

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

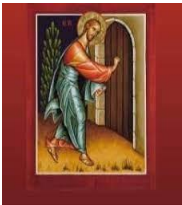
5th February 2023

5th 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:

'The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright'

GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!

I am blessed with knowing and working alongside so many people who can be described as having generous spirits! Those people who say 'Yes' almost before a request has been made of them, those who put themselves out by giving of their time when it is inconvenient or difficult, and this generosity should never be taken for granted.

Mary's 'Yes' to the request from Gabriel has echoed throughout history, her generosity, her selflessness, her openness, sealed forever the relationship between us and God and has given us the example that we should all try and emulate.

A mean spirit does not reveal much of God to others, a selfish, cold heart is difficult to pierce yet a generous heart can reveal so much of God to others. A kind, open heart that is aware of the needs of those around them can be very attractive and reveal the beauty of God to those who experience it.

So, be generous of spirit, and reveal the generosity of God to a soul who may have forgotten, that it may soften their heart and remind them of who they are called to be.

To the generous people who share my life – thank you, for you reveal God to me!

Fr. Mark

Deanery of Widnes and Warrington

Marriage and Family Life

To pray for married life in our community and for the grace to be people of love and kindness.

Renewal of Vows Mass

Bishop Tom Neylon

Tuesday 14th February 2023, St. Valentine's Day

St. Joseph's RC Church, Meeting Lane, Penketh

If you would like to renew your marriage vows, then please sign the sheet at the back of church and we shall pass your details onto the administrator at St. Joseph's.

Liturgy Meeting

There will be a meeting for the Liturgy Group on Tuesday 7th February at 7.30pm at St. Bede's Presbytery. If you have any items or ideas that you would like the Liturgy Team to discuss, then please email the parish office for the attention of 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

Liverpool Archdiocesan 100th Pilgrimage to Lourdes

21st - 28th July 2023

If you are interested in travelling to Lourdes with the parish there will be a meeting on **Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm** (after the 7pm Mass) in St. Bede's Church.

We will be able to give you as much information as possible at this meeting, costings, insurance and safeguarding requirements and hotel options. Come along and find out more!

Our Lady of Lourdes – pray for us!

St. Bernadette – pray for us!



Pastoral Statistics 2022

We are required to provide statistics to the Archdiocese who then collate and forward them to Rome. I thought it might be interesting for you to see a flavour of the statistics for this community.

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Widnes

Baptism (children) – 211

Adult Reception – 9

First Holy Communion (children) – 196

First Holy Communion (adult) – 9

Confirmation – 34

Marriage – 10

Funeral – 135

Average Mass Attendance – 802

Number of people receiving Holy Communion at home – 64

Syl and Fr. Mark (January 2023)

LENTEN RETREAT DAY

LED BY BISHOP JOHN

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

LEAVE ST. BEDE AT 9.30AM AND RETURN AT 4.30PM

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE, FORMBY

OFFERING PER PERSON £10

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS RETREAT THEN PLEASE PASS YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND OFFERING INTO THE PARISH OFFICE MARKED 'LENTEN RETREAT DAY'

Bereavement Team Meeting

Could all members of the Bereavement Team please attend a meeting on Thursday 9th February at 1pm at St. Bede's Presbytery. This will give us the opportunity to review our ministry and plan and move forward in our service to the bereaved in our community.

Synodal Council

The reps from St. Wilfrid's Parish meet with the rest of the deanery council next weekend to continue their discernment and discussions in how we become a truly Synodal Church. Please keep this group in your prayers as they give their time for the good of all.

MAKING YOUR WISHES KNOWN

The one certainty we have in life is that we shall all die! Yet for those who have the gift of faith, death is not the end it is simply a new beginning in God. However, what happens when we have died is very important; what we want to happen needs to be known to our nearest and dearest now before it is too late!

Please write down that you would like a Requiem Mass, what hymns you would like to be sung etc. Basically, let your next of kin know what **YOU** want and let them know where you have left your instructions. We write this because sadly some people do not make their wishes clearly known and families, overwhelmed with grief, often make choices that are not appropriate to the person who has died.

"IN THE EYES OF THE UNWISE, THEY DID APPEAR TO DIE, BUT THEY ARE IN PEACE!"

Mass Times

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

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

Monday 6th February

9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St. Basil*)
 9.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Marjorie Higginson, Birthday Remembrance & Anniversary

Tuesday 7th February

11.00am Requiem (*St Basil*) – Bridget Martin
 11.45am Requiem (*St Michael*) – Frances Allen
 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Martin Kirwan, Lately Dead

Wednesday 8th February

10.30am Funeral Service (*St Bede*) – Brian McGeiver
 18.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer
 19.00pm Holy Mass - (*St Bede*) – Leslie (Les) Large, Lately Dead

Thursday 9th February

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

Friday 10th 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 Care Homes
 12 Noon Funeral Service (*St Bede*) – Kevin Conway
 1.00pm Funeral Service (*St Basil*) – Gaynor Meredith

Saturday 11th February

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – The Bereaved in the Parish
 10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Fred & Mary Murphy
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Steve Lout, Lately Dead

Sunday 12th February

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Jean & Jimmy Finn, Birthday Remembrance
 9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Julia King, Birthday remembrance
 10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Joan Griffiths, Birthday Remembrance
 11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Eileen Leatherbarrow,

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede: Baby George O'Grady
 St Basil: Vocations for the Priesthood
 St John Fisher: Children of the Parish
 St Michael: Clergy Team

Please pray for those who have recently died...

**Bernadette Carr, Patricia Tomlinson,
 Eileen (Ellen) Fenlon, David McKeown,
 Eileen Roberts (née Finegan), Philip Potter,
 Peter John Lyons, Edith Cooney, Robert Fyldes,
 Josephine Dallman, Norman (Ginger) Hunt**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!