

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

4th September 2022

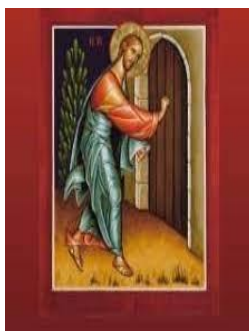
Week 23

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“Listen!

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

Rev 3:20



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There will be a Second Collection next week for The Catholic Education Services

Reflection

One of my most precious possessions is a book commemorating the Centenary of the Restoration of the Hierarchy of England and Wales, 1850 – 1950. It is a book of essays on most aspects of Catholic life during that formative period, edited by Archbishop Beck, at that time Co-adjutor of the Diocese of Brentwood and later Archbishop of Liverpool. It is simply called 'English Catholics 1850-1950', though I think it might more appropriately have been entitled 'Catholics in England'.

If you are interested in where we have come from as Church in this country, it is fascinating. Published in 1950, obviously.

What is also interesting is that among the authors of the nineteen chapters there is not a single woman, and only five chapters are written by laymen. How we have changed again in those next seventy-two years. When you think of the massive contribution made to Catholic education by women religious, at primary, secondary and at teacher training levels, especially here in Liverpool, but nationally as well, it is still a man who records it!

I quote from the Elizabethan Religious Settlement of 1558 - 1563 down to the first Relief Act of 1778, the policy of the Government had been to make a Catholic education in England impossible. But the attempt failed. Most Catholic education was abroad, in the Low Countries and in Spain, but it is known that in the 1600s there were at least 120 school masters teaching secretly in England and at least 135 in the 1700s; and during that period over 220 Catholic schools 'of intermittent and hunted existence' were functioning at one time or another.

The First Catholic Relief Act of 1778 allowed Catholics to join the army or buy land if they took the oath of allegiance. It did not allow freedom of worship. The leaders of the Church decided on a policy of building schools rather than churches, where the school buildings could be used as churches when needed. 1829 we regard as The Catholic Emancipation Act, of course.

As the young people return to school, it is good to remember the long road that has led to today.

Bishop John

Silence in Church and During Holy Mass

Sadly, there have been numerous complaints in recent weeks due to individuals talking during the consecration at Mass.

This is completely unacceptable as it distracts other parishioners from their prayers, shows wanton disrespect to the Blessed Sacrament and distracts the priest who must concentrate to ensure the Mass is offered validly and reverently.

We would ask the small minority to whom this notice applies to refrain from talking during the sacred liturgy and encourage a broader culture of prayerful calm before and after Mass.

“Christ lived for thirty years in silence. Then, during his public life, he withdrew to the desert to listen to and speak with his Father. The world vitally needs those who go off into the desert. Because God speaks in silence.”

Robert, Cardinal Sarah

The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise

St. Wilfrid's Parish

Holy Mass for all Headteachers, SLT, RE
Coordinators and Governors

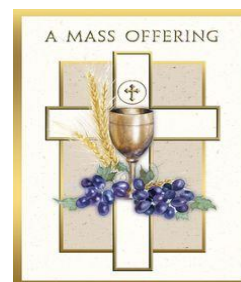
Wednesday 21st September at 4pm

St. John Fisher Church, WA8 3JA

Refreshments will be served in the Parish
Hall after Mass.



Mass Intentions



We frequently receive Mass requests, asking for Mass to be celebrated on a particular date to coincide with an anniversary.

We try our utmost to accommodate individual requests, but this is not always possible due to the very large number of requests.

Thank you for your understanding if this reality should affect you.

Did you go to Lourdes with the Parish?

If you would like a copy of the letter to make a claim about our delayed return flight, then please collect a copy from the Parish Office.

Thank you to Susan and Roy Warburton for drafting this letter.

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King
Monday 19th September 2022

The relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes are making their way around the world to foster devotion to Jesus through Our Lady and St. Bernadette. The relics of St. Bernadette will be in the Archdiocese for a few days, so we shall organise a coach for those who wish to travel as a parish group.

If you wish to book a place on the coach, then please pass your name and telephone number and £5 offering towards the cost of the coach into the Parish Office.

Coach will leave St. Bede at 10am and return around 3.30pm.

Our Lady of Lourdes – pray for us!
St. Bernadette – pray for us!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you thinking about becoming a Roman Catholic?

Would you like to know more?

Would you like a space and time to ask questions?

Are you a Catholic who wishes to know more about your faith?

The R.C.I.A. is a process of accompanying people in their faith journey, there is no expectation or pressure, rather a 'walking with' model of deepening faith and exploring the vast treasures of the Roman Catholic Church.

If you, or you know someone who is interested in starting this time of discernment then please pass your name, address and telephone number into the parish office or e mail stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk and one of the R.C.I.A. Team will contact you, answer any questions you may have and let you know when the group will meet!

Make a leap of faith and start a wonderful journey!

Jubilee Club

**St Bede's Jubilee Club meet in St John Fisher Hall,
Every Thursday 1:30 – 3:30pm**

Open to both Men & Women

Enjoy afternoon of fun and friendly company.

Minibus Available.





The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 4th September

09.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Edward & Liam Carter
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Alfred Thomas Rimmer - Anniversary
 10.00am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Thanksgiving (TT)
 11.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Edward Jones - Remembrance & Glynis Jones - Lately Dead
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Phil Mead - Lately Dead

MONDAY 5th September

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- (*St Basil*)
 09.10am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Tommy McCarthy - Birthday Remembrance
12 Noon - Requiem - (*St Bede*) – Joan Kelly

TUESDAY 6th September

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes
14:00pm – Funeral Service - (*St Bede*) – James Colford

WEDNESDAY 7th September

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Mary & Brian Darwin - Birthday Remembrance & Anniversary

THURSDAY 8th September – The Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Catherine Loftus - Anniversary
12 Noon – Funeral Service - (*St Basil*) - James Plumbley

FRIDAY 9th September

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)
 09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
 09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Mary (Irene) Glover
12 Noon – Requiem - (*St Bede*) – Dorothy Moran

SATURDAY 10th September – Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Bereavement Mass
 10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Anastasia Bryan – Birthday Remembrance
 18.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

St Bede: Oliva
St Basil: Adrienne & George Walls
St Michael: Elizabeth Geraghty & Patricia King
St John Fisher: Fr Peter Smith



**St Bede
 is opened
 For private Prayer
 Mon – Fri
 10:00am – 13:00 pm**