evening when footage of the Prime Minister's General Election announcement pinged on my phone. Like many I was immediately struck by the unfortunate optics. A downpour of biblical proportions quickly soaked the Prime Minister to the skin. The unsolicited soundtrack, 'Things Can Only Get Better', (a visceral reminder of the Labour '97 landslide!) wafted through from Whitehall and drowned out much of his speech.

As Catholics, we have a particular responsibility to be prudent and discerning as we prepare to go to the polls. Through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching, it is important that we exercise our democratic duty prayerfully, mindful that our parliamentary democracy is rooted in a Christian worldview which we must preserve and defend.

"Religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation. In this light, I cannot but voice my concern at the increasing marginalisation of religion, particularly of Christianity, that is taking place in some quarters, even in nations which place a great emphasis on tolerance. There are those who would advocate that the voice of religion be silenced, or at least relegated to the purely private sphere... And there are those who argue – paradoxically with the intention of eliminating discrimination – that Christians in public roles should be required at times to act against their conscience. I would invite all of you, therefore, within your respective spheres of influence, to seek ways of promoting and encouraging dialogue between faith and reason at every level of national life".

Pope Benedict XVI

Address to Both Houses of Parliament Westminster Hall 2010

Fr Thomas

## **Quarant'ore – Feast of the Sacred Heart**

**Signing up sheets for Quarant'ore** – There are sheets at the back of ALL our churches so that people can sign up to spend some time in adoration during Quarant'ore. Every time slot must be covered so that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. It does not matter where you usually attend Mass, this time of prayer is for our parish and is the responsibility of every parishioner to come and adore Him. Can you commit to spending time with Jesus?

**Could you buy a candle for Quarant'ore?** The reason why many parishes do not hold this devotion in their parish is because of the exorbitant cost of candles. Could you buy a candle to burn? You could dedicate the candle for a loved one or for a specific intention. The cost of each candle is £20, and all intentions will be placed in a prominent position on the sanctuary. Please pass your intention and offering into the parish office marked 'Candle'. All intentions should be passed in by Sunday 2nd June so that they can be included for the full time of prayer.

## **40 Hours of Adoration – St Bede's**

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

09.30	Holy Mass and Opening of Quarant'ore
10.00	Private Adoration
12 Noon	Holy Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart
12.30	Private Adoration
15.00	Divine Mercy Chaplet
18.00	Holy Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart
18.30	Private Adoration
21.00	Holy Mass and Closing of Exposition

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

09.30	Holy Mass and Opening of Quarant'ore
10.00	Private Adoration
12 Noon	Holy Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart
12.30	Private Adoration
15.00	Divine Mercy Chaplet
18.00	Holy Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart
18.30	Private Adoration
21.00	Holy Mass and Closing of Exposition

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)**

09.30	Opening of Quarant'ore
10.00	Private Adoration
12 Noon	Holy Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart
12.30	Private Adoration
15.00	Divine Mercy Chaplet
18.00	Holy Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart
18.30	Private Adoration
19.30	Feast Day Holy Mass and Closing of Quarant'ore

**Requiescant in pace**

Peter Farrell, Paul Mercer, Denis O'Brien,  
David Hughes, Frances Ellis, Eileen Blood,  
Mary 'Pat' Stott, David Tirrell, John Murphy,  
Martin Clifford & Harry Davies  
**May the Angels lead them into Paradise!**

**Sanctuary Lamp**

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

<b>St Bede</b>	Special Intention
<b>St Michael</b>	Sick & Housebound
<b>St John Fisher</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>St Basil</b>	The Green Family

**Gift of Life for Zambia Trip to Trentham Gardens and Shopping Village  
Wednesday 5th June**

The Trentham Estate is a great place for all tastes with award winning Italian gardens, rose borders, and a mile long lake. If you prefer some retail therapy there are timber lodges housing a wide variety of individual shops and cafes, plus a massive Garden Centre.

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

The cost is £26. To book a place simply put your money in an envelope marked with your name, address, telephone number and pass to either Angela (0151 424 8668) or Monica (0151 424 8194). Or call them for further details. All profits to Gift of Life for Zambia.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Gift Aid Boxes**

The new Gift Aid boxes have now been out for collection at all our churches for almost 2 months. To ensure that we keep our records up to date any boxes remaining at the end of May will be removed and the Gift Aid cancelled.

Please, if you are still donating and are not paying by Direct Debit, check to see if your box is at the back of the church.

If you have any queries, please complete the following and return it to the parish office and a member of the Gift Aid team will get in touch with you.

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone Number : .....

Query : .....

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## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Andrew Barrow
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Esme Mitchell
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Julie Bowles
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners Stephen Rossiter
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27<sup>h</sup> May</b>	<b>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</b>	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Ruth Elder
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Margaret Smith
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>13.00</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Kevin Butler</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Ann (Nancy) Carter</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
12 Noon	Deanery Mass	St John Fisher	John & Maureen Hyland Anne Slater
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial of St Justin, Martyr</b>	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Eddie Kelly
10.30	Confessions		
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Joan Dowling
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Eileen Jones
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Frank & Doris Cox
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Barney McGinley
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	George Edward Lythgoe
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners Joe Houghton