

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

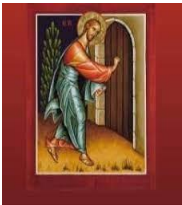
5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

Year A

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

Rev 3:20



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**Psalm** - Please join in the response:

**‘May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you’.**

## ‘Let the Word of God penetrate your life...’

I returned to the parish this week after a hectic seven weeks of lectures and examinations. Although I enjoyed this time immensely, it is always a blessing to return home to family, friends, and familiar surroundings.

Frequent travel now plays a very active part in my life. The hours spent waiting for trains, planes, and automobiles, leave plenty of opportunities to discern and reflect, which is exactly what Lent asks of us. As the Pilgrim People of God, we are all travelling together, propelling ourselves and each other forward towards our ultimate fulfilment in the Kingdom of Heaven.

In a few short weeks, we will follow in the footsteps of our Blessed Lord, following Him in procession to Calvary and emerging once more to new life in Him who conquers sin and death. But there is much work to be done in the meantime! Through our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may we be ever more like the Lord, so that when he comes in victory at Easter, we may go out to meet him radiant with Paschal joy.

*"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and, in this way, to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life".*

Pope Benedict XVI

**Fr Thomas**

## LENTEN JOURNEY...

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 11.15pm at St. Bede's Church

Stations of the Cross – Traditional Stations of the Cross will be recited and prayed before Holy Mass at noon.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7am at St. Bede's Church

Early Riser Mass – come and celebrate Holy Mass in the still of the morning.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm at St. Michael's Church

Stations of the Cross – Traditional Stations of the Cross will be recited and prayed together.

Please come and walk with Him!



## Reconciliation – Called to Holiness!

This week we pray especially for our Year 4 children as they experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

May they know that they are loved and forgiven.

## *CAFOD - Soup, Sharing and Prayer*

On **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** in **St. John Fisher Hall**, you are invited as part of your Lenten preparations to come and join your fellow parishioners in praying, sharing, and eating together. All money raised will go to help the poorest of the poor in our world. Please come! If you would like to come, can you pop your name through the door at the Parish Office, marked '**SHARING EVENING**' or ring the Office and give your name.

This will help with catering, ensuring there is enough food for everyone!

**Who are the Neocatechumans?** *The Community of the Neo Catechumenal Way meet in our parish each week, and I did not know much about them, so I have asked them to give a potted history to their origins and their charism so that we can all know who they are and what they are about. This introduction will be over the next few weeks.*

*Fr. Mark*

The Neocatechumens belong to the Neocatechumenal Way, a Christian initiation founded in Madrid in 1964 by two Spaniards, Kiko Arguello and Carmen Hernandez.

**How it began** – Kiko, very much inspired by the recently canonised St Charles de Foucauld, and moved by the Holy Spirit, went to live in the shanty towns of Palomeras Atlas on the outskirts of Madrid. While living among the poor and those on the margins of society, Kiko received an inner locution from the Virgin Mary, who expressed her desire for him to form small Christian communities like the Holy Family of Nazareth, who live in humility, simplicity, and praise and where the other is Christ. And so, it was in this insignificant shanty town outside of Madrid that the first community of the Neocatechumenal Way began to form among the poor and those that society had rejected.

Carmen Hernandez, who, like Kiko, had a calling to serve the poor, was introduced to Kiko via a mutual acquaintance. She was so impressed with what the Holy Spirit was undertaking in Palomeras that she built herself a shack and began collaborating with Kiko in this inspiration and missionary work.

## Northern Saints Pilgrimage – Ushaw/Holy Island

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Your balance for our time away needs to be paid.

If you are sharing a room the balance is £130pp.

If you have asked for a single room the balance is £200pp.

Cheques to be made payable to **St. Wilfrid's Parish** or cash is acceptable.

It looks to be a great time away as a parish family!

Thank you!



## ALTAR SERVERS

We have entered the holy season of Lent. Holy Week and the Easter Triduum are the three days of liturgical celebrations marking the Lord's Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, His death on Good Friday and His joyous resurrection on Easter Sunday.

These wonderful celebrations are a true team effort; an integral ministry to the celebration of these Masses are the talented team of men, women and children who make up the team of altar servers in our parish. They dedicate their time supporting the celebration of Mass at the four churches of our parish: St Michael's, St Basil's, St John Fisher, and St Bede's.

Since we have returned to serving Mass alongside the priests after the pandemic, we would like to ask for any person (young or old and anywhere in between!) who is interested in serving at the Triduum, but **more importantly at any of the weekend Masses**, and who would like to find out more about what it entails to get in touch.

You can either do this by speaking to the priest at the end of the Mass or by speaking to one of the senior altar servers. You could also get in touch via the parish. e-mail: [stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk)

We look forward to welcoming more members to the team of dedicated servers soon.

***Derek Hunt and Mal Jordan***  
***Senior Altar Servers***

**Please note the parish Office will be closed from 1.00pm on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Parish Choir

We will be preparing for the Easter Services at our next gatherings which will be on:

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, St Basil, 7.00pm**

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, St Bede, 7.00pm**

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, St Bede, 7.00pm**

As usual, everyone is very welcome, even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally.

# Mass Times

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

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Frank Cox, Anniversary  
 9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Austin Gavin, Lately Dead  
 10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Honor Evans, Lately Dead  
 11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Mary Kelleher, Lately Dead  
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Diane Ferris, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St. Basil*)  
 9.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – George Abbott, Lately Dead  
**11:30am Requiem (St Bede) – Josephine Dallman**

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

**10:00am Requiem (St Bede) – Philip Meade**  
 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)  
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)  
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – George Campbell, Lately Dead

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

7.00am Holy Mass – (*St Bede*) – Alan Hibbert, Lately Dead  
 18.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer  
 19.00pm Holy Mass - (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**11:30am Funeral Service – (St Bede) – John Carr**  
 11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)  
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)  
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Anthony Jopson, Lately Dead

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)  
 09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)  
 09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Brian McDonald, Lately Dead

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Marie Bonnon, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)  
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John & Nancy Barlow, Anniversary  
 17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Parishioners

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Baby George O'Grady  
 9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Christopher Comiskey, Lately Dead  
 10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Frank Broome, Anniversary  
 11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – George Grace, Lately Dead  
 16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Irene Robinson, Anniversary

### Sanctuary Lamp

*The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.*

St Bede: The Ellison Family  
 St Basil: Children making their First Reconciliation.  
 St John Fisher: Baby George O'Grady  
 St Michael: The Homeless of the World

*Please pray for those who have recently died...*

**Norman (Ginger) Hunt, James Duckett, Dominic Murray,  
 Marie Batt, Declan Smith, Mary Louisa Green,  
 Eddie Connolly, Margaret Bate, Ernest (Ernie) Hatton  
 & Lawrence Brennan**

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory!*