

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

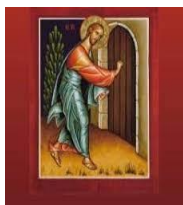
28th January 2023

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

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

Rev 3:20



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Psalm - Please join in the response:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven’.

Reflection

On Monday of this week, Fr David Melly, parish priest of Our Lady's, Portico, gently went to the Lord. He would have been 77 on 20th of February.

For many years, from the late seventies until quite recently, he was a member of the Schools Religious Education Dept. Widely loved and respected, always positive and very creative, he was widely sought after for help of one sort or another.

And with a wonderful sense of humour. His very presence lit up any group he was with. Presiding at Mass, or any other liturgy, but especially Mass, transformed him. And his care for the church at Portico, dating from 1796, was very special, bringing a very old and much-loved church up to date without losing anything of its character. A major fire just a few years ago nearly destroyed the church, left the house full of smoke, and was very hard for David to cope with. But with great help from the Diocese and parishioners it is even more beautiful now.

I began writing this to say that, in spite of all those outward appearances, David was really an introvert, a person who enjoyed being alone, who was emotionally drained by being any length of time with others and was only able to regain energy by spending quality time by himself. I doubt very much that people who shared their needs with him had any idea of its effect on him, and he certainly would never have even hinted at it. He gave with immense generosity. That was part of the grace of his priesthood. He was a very graced human being and very many people will be missing him. May he rest in peace.

+John

Lighting a candle...

If you would like to have the sanctuary candle lit for your intentions, or someone who has died or an anniversary.

or a prayer close to your heart. Then please pass the intention and a £10 offering to cover the cost of the sanctuary candle into the parish office with the name of the church you would like the candle to burn in. The candle burns for 7 days, and the intention is noted in the parish newsletter.



Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of the Northern Saints

The response for the pilgrimage has been wonderful, and we are full! If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please pass your name and telephone number into the parish office for the attention of 'Susan Warburton' and she will contact you if a place becomes available!

Fr. Mark

St. Wilfrid's Lourdes Group

To raise funds to assist people in going to Lourdes.

Friday 24th February 2023

Widnes R.A.O.B. social Club, Sayce Street

Entertainment from Marc Saint and Christine Edge

Tickets - £4 each and are available from.

R.A.O.B. Club

St. Wilfrid's Parish Office

George Sadler 0151 424 6201



CONFIRMATION

As a new year beckons so does the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people of year 8 age.

Any young people who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer are asked to register online at: <https://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation/>, after which we will be in touch with you regarding preparation for this beautiful sacrament later in the year.

Registration is open 16th January 2023 to 17th March 2023

If there are any questions, please direct them to Animate Youth Ministries, on 01744 740641 as Fr Thomas is now away for several weeks as part of his canonical studies.

LORD, THANK YOU THAT YOU ARE:

Strong when I am weak.
Present when I feel alone.
Wisdom when I don't know what to do.
My **guide** when I feel lost.
Hope when I lose confidence.
Faith when I have none.
Peace in the midst of the storm.
Manna when I am hungry.
Rest when I am restless.
My **defender** when I am accused.
My **protector** when I am attacked.
My **strong tower** when I am overwhelmed.
My **provision** when I am broke.
My **healer** when I am sick.
Mt **friend** when I have none.
My **comforter** when I am afraid.
There when I call.
Thank you that you are my **everything!**

A time of togetherness and prayer...

Thank you to all who came to St. Basil's Church last Wednesday evening to celebrate and pray for Christian Unity.

There was a deep sense of unity and a desire to celebrate more together as Christians in our town of Widnes.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this time so wonderful!

WARM AND COSY CENTRES

St. Basil's Parish Centre, Hough Green Road, WA8 4PE.

Linda and her team will open the parish centre 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.

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

Mass Times

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

Sunday 29th January

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Deceased Members of Milliard Family
 9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Frances Smith
 10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Tommy McCarthy, Anniversary
 11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Carole Ann Banks
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Patricia Hammond

Monday 30th January

9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St. Basil*)
 9.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Frances Myler, Lately Dead
12 Noon Requiem (*St Bede*) – Marilyn Whitfield

Tuesday 31st January

11.00am Requiem (*St John Fisher*) – Victor (Bernard) Standen
 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – David Radford, Lately Dead
12 Noon Requiem (*St Michael*) – Anthony Comiskey

Wednesday 1st February

18.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer
 19.00pm Holy Mass - (*St Basil*) – Nicky, Lately Dead

Thursday 2nd February

11.00am Requiem (*St Bede*) – Eileen (Ellen) Cooke
 11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Residents of Care Homes

Friday 3rd February

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)
 09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
 09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Joan Fay, Lately Dead
11.00am Funeral Service (*St Michael*) – Peter Jones
12 Noon Funeral Service (*St Bede*) – Gerald McCann

Saturday 4th February

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Yvonne Lightfoot, Lately Dead
 10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – David Rowlands & Grandson
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Philomena Monaghan, Lately Dead

Sunday 5th February

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Bridget Butler, Anniversary
 9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Audrey Fallon, Anniversary
 10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Parishioners
 11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Hughie Brennan, Birthday Remembrance
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Joan O'Neil, Lately Dead

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede: Edna Murphy
 St Basil: Christian Unity
 St John Fisher: Fr Dave Melly
 St Michael: O Grady Family

Please pray for those who have recently died...

**Bridget Martin, Frances Allen, Brian McGeiver,
 Kevin Conway, Gaynor Meredith, Daniel Smith,
 Patricia Tomlinson, David McKeown,
 Bernadette Carr, Kathleen Golding,
 Eileen Roberts (née Finegan)
 Peter John Lyons, Norman (Ginger) Hunt
May they rest in peace and rise in glory!**