

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

8th May 2022

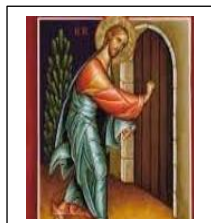
Easter Week 4

Year C

“Listen!

***I am standing
at the door
knocking.”***

Rev 3:20



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**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
TUESDAY 10TH MAY**

This week there is a retiring Collection for the Priest Training Fund and next there is a collection for SVP. We thank your generosity.

It is a very, very long time since I celebrated a Holy Week, Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday, from the middle of a congregation! It was a good experience. I had to sit a lot of the time and make sure that I didn't trip over my crutch when I went to Communion.

Everything was very simple, beautifully celebrated, and very devotional indeed.

But the parish was not rich in resources, so from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, the only music was the parish priest on Good Friday singing 'Behold the Wood of the Cross' and on Easter Sunday the deacon singing the Alleluia's.

I counted twenty people at the Vigil Service. But it was really good to be there.

The parish priest preached at every service, relatively briefly but very much to the point. I tried to work out whether he was reading his homily or simply speaking from the heart! Whatever, it was always worth listening to and left me with food for thought.

I remember all of this out loud for the St Wilfrid's Reflection because it also taught me how immensely rich we are in St Wilfrid's with all the gifts that are needed for a full celebration of the liturgy. Not every parish has such resources. We are able to have music at every celebration and that is an immense blessing. We have altar servers as we need them. We are blessed with great readers as, I have to add, was the parish I was in, and then there are all the backroom people without whom our liturgy would struggle.

So, while I really immersed myself in that parish for the week and was greatly rewarded, I had my moments of yearning for the churches of St Wilfrid's, Widnes.

+John

All aboard for our day out to York!

If you have signed up for our day out to York, the coach will leave St. Bede's at 9.30am and we hope to return around 6.30pm.

On arrival we will celebrate Mass with the parishioners of St. Wilfrid's in York and then the rest of the afternoon is your own.

The coach will leave York at 4.30pm.

St. Margaret Clitherow - pray for us!



An Evening of Fun & Laughter

BETTY BLUE EYES is a stage musical comedy based on the 1984 film *A Private Function*, it is packed with fun and laughter. On **Tuesday 17th May**, we shall have a trip to Manchester, to see the show.

This show is being performed by St. Dunstan's AOS. The show takes place in a Parish Hall but has a full orchestra and lots of very talented thespians, including Fr. Mark's best friend, Fr. Philip Brady who falls in love with a pig....in the show!!!

We plan to leave at 6pm and return at about 10pm. It will be a great evening of fun and music!

Cost will be £20 per person, including cost of ticket and coach.

If you would like to come to the show, then please pass your name and telephone number with your £20 to the Parish Office. Please mark your envelope 'Betty Blue Eyes'.

3 seats left – so be quick if you want to come!

Parish Choir

The next gatherings of our Parish Choir are on Monday 30th May and Tuesday 28th June both in St. Bede's Church at 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.

A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA'

The children from St. John Fisher School are performing in this wonderful event at the Foundry on Thursday 19th May at 7pm.

Tickets are £8 and are available by emailing hartsandvoices@hotmail.com

Posters are at the back of Church with all the details of this musical celebration!



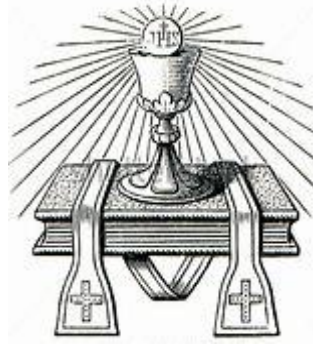
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JOY!

Over the next two Saturdays, nearly 200 children from our parish will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.

Please pray for our children, that they may remain close to Jesus in Holy Communion their whole life long!



Fr. Mark ~ 25 years a priest!



On Friday 1st July at 7pm at St. Michael's Church, Fr. Mark will celebrate his Silver Anniversary Jubilee as a priest. As well, as his family, his brother priests, and friends, he would like to invite his parish family to this milestone of priestly life.

So, you are all invited!

After the Mass we shall go to St. Basil's Parish Centre for some refreshments. Please make a note of this date in your diary and come and pray with Fr. Mark and give thanks for his last 25 years as a priest.

Also, we pray for the coming years that he will be with us in this parish of St. Wilfrid as our Parish Priest and friend.

Gift Aid

There are still quite a number of Gift Aid boxes at the back of our churches awaiting collection

As you know the Gift Aid Scheme raises many thousands of pounds each year for our Parish

If you do not use the Gift Aid envelopes (if you are not paying by Direct Debit) then the Parish cannot claim back the tax on the money you donate each week

We would ask all parishioners who are members of our Gift Aid scheme and are not paying by Direct Debit to collect their boxes as soon as possible.

Once again, many thanks for your generous support of our Parish

If you have a query about your box or anything else to do with the Gift Aid scheme, then please contact the parish office our email parishgiftaid@outlook.com

Thanks

Peter Mc Cann



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 8th May

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Jimmy Finn – 1st Anniversary
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Terence Moran – Lately Dead
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – George Edward Lythgoe – 2nd Anniversary
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Elsie Harrison – 90th Birthday Remembrance
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John & Margaret Colford – 60th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

MONDAY 9th May

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – John Martin – Birthday Remembrance
 12 Noon Funeral Service (*St Bede*) – Terry Brennan

TUESDAY 10th May

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Hugh & Ann Brennan – Birthday Remembrance
 12 Noon Requiem (*St John Fisher*) – Vera Murphy

WEDNESDAY 11th May

18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Dennis Douglas & Deceased Members of The Family

THURSDAY 12th May

11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – James (Jimmy) Jackson

FRIDAY 13th May - Feast for Cathedral of Solemnity-Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King

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*) – Mr W David Hamilton
 12 Noon Funeral Service (*St. Michael*) – Fredrick Arrowsmith

SATURDAY 14th May – Feast of St Matthew the Apostle

(No Mass at 10am or confessions due to Holy Communion Masses)

17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Joan Pierce
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Bill & Vera McDonnell

Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil: Vocations to the Priesthood
St Bede: Elsie Harrison 90th Birthday Thanksgiving
St Michael: Residents of the Care Homes
St John Fisher: Children of the Parish

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