

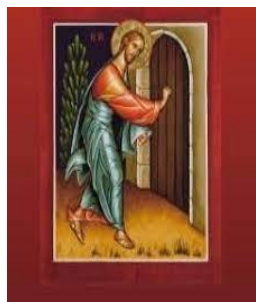
Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

6th February 2022

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Times Year C

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

Rev 3:20



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Where does time fly

Where does time fly to, in a twinkling of eye January has disappeared or is that just a sign of old age catching up on me. Mind you in my case January was taken up with 10 days of self-isolation in preparation for a cataract surgery on my left eye at the Spa Medica Centre here in Widnes.

The post op period of two weeks was another experience. If you are anything like me who hates anything or anyone going near their eyes putting drops in or should I say trying to put drops in the eye was a complete fiasco. Talk about hit and miss, the drops were more down my face than in the eye so imagine doing that four times a day, talk about a pantomime!!!

But it was all well worth the effort as the words of a famous goes " I can see you now more clearly "

February has got off to a great start when I was asked if I wanted to on a parish outing ' One night in Dublin ' at the Brindley Theatre. I had never been to the Brindley before, so I jumped to the chance to go the theatre. Silly me , I thought I was going to see a play ha ha!

I never felt so embarrassed I didn't know where to put my face. No! said someone, it's an Irish tribute night with The Wild Murphy's. Well, the name Murphy fit but, in my case, wild with embarrassment.

It's good to be able to laugh at yourself sometimes!!

Fr Bill

St Wilfrid's Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022

DEPARTURE DATE: 22 Jul 2022 RETURN DATE: 29 Jul 2022
COST PER PERSON: £799.00 sharing, £989 single room
LEAD Person: Ged Glover

22nd July 2022

Meet at St Bedes for coach transfer to Liverpool airport
Depart Liverpool airport for the flight to Lourdes. On arrival join the waiting coach for the transfer to the Hotel Paradis for 7 nights stay on full board basis starting with dinner this evening.

23rd July 2022 – 28th July 2022

During our stay in Lourdes a full Pilgrimage in association with the Liverpool Archdiocese and excursions program will be arranged, this will include a walking tour taking in the places associated with St Bernadette, a half day excursion to Batres, Stations of the Cross, the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the candlelight Procession. Mass will be celebrated each day.

29th July 2022

Depart Lourdes for the journey to Liverpool.
Coach transfer from Liverpool airport back to St Bedes

COST INCLUDES:

Return flights Liverpool – Lourdes.
Airport duty & passenger taxes.
1 suitcase per person for the air-craft hold 22kgs.
7 night's full board 4* Hotel Paradis Lourdes
Half day excursion to Bartres.
Northern Star Travel representative



Please contact the Parish Office to secure your place. No deposit is required at the moment.
We just need numbers at this stage.

LIVERPOOL NOTRE DAME ASSOCIATION are hosting an afternoon tea, to be held at St Mary's Woolton 12.30 to 3.30pm on 19th February.
The cost is £10 to be paid in advance by 10th February, by BACS or cheque.
Please contact Bernie Shaw on 0161 483 0173 or 07891 645785 or email berniemshaw@hotmail.com for details.



Reminder From Fr Bill.
He asks that you continue to save your used postal stamps.
Boxes are still at back of church. Thank You.

ANTI Social Behaviour at St Michael's

The behaviour of the young men and their dogs is making things very difficult for the parishioners who wish to attend church and carry out their voluntary duties in the church because of the behaviour of this growing gang of young people.

THEY DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO BE ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

If you see any one in the church grounds or in Bishop John's Garden, please **PHONE THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY** either on 101 or 999. The grounds are littered with dog faeces, litter and the gang's presence is intimidating.

LGBTQ+ Catholics

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 20th February 2022 beginning at 2.00pm with Mass followed by a social gathering at:

St Richard's
Mayfield Street
Atherton
M46 0AQ

If you are attending please let Fr Maloney know for catering purposes.

Fr Maloney
0151 287 8787
frsmaloney@aol.com

Music for Easter



There will be a meeting for all those who play or sing at Mass over the Easter period on,

**Tuesday 15th February at 7.30pm
St. John Fisher Hall**

Could everyone please make every effort to attend so that every group is represented, and we can ensure that the liturgy is the best that we can offer.

Fr Mark

A Great Night

One Night in Dublin at the Brindley, what an excellent night of Irish songs and music, both traditional and modern, was enjoyed by all those who were there.

The Wild Murphy's played to a packed house and provided 2 hours of lively music which all enthusiastically sang along to, even dancing in the aisles!!

We hope to arrange more theatre trips, watch this space.

Social team

A Thank You From Nellie Roberts.

To the Parish of St Wilfrid's, I would just like to say how lovely it was to receive your gift of the Oscar Romero Cross. I was highly delighted, and it was something I had always wanted to own.

It means a great deal to me that I remain in the thoughts of the parish at a time when I am unable to be at Mass.

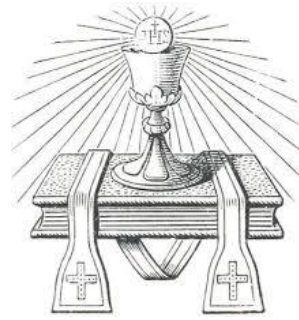
(Nellie asked for her thank you letter to be included in Newsletter).

If you have any items or information that you would like to be included in your weekly Newsletter.

Please email the Parish Office at:
stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk

Thank You

Liturgy Matters



As we begin to tentatively emerge from the Covid pandemic, you will notice that Holy water has returned to our churches. This is a wonderful sign of our gradual return to normal and revives an ancient tradition that dates back to the very beginnings of Christianity.

The Catholic Church teaches that Christ instituted seven "sacraments" — means by which grace is conferred. But beyond that, the Church recognises other aids to devotion, such as medals, rosaries, scapulars and statues, all of which they call "sacramentals." Actions (such as the sign of the cross) can be sacramentals, as well. Holy water, like those other aids to piety, is a "sacramental."

When you dip your finger into the holy water font at the entrance to the church and make the sign of the cross, you are touching your forehead (your mind), your shoulders and your heart with a sacramental. If this simple action is performed in faith, it imparts grace to the believer.

The holy water reminds us of our baptism and our union with Christ. The imagery of 'washing' helps us to remember that we need to be cleansed and forgiven for our sins.

Should anyone wish to have water blessed to be reserved in their own homes, please approach one of our priests and they would be delighted to do so.

Fr Thomas Clarke



MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Tuesday 11 February 2022
7.30 p.m.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
Queens Drive
Childwall
L15 6YQ



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 6th February

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Joao Manuel Dos Santos Martins Gloria
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Kathleen O'Brien 4th Anniversary & William Paul O'Brien
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Jim Kilgannon – Lately Dead
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Fr John Poland - Sick
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Ted Wright – 1st Anniversary

MONDAY 7th February

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*)- Eileen Martin – 25th Anniversary Remembrance

TUESDAY 8th February

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes

WEDNESDAY 9th February

18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – James Anthony O'Neill – Major Operation

THURSDAY 10th February – Memorial of the Scholastica Virgin

10:00am Funeral Service – John (Rocco) Johnson (*St Bede*)
 11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St. Michael*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Barbara Smith – Lately Dead

FRIDAY 11th 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*) – Ann Lilwall – Lately Dead

SATURDAY 12th February

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John Yates – Lately Dead
 10.30 am Confessions (*St Bede*)
 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – George & Leah Sadler – Birthday Remembrance
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp



St John Fisher:	Vocations for The Priesthood
St Basil:	People of the Parish
St Bede:	Sarah McGarry – Birthday Remembrance
St Michael:	Private Intension

St Bede will be open for Private Prayer – Mon – Fri – 10:30am to 13:30pm