

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

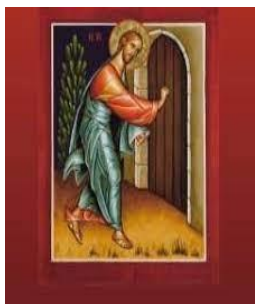
6th March 2022

LENT WEEK 1

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

Rev 3:20



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Reflection

During my recent time away, I spent a couple of days in Malvern visiting family friends. It was a wonderful trip, but driving through Worcestershire, we could not fail but notice the major flooding as a result of the recent storms and the River Severn bursting its banks. It struck me that in no time at all, water can be transformed from a placid and peaceful stream to a dangerous force of nature wreaking havoc on the lives of many.

All too often, we are confronted with these sudden changes in our daily lives. As if from nowhere, we can feel suffocated by a tidal wave of worries and problems, without any sign of a solution ahead. In these moments, we must open our hearts to the presence of God, because we derive all our strength from Our Blessed Lord, who calms the raging waters and restores peace in our hearts.

We pray in the coming days that the Prince of Peace may lavish His grace upon the people of Ukraine, and all those around the world caught up in the horror of war. May Christ, who offered us salvation in the regenerative waters of baptism, bring us ever closer into His loving embrace.

Fr Thomas Clarke

Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine



Our Holy Father, Francis has urged all people to pray with urgency for peace in the world, especially for the situation in Ukraine.

In answer to his plea, we shall have a day of prayer across the parish community. Please join us as we use the spiritual weapons of prayer and fasting against war and violence.

Wednesday 9th March

St. John Fisher - 7am - Holy Mass

St. Basil - 10am - 12pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Michael - 10am - 12pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. John Fisher - 10am - 12pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Bede - 2pm - 4pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

These are times of private prayer, rosary and lighting of candles.

St. Bede - 7pm - Holy Mass

'In Christ alone, our hope is found'

Liturgy Matters



During the Season of Lent, we refrain from chanting the 'Alleluia' during Mass and Divine Office. This venerable tradition helps us to enter into the penitential nature of the Season, contemplating Jesus' suffering and death and embracing a sombre dignity in the way we pray.

Around this time, some monastic communities even retain the ancient custom of burying the word 'Alleluia' in hallowed ground, accompanied by funeral prayers to mark the beginning of Lent. This symbolises a spirit of fasting and abstinence but also of dying to our former sinful ways and embracing virtue, so that when Easter finally arrives, we will be in the best possible position to receive all the graces and blessings that beautiful season brings.

We will not chant the 'Alleluia' again until the Easter Vigil when we will all gather to celebrate the victory of life over death, good over evil. In the meantime, when we hear to word of God proclaimed in the gospel, we will greet it with the prayer and the anthem:

Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory!

Servers Training / Refresher Day



A reminder for all current Altar Servers and an invitation to any new servers wanting to join the team.

There will be a training day / refresher day at St Michaels Church on Sunday 13th March from 2pm

Parish Choir

The next gatherings of our Parish Choir are on Tuesdays to prepare for the Easter Liturgies (*please note the change of day*).

We will be meeting on Tuesday March 15th at 7.00pm in St. Bede's Church and then on Tuesday 29th March and Tuesday 5th April, both in St. Bede's Church at 7.00pm.

There will be an additional practice on Tuesday 12th April at 7.00pm in St. Michael's Church. 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.

LOURDES DEPOSITS PAYMENT

All those travelling with St Wilfrid's Lourdes Group to Lourdes on the 22nd July 2022, deposits of £250 are now due.

Please leave name, telephone number, email details with deposit.

Payment can be paid to the Parish Office or to Ged Glover.

Cheques made payable to St Wilfrid's Lourdes Group

Many thanks, Ged Glover

Lenten Journey...

This week...

Tuesday - 'Journey to Easter' - Scripture Group after the 12 noon Mass in the Guild Hall.

Wednesday - Day of Prayer for peace, especially in Ukraine.

Wednesday - Early Riser Mass at 7am at St. John Fisher.

Friday - Stations of the Cross at 1pm at St. Michael and 7pm at St. Basil.

Saturday - Retreat Day to St. Joseph's; all those who are attending please meet outside St. Bede's at 9.15am.

Fr Mark



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 6th March

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Peter Walsh – Lately Dead
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Christopher Ostick – Lately Dead
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Parishioners
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Thomas Bowles – Anniversary
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Michael Ryan – 1st Anniversary

MONDAY 7th March

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Edward Jones

TUESDAY 8th March

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Irene Robinson – 13th Anniversary & Roy Robinson

WEDNESDAY 9th March

07:00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Beryl Evans
 18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Frank Broome – Anniversary

THURSDAY 10th March

10:00 am Requiem - (*St Bede*) – James Burke
 11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St. Michael*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Margaret & Peter Kirwan & Deceased Family Members
 12 Noon Funeral Service - (*St Bede*) – Eileen Travis

FRIDAY 11th March

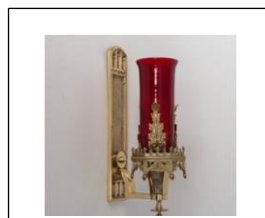
09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Residents of Care Homes
 13:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*St Michael*)
 19:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*St Basil*)

SATURDAY 12th March

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Private *Intention*
 10.30 am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Our Parish Clergy
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Marie Bonnon – 5th Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil: Peace in Ukraine
 St Bede: Our Parish Clergy
 St Michael: Rita Fagan
 St John Fisher: Peace in Ukraine



St Bede
 is Opened
 For private Prayer
 Mon – Fri
 10:30am – 13:30 pm