



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



30th June 2024

Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul (B)

2nd Collection: Peter's Pence

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Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Over this past month I have shared with you, my personal experience, reflection and my journey as a pilgrim to Medjugorje.

I still have many questions that so far have gone unanswered. One of which is, why is Our Lady continuing to speak through the visionaries? Whatever the answer to this and other questions are, there is no denying that something profound and spiritual is happening in Medjugorje. So many lives have been blessed through Prayer, Reconciliation and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The evidence is there for all to see. Many pilgrims can be found in profound silent prayer in places like the 'Chapel of Adoration' near the church of St James in the domain.

Also, a five-minute taxi ride from there will take the pilgrims to the beautiful, wooded area called the 'Oasis of Prayer' and its little chapel looked after by the little Brothers of Charles De Foucauld and much more.

There is no doubt in my mind that the reported Apparitions of Our Lady here in Medjugorje to six young people in 1981 has destined this small village in Bosnia and Herzegovina amongst one of the major pilgrimage destinations.

Fr Bill

Ordination Invitation – Last Few Seats Remaining

Rev Peter Ross, who, after his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood will join Fr Mark as his Assistant on 1st September, has invited 48 people from St Wilfrid's Parish, to join him at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King to witness his ordination. Rev Peter will be ordained with three other men, Rev James Finnegan, Rev Martin Fyles and Rev Lister Tonge – all being ordained for the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Itinerary Saturday 13th July

10.30am Coach to leave St Bede's Church

12noon Ordination Mass

2pm Leave Metropolitan Cathedral

3pm Arrive at St Bede's Church

If you would like to attend the ordination, please pass your name and telephone number into the Parish Office as soon as possible. The cost of the coach will be £5 per person, but we will collect that on the day. Do not pass the offering into the office.

There are only **8 places** left on the coach.

Singers for the Farewell Mass

The Farewell Mass to Bishop John, Fr Bill and Fr Thomas on Tuesday 16th July at St Michael's Church is an expression of our desire as a community to say 'thank you' and to pray for them as they move onto the next chapter. *'He who sings, prays twice'*, said a very noble saint!

So, all singers in our parish who would like to join in helping to enhance the music at this Mass, are invited to come to a practice on **Tuesday, 9th July at 7pm** at St Basil's Church.

Everyone is very welcome!

Pray for Vocations

In three weeks, four men, Rev Peter Ross, Rev James Finnegan, Rev Lister Tongue and Rev Martin Fyles will be ordained as priests for the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Let us pray for these men as they offer their lives in serve to the Church in Liverpool.

'God, Our Father, since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned.'

One Our Father, three Hail Mary's and one Glory be.

Bereavement Mass

Next Saturday at 10am we welcome families from our parish who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Here, the names of the deceased will be read aloud, calling them to mind and placing them before the throne of God. Please come to this Mass at St. Bede's and offer prayerful support to those in our parish who have gone before us in faith.

Upcoming Meetings

Liturgy St Bede's Presbytery on Tuesday 2nd July at 7.30pm

Requiescant in pace

Carole Anne Brimble, Margaret Mercer,
Marie Clemson, Mary Atherton, John
O'Neill, Eileen Lee & Josephine Dockerty.

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede

St Michael

St John Fisher

St Basil

Mary Timperley

Michael & Geraldine Wilcox

Joan & William Davies

Joan & Arthur Wilcox

Farewell Mass

You are all invited to bid farewell and say thank you to Bishop John, Fr Bill and Fr Thomas at Mass.

Tuesday 16th July at 7pm at St Michael's Church.

You are then invited to St Basil's Parish Centre for drinks, tea and cakes!

We hope you can come and thank God for the ministry of three priests who have served faithfully here.

Lourdes at Home

This is a date for your diary...

Next month, pilgrims from across the archdiocese will travel to Lourdes for the annual pilgrimage, and some of our parishioners will be amongst them. For different reasons, many of us are unable to go, so during this time we will have a 'Lourdes at Home' day. We shall mirror a day in Lourdes and experience a pilgrimage day here in Widnes!

Thursday 25th July at St John Fisher Church

7am Mass of St Bernadette

An early start, to begin our day with the Holy Mass. In the stillness of the morning, may we hear the call of Our Blessed Lady to prayer, penance and conversion of life.

12noon Anointing of the Sick and Call to Conversion

Lourdes is a place of spiritual and physical healing. We shall all have to opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, forgiveness for our sins and the knowledge of God's healing presence in our lives. After the service, we shall share some lunch together in the Parish Hall.

7.30pm Rosary and Torchlight Procession

Our Lady told St. Bernadette the importance of saying the rosary, so we shall heed the call and say the rosary together. Then we shall walk in procession with candles ablaze to the grotto, to seek Mary's intercession.

Please, make every effort to attend this time of prayer that we may grow in the likeness of Mary, and our 'YES' to Him be total and absolute!

Fr Mark

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	30th June	Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Joseph O'Neil
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Arthur & Nora Lethbridge
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Vladimir Potopayev
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners Mary Florence Reid
Monday	1st July	Ferial	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Barry Caston
12 noon	Requiem Mass	St Basil	George Vincent Yearsley
Tuesday	2nd July	Ferial	
10.30	Requiem Mass	St John Fisher	Frances Margaret Wycherley
12 noon	Requiem Mass	St Michael	Linda Marie Stafford
Wednesday	3rd July	Feast of St Thomas, Apostle	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Paul Swindley
Thursday	4th July	Ferial	
12 noon	Requiem Mass	St Bede	Mary Sadler
<i>(No Mass at St Michael, due to church being used as a polling station)</i>			
Friday	5th July	Ferial	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Joan & William Davies
13.00	Holy Mass with Year 7	St Bede	Ss Peter and Paul High School
Saturday	6th July	Memorial of St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr	
10.00	Bereavement Mass	St Bede	The Holy Souls
10.30	Confessions	St Bede	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Unni Larsen
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Joan Williams
Sunday	7th July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Kevin Butler
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	John Joseph Mulroy
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	William Adrian Glynn
15.00	Lourdes Departure Mass	Metropolitan Cathedral	Assisted Pilgrims
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners David Hughes