Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

27th November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Year A

"Listen!
I am standing
at the door
knocking."

Rev 3:20



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Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 29th November

'Emptied Himself and took on our human nature...'

Last Sunday we celebrated the great Solemnity of Christ the King, which marked the close of another liturgical year. Much has happened in the last twelve months locally, nationally and on the international stage, but amidst all the joys and sorrows, the church continues her age-old mission of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in season and out of season.

And now we begin the great Season of Advent, a time of hopeful expectation as we look forward to the celebration of Christmas in a few weeks' time. For the first couple of weeks of advent, the liturgy of the church invites us to reflect on and anticipate in our hearts, the ultimate return of the Lord on the last day. It is only in the final week or so of advent that we turn our minds to the mystery of our Lord's incarnation in Bethlehem; the beginning of the great Christian adventure of which we are all a part.

As the winter nights draw in, let us take comfort in the friendship of the Lord, who did not cling to equality with God, but emptied Himself and took on our human nature, so that one day we may be like Him in heaven.

FrThomas



St. Wilfrid's Advent Appeal 2022

'Trinity Safe Space Charity provides for refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants in the Borough of Halton, catering for their needs by giving them material goods, food, clothing as well as information, care, and support with their physical and mental health'.

This year we are appealing again for you to buy an extra Christmas present for someone who really needs it.

All items must be new, unwrapped and left at the back of Church where they shall be collected and delivered to our brothers and sisters in need.

Items needed...

Men's boxer shorts (underwear) sizes small, medium, large and XL

Women's underwear sizes 10, 12, 14 and a few 16s

Men's T-shirts size 34 - 38 chest

Jeans for men in a variety of sizes and leg length

Winter coats for men and women in a variety of sizes

Warm gloves, hats and scarves for men and women

Socks for men and women size 6 up to size 12

Children's warm hats, scarves, socks, and gloves in a variety of sizes

Frying pans, toasties makers, stock pot pans, electric kettles, electric toasters,
hand blenders/juicers/choppers, small cafetières

Toiletries for men and women, (preferably single items rather than sets) e.g., shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Single duvets or warm blankets

All items need to be at Church before the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 18th

December.

Please be as generous as you always are in seeing Jesus in the often forgotten in our community.



Weekday Mass Schedule from Friday 9th December

Monday

9.30am – St. Basil

Tuesday

12 noon – St. Bede

Wednesday

7pm - St. Bede

Thursday

12 noon - St. Michael

Friday

9.30am - St. John Fisher

Saturday

10am - St. Bede (with confessions)

After an assessment of the numbers attending, need and availability, it is felt that the following schedule will fit the needs of the community at this time. This can and will change as we change and move as a community.

Thank you as ever to the sacristans and those who work so hard in all of our churches to keep them as places of prayer in our community.

CHRISTMASMASSTIMES

Christmas Eve

6pm - St John Fisher 6pm - St Bede 6pm - St Basil 8pm - St Michael Midnight - St Bede

Christmas Day

9am – St Basil 10am – St Bede 10am – St John Fisher 10am – St Michael

Boxing Day

10am – St Basil Mass with Altar Servers

And they shall call Him Emmanuel God is with us!

Upcoming Meetings...

Social Group Meeting - Tuesday 29th November at 12.30pm at St. Bede Synodal Council - Saturday 3rd December at 10am at St. Benedict, Warrington

USED STAMPS

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

Thank You

Widnes Floral Art Group present

Christmas flower demonstration
'Sparkles and Sprouts'
By Kate Russell
Wednesday, December 7
7.30pm

Farnworth Methodist Church Hall, Derby Road, Widnes WA8 9JX Tickets priced £12 available on the door

FIRST CANDLE SIGNIFIES HOPE

"PROPHECY CANDLE"

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



Mass Times

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

Sunday 27th November – First Sunday of Advent

09.00am Holy Mass (St Bede) – Holy Souls

10.00am Holy Mass (St Michael) - Helen Walsh (L/D) and Stephen Walsh

10.00am Holy Mass (St John Fisher) – Parishioners

11.00am Holy Mass (St Bede) - Philip Shacklady

16:00pm Holy Mass (St Bede) – Anthony Woods (Special Intention)

Monday 28th November

9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (St. Basil)

10:00am Holy Mass (St Basil) – Edward Mulroy (Anniversary)

12 Noon – (St Bede) Requiem - Colin Duffy

Tuesday 29th November

10.00am (St Bede) - Requiem - Margaret Mather

7pm- St Bede's (Novena 1) – Canon Dave Heywood

Mary, she who said 'Yes' (Frank Richard Hurst)

Wednesday 30th November

7pm - St Bede's (Novena 2) - Fr. Raymond Anyanwu CSSp

Mary at the Annunciation (Holy Souls)

Thursday 1st December

11.00am - (St John Fisher) - Requiem - Patrick Rice

7pm - St Michael's (Novena 3) - Canon Christopher Cunningham

Mary, at the Visitation (Thanksgiving for successful operation)

Friday 2nd December

11.00am (St Bede) -Requiem - John Geoffrey Howarth

7pm - St Basil's (Novena 4) - Fr John Schofield

Mary, at the Nativity (Deb Kenna - Special Intention)

Saturday 3rd December

10am - St Bede's (Novena 5) - Fr Thomas Clarke

Mary, as she Watches (Jim and Mary McGuire)

10.30am Confessions and Rosary (St Bede)

17.00pm Holy Mass (St Bede) – Mark Allen (Birthday Remembrance)

18.00pm Holy Mass (St Basil) – Elizabeth Lawler (Lately Dead)

Sunday 4th December – Second Sunday of Advent

09.00am Holy Mass (St Bede) - Mike Dunning

10.00am Holy Mass (St Michael) – Eleanor Wood (16th Anniversary)

10.00am Holy Mass (St John Fisher) – John Dowling (9th Anniversary)

11.00am Holy Mass (St Bede) – Parishioners

16:00pm Holy Mass (St Bede) – Michael Glynn (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp

St Bede: Mary & Michael Glynn
St Basil: Archbishop Malcolm

St John Fisher: Vocations to the Priesthood

St Michael: Baby Georgia Stokes

Please pray for those who have recently died...

Marie Ludden, Elizabeth Murty, Anne Pedder, Shirley Corby, Baby Zachary, Brian Barlow, Anthony

Collins and Pat McCormack