

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

30th January 2022

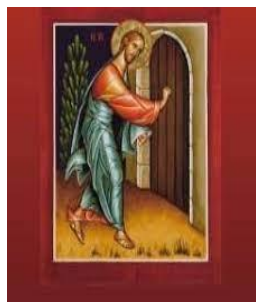
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Times

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“Listen!

***I am standing
at the door
knocking.”***

Rev 3:20



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The importance of 'thank you'...

To feel valued and needed is something that we all need to feel, to feel we have worth and have a purpose gives us a sense of who we are and often shows us our place in the world. We all need to show gratitude to one another, yet for us as Christians we need to remember to show our thanks to God too.

So often we pray and pray for something and then when it happens do we think '*it was a coincidence*' or '*it would have turned out the same anyway*'. Or do we remember to thank God for answering our prayers and in doing so revealing once more that He knows who we are and He knows each one of us by name?

To be courteous, to be kind, to think of others first, to go the extra mile, to love, can be seen by some in our society as making a person weak and powerless, yet we know through the teachings of Jesus and His Church that love, forgiveness, service, compassion make a person strong and powerful for we follow Him who came to serve and not be served.

A simple challenge for this week....

Remember to say 'thank you' to people, so that they know they are not taken for granted, and perhaps tell them why you are thanking them... see them grow as they are reminded of their worth and know that they are valued.

Thank you!

Fr. Mark

LEPRA - we will beat leprosy together

Next weekend at all Masses there will be a retiring collection for this charity.



Through your support it will be possible to change the lives of many people, allowing the work of finding, diagnosing and treating people affected by leprosy to continue.

Please be as generous as you always are.

Brindley Theatre Trip



The coach will leave St Bede's on **Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 6.15pm**. I shall ask the coach to pick up opposite the village club.

Look forward to seeing everyone for what will be a lively evening!

ANTI Social Behaviour at St Michael's

The behaviour of the young men and their dogs is making things impossible for the parishioners who wish to attend church and carry out their voluntary duties in the church because of the behaviour of this growing gang of young people.

THEY DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO BE ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

If you see any one in the church grounds or in Bishop John's Garden, please **PHONE THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY** either on 101 or 999. The grounds are littered with dog faeces, litter and the gang's presence is intimidating.

PASTORAL MINISTRY CERTIFICATE- WELL DONE!

Congratulations to Peter McCann, Denise Roberts, Anne-Marie Roberts, and Deb Kenna who have completed their studies and are preparing to graduate. Their hard work and commitment will I am sure bear fruit in our parish and in the Church as a whole.

We are all very proud of you!

Liturgy Matters



There is an old latin adage: '*lex orandi, lex credendi*,' which basically means how we pray reveals what we believe. This is especially true of our body language when we come to church, because our external reverence speaks to our interior devotion. Sadly, a lack of reverence can also speak volumes.

There can be no doubt that the Most Blessed Sacrament is the most precious gift in the Church's spiritual arsenal. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Out of reverence and respect, it is important, provided of course that we are able, that we genuflect (kneeling to the ground on our right knee) to the tabernacle whenever we enter and leave church, and whenever we find ourselves crossing in front of the sanctuary.

When the Blessed Sacrament is enthroned in the monstrance for exposition, we undertake a double genuflection on both knees. At all times, when we find ourselves in close proximity to the Blessed Sacrament, it is vitally important to preserve a tone of prayerful silence.

These external actions, reinforce our belief and serve as a powerful witness to others. Because if we truly believe, as the Catholic Church has held from the very beginning, that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is no mere metaphor, but the real, bodily presence of God in our midst, we can never show enough devotion and gratitude in our worship of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine!

UCM Please note change of time

The next St Wilfrid's UCM Foundation meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd February, starting at **1.30 pm**. The Venue is still St John Fisher Church Hall, Moorfield Road, WA8 3JA.

Sharon Foreman, Warrington Neonatal Unit has said that they are running low on blankets and would be very grateful to receive pram size blankets size 25" x 25". If anyone could help, please.

(For our last project we sent nearly 3000 knitted hats for premature babies).

Could you be a deacon?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves.

Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

Tuesday 22 February 2022
7.30-9pm (refreshments from 7pm)

St Gregory's Parish House
Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3NW



If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

Music for Easter



There will be a meeting for all those who play or sing at Mass over the Easter period on,

Tuesday 15th February at 7.30pm
St. John Fisher Hall

Could everyone please make every effort to attend so that every group is represented, and we can ensure that the liturgy is the best that we can offer.

Fr Mark



If you have any items or information that you would like to be included in your weekly Newsletter, please email the Parish Office at:

stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk

Thank You



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 30th January

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret & Ted Riley – Anniversary
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Kathleen Gorman
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Irene Glynn & Margaret Platt - Anniversary
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Successful Treatment for Cancer
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners

MONDAY 31st January – Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest and Doctor

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Moira Shipley – Lately Dead

TUESDAY 1st February

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Diane Ferris – Anniversary
 13.30 pm Requiem Mass - (*St Bede*) Michael O'Brien

WEDNESDAY 2nd February – Presentation of The Lord

18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – In Thanksgiving

THURSDAY 3rd February

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St. Michael*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Charles McAlindon – Lately Dead

FRIDAY 4th 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*) – Residents of Our Care Home

SATURDAY 5th February – Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Stephen O'Connor – Birthday Remembrance
 10.30 am Confessions (*St Bede*) -
 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Hughie Brennan – Birthday Remembrance
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Mary Percival – Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp



St John Fisher: Private Intention
 St Basil: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 St Bede: Fr John Poland
 St Michael: Joan Wilcox – Birthday Remembrance
 St Michael: Mary McKeown – Birthday Remembrance

St Bede will be open for private prayer Mon – Fri 10:30 am till 13:30pm