

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

29th May 2022

7th Sunday of Easter

Year C

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

Rev 3:20



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There will be a retiring collection this weekend for World Communications

Mary, lead us to your Son!

This afternoon I sent off my application and cheque for next month's Hallam Pilgrimage to Lourdes, passport renewal allowing! COVID has prevented it for three years and it will be wonderful to be there again.

I am fascinated by the pilgrimage tradition and its attraction. Until I became a bishop, I had never been to either Walsingham or Lourdes, but since then both have become an integral part of my life. For over twenty-five years I was in Lourdes every year in Easter week with the disabled children's pilgrimage and in Summer with Liverpool or Hallam.

So, what is it? As far as I know, every country with a Catholic population of any size has a national shrine to Our Lady. All with different stories about their founding and variations in the way pilgrims use their visit to them. Lourdes and Walsingham are good examples, as would be Knock.

In some way, they all involve people walking and talking together, eating and drinking together, and climatically, worshipping together. They are experiences of many of the facets of being Church. Some, like Lourdes, with a great emphasis on service of the sick and disabled. And, again like Lourdes, on the universality of the Church. Like Chaucer's Pilgrims, we tell each other stories, our stories. And the Holy Spirit works through all of this and helps us grow as Disciples.

Although the shrines are dedicated to Mary, the focus is on Jesus, she leads us naturally to Him. The Rosary always forms a key element, with its meditations around the lives of Jesus and Mary. While most of the devotions are optional and allow for different spiritual tastes, we all gather for Mass each day. And if that is an International Mass, so much the better.

This is The Church!

Bishop John

CLERGY JOY!

On Monday, as I opened the door of the presbytery at St. John Fisher the phone rang, and I answered the Archbishop's call who told me that he will be sending a priest to us here in Widnes! Deo Gratias!

In September, **Fr. Philip Carr** will join the clergy team here at St. Wilfrid's, Fr. Philip comes to us from St. Julie's and English Martyrs' Parish in Ecclestone and Haydock, and it will be a blessing to us all to have another priest serving the parish.

We look forward to welcoming Fr. Philip to our community and give thanks to God, (and the Archbishop!) for sending us another priest. Welcome Fr. Philip, you are so welcome here!

Fr. Mark, PP

Warrington and Widnes Deanery Synodal Council

The next part of the Synodal Process is slowly forming and taking shape as we try and implement the challenges of the discerning process of the Synod. The next step is to form a Deanery Synodal Council whose role it will be to pray, listen and respond to the findings of the whole report. It is a challenge, and we are not quite sure where it shall lead us, yet we trust and hope in Him.

We, as the 'Widnes' part of the deanery have been asked to appoint 5 lay representatives and 1 priest representative and we are so grateful to those who have agreed to serve the parish in this way.

Priest Representative – Fr. Mark Moran

Lay Representatives – Peter McCann, Denise Roberts, Susan Warburton, Pauline Rolt and Paul Higginson.

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in them, the fire of your love'

Safeguarding

"We are in the process of re-doing DBS checks for those people whose role necessitates having one. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, both from the altar in church or administering Holy Communion in homes and have not been through the renewal process within the last 8 - 12 months, you will need to have a re-check done. Other roles needing them are sacristans, catechists, altar servers over the age of 18, children's liturgy leaders and anyone else who is regularly involved in work or volunteering with people, some of whom may be vulnerable. Again, if you have not been re-checked within the last 8 - 12 months, chances are you need a new re-check. If you have a current i.e., less than 3 years' old, DBS check for your role within the Parish you do NOT need to renew yet unless you have taken on another role which needs one.

Please note that if you have a current one for other organisations within the Parish e.g. a School Governor, you still need a separate one for roles within the church.

Please telephone the Parish Office to arrange an appointment for a re-check with Pauline Ruth - there will be certain slots available as follows:

Tues 31st May between 1 and 3pm, Wed 1st June - between 10.30 and 11:30 am, Thurs 9th June between 11 and 12 and 1 -2pm.

If you need an evening appointment, please email Pauline at safeguarding246@rcaol.org.uk Thank you.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, if you think someone is in danger of immediate harm, please dial 999, then the Parish Office, 0151 422 1772, and your concern will be forwarded to Pauline Ruth, Safeguarding Rep, at the earliest opportunity. Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office – 0151 522 1043.

Sunday Obligation Returns

The Roman Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement saying that from **Pentecost Sunday, 5th June**, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is reinstated. It is clear though in the statement that anyone who does not feel safe because of **ill health** is not committing a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.'

Face Covering – wearing of face covering is now up to each individual.

Precious Blood – at this time we are not allowed to offer the chalice to the faithful.

Holy Communion on the tongue – if you desire to receive Holy Communion on the tongue you should present yourself to the priest or minister once everyone else has received.

Votive Candles

Devotion to Our Lady and the Saints is a long-standing tradition within the Church. However, this does not take precedence over the celebration of the Mass, which is the source and summit of the Church's Divine worship. It is important therefore, that the lighting of votive candles should be reserved to before and after Mass, and not take place once Mass has begun or during Holy Communion.

Thank you.

Would you consider becoming a Reader at Mass?

"The Word of God is something alive and active" **Heb 4:12**

The Ministry of Reader is an important ministry within the Church, proclaiming the Word of God to your own community within the Mass.

Could you offer to share in this ministry?

Please think and pray about it and if you feel you could, then please pass your name, address, e mail address and telephone number into the parish office, indicating which church and Mass you would like to volunteer for.

We hope to offer training and a refresher course for all readers soon. Thank you.

Donate flowers for Quarant' Ore

One of the reasons that many parishes do not hold *Quarant' Ore* anymore is the cost of adorning the altar with candles and flowers, could you donate something towards the flowers?

Please pass your donations into the Parish Office marked *'Quarant' Ore Flowers'*.

Emergency Sick Calls

Spiritual care of the sick and dying is a major part of priestly ministry. Should you or a loved one ever require the Last Rites, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience and the first available priest will make arrangements to visit.

If you require a priest **out of hours** in an emergency, do not attempt to contact the parish office as messages may not be picked up in time, but please telephone the presbytery landlines at the top of the parish newsletter until you have successfully reached one of our priests.

In such circumstances, calm but swift action will ensure that any parishioner who finds themselves in such need will be fortified by the Sacraments of the Church.

Thank You

Sign up for Quarant' Ore

Sign-up sheets will be available for you to sign next week to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is **watched at all times**.

Please think about what time you give to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Buy a candle for

If you would like to buy a candle to burn before the Blessed Sacrament in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, then please pass your intention and an offering (suggested offering £15) into the Parish Office.

Quarant' Ore Timetable St. John Fisher Church



Monday 13th June

7pm – Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist
7.30pm – 9pm - Adoration
9pm – Benediction

Tuesday 14th June

12noon – Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist
12.30pm – 7pm – Adoration
7pm – Holy Mass
7.30pm – 9pm – Adoration
9pm – Benediction

Wednesday 15th June

12noon – Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist
12.30pm – 7pm – Adoration
7pm – Holy Mass
7.30pm – 9pm – Adoration
9pm – Benediction

Thursday 16th June

12noon – Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist
12.30pm – 7pm – Adoration
7pm – Holy Mass and close of *Quarant' Ore*



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 29th May

- 09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Linda Aldred
- 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Thanksgiving for a successful operation
- 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Terence Brennan
- 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Patrick Gleavey
- 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Michael Lindon – Lately dead

MONDAY 30th May

- 09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
- 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
- 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Edward Clemson

TUESDAY 31st May

- 10:30 am Requiem – Muriel Verdin (*St Bede*)
- 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
- 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
- 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Michael Butler - Remembrance

WEDNESDAY 1st June

- 18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
- 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
- 19.00 pm Holy Mass – John & Maureen Hyland

THURSDAY 2nd June

- 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. Michael*)
- 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
- 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – The Earle Family

FRIDAY 3rd June

- 09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)
- 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
- 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Residents of Care Homes

SATURDAY 4th June

- 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Nancy Prendergast - Remembrance
- 10.30 am Confessions (*St Bede*)
- 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Elizabeth Davies & Deceased Members of Family
- 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Retta O’Dea – Lately Dead

Sanctuary Lamp

- St Basil:** The Liverpool Seminarians
- St Bede:** 80th Birthday Intention
- St Michael:** Carol Margaret Glynn 10th Anniversary
- St John Fisher:** John & Maureen Hyland

**St Bede's
is open
For Private Prayer
Mon – Fri
10:30 – 13:30**