

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Responsorial Psalm

R. 'Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord'

May They Rest in Peace

As autumn gives way to winter, and the dark nights draw in, we set November aside to commemorate the Faithful Departed. In this time, we give thanks, we cherish their memory, and we pray especially for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

Whenever we hear mention of purgatory and what comes next, it can naturally provoke feelings of confusion and anxiety... To help us in our prayers this November, I attach some beautiful words from Pope Saint John Paul II, who reminds us that at the hour of death we are caught up in the infinite love of God, and made ready to enjoy that love for all eternity.

“Sacred Scripture teaches us that we must be purified if we are to enter into perfect and complete union with God. Jesus Christ, who became the perfect expiation for our sins and took upon himself the punishment that was our due, brings us God's mercy and love. But before we enter into God's Kingdom every trace of sin within us must be eliminated, every imperfection in our soul must be corrected. This is exactly what takes place in Purgatory. **Those who live in this state of purification after death are not separated from God but are immersed in the love of Christ. Neither are they separated from the saints in heaven - who already enjoy the fullness of eternal life - nor from us on earth - who continue on our pilgrim journey to the Father's house.** We all remain united in the Mystical Body of Christ, and we can therefore offer up prayers and good works on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Purgatory.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, Wednesday General Audience, 4 August 1999

Fr Thomas

Parish Safeguarding Team

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Moran
Safeguarding Representative: Pauline Ruth
Safeguarding Assistants: Carol Murray, Pauline Rolt

‘Safeguarding in our parish community is the responsibility of everyone’

Liturgy Meeting

There will be a meeting of the parish liturgy group on Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm at St Bede’s Presbytery.

Would all members of this group please make every effort to attend.

Litany for Peace in the Holy Land

From words and deeds that provoke discord, prejudice and hatred.

R. O God deliver us

From suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation.

R. O God deliver us

From believing and speaking lies about other people or nations.

R. O God deliver us

From cruel indifference to the cries of the hungry and homeless.

R. O God deliver us

From all that prevents us from fulfilling your promise of peace.

R. O God deliver us

To still waters and green pastures.

R. Lead us, O Lord

To the freedom and forgiveness, we find in you.

R. Lead us, O Lord

To the tough task of loving our enemies.

R. Lead us, O Lord

To the promise of a new heaven and a new earth.

R. Lead us, O Lord

To the wholeness of justice and the power of your peace.

R. Lead us, O Lord

To Mary, Queen of Peace, we pray:

Hail Mary...

Going into Hospital

Please, if you are going into hospital for elective surgery or treatment and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, request it from any of the priests **BEFORE** you go. At present there is not the capacity to have a RC priest on call 24 hours a day in our hospitals, so though you may receive a visit from a chaplain whilst you are in hospital, they may not be a priest and therefore unable to offer the Sacrament of the Sick.

If someone you know is at the end of life and they need a priest, to assist them on their final journey, then please request this as soon as possible; do not leave it to the last minute as a priest may not be available.

Requiescant in pace

Anne Edge, John McGillicuddy,
Thomas McDermott & Joan Frances McGowan

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Albert Timperley & Jean Handley
St Michael	Derrick Eaton
St John Fisher	Rene Malone
St Basil	Holy Souls

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2024 July 18th - 27th 2024

Applications to join next year's "yellow t-shirts" are now open online (liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk). Young people from Warrington and Widnes parishes, aged between 15 and 22 at the time of travel, are invited to travel with Coach 6.

Deposit is £100, paid at the time of application. Email Dan Antonio, Coach Leader, for more information - lourdescoach6@gmail.com, and follow the coach on Facebook, X (formally Twitter) - @lourdescoach6, and Instagram - coach6lourdes.

'Let the children come to me'

Thankfully we are seeing more children at Mass each Sunday, what a blessing! And at the "Masses of Welcome" for the families preparing for baptism we have lots of children attending. What an opportunity to be the welcoming face of the Church to others. If a child is talking or making a noise, give the parent a smile and let them know that it is wonderful for us to have them with us for Mass. If a child is crying, a smile might let them know that you understand how difficult it is to bring a child to Mass. A grimace, tut or a negative comment will convey strongly that we are not glad that they are present; indeed, why would they want to come back? Pope Francis said, *"Babies cry, make noise, go here and there. But it annoys me when a baby cries in church and there are those who say he needs to go out. The cry of a baby is God's voice: never drive them away from the church!"*

Mass for the Deceased

On Sunday 12th November and Sunday 19th November there will be special Masses for those who have lost a loved one over the past 12 months. These Masses will be at 4pm at **St. Michael's** and will **replace** the 4pm at St. Bede's. All are welcome to come and pray with the grieving families in our parish community.

'Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen'

Parish Advent Dance

On Friday 8th December you are invited to our parish dance and social at St Basil's Parish Club. Bingo! Dancing! Fun! Laughter! Tickets will be on sale at all Masses **next weekend**, and all money raised will go to the restoration fund for all our churches. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 each which includes a light buffet. Come and socialise and make new friends with fellow parishioners!

Bring some money to church next weekend to get your tickets!

Advent Parish Raffle

This weekend there will be books of tickets available at the back of Church for you to buy and sell to family and friends. Our prizes, as ever, have been donated and they are fabulous! Tickets are just £1 each and all proceeds will go to the restoration fund that helps all our churches.

Please take as many books as you can and return them to the Parish Office as soon as possible.
Thank you and Good Luck!

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	5th Nov	Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Robert Milliard (3 rd Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Eileen Brennan (1 st Ann)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Holy Souls
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Jean Rimmer (Ann)
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
Monday	6th Nov	Ferial	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Jean Kiely (1 st Ann)
Tuesday	7th Nov	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Jean Handley (Ann) Albert Timperley (B'day)
12.00	Requiem	St Michael	Patricia Conlon
Wednesday	8th Nov	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Brian Holding (3 rd Ann)
Thursday	9th Nov	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Archbasilica	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Joseph Higgins (10 th Ann)
	<i>(Mass will be celebrated in the sacristy)</i>		
12.00	Funeral Service	St Bede	Martin Wynne
Friday	10th Nov	Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Patrick Hyland (Ann)
11.00	Funeral Service	St Michael	Valarie Fanning
Saturday	11^h Nov	Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Pauline Leffler
10.30	Confessions		
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Joan Kelly (LD)
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Adrian Walls
Sunday	12th Nov	Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Winifred Flanagan (7 th Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Peter Geraghty Snr (Ann)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	James Fay
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary Tollett (B'day Rem)
16.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Eileen Cooke (B'Day Rem)
	<i>(Please note this is a Mass for the Faithful Departed and the change of venue.)</i>		