

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



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Responsorial Psalm

R. 'I will bless your name forever, O God my King.'

I'm Dan Howarth – your parish seminarian!

Hello! I have just finished my first year in Rome as a student for the priesthood at the Beda College – three more to go – and this is my first summer placement !

For as long as I can remember, I felt drawn to the priesthood but took a different path and became a nurse straight after school. The skills and experience of being a nurse I hope will enhance my ministry life. I was brought up in Warrington (don't hold that against me), where my mother, older brother and sister still live with their families. I am a keen rugby fan and have played grass roots rugby union, and coached until this past year. I also enjoy skiing and travelling. I feel a particular closeness to St Damien of Molokai. I personally feel that a priest is a washer of feet and the corporal works of mercy have always been central to my life – even if I didn't know it at the time. Hopefully the way I can care for people in Jesus' name, will bring them closer to his unconditional love.

I am very excited to be part of your parish for the next month where I will be helping out in liturgies and activities from the foodbank to school visits. Please do stop me if you see me and allow me to meet you.

You are all in my prayers and I ask for your prayers also.

LGBTQ + Mass

The next Mass for the LGBTQ+ community and their families will take place on

Sunday 16th July at 2pm
All Saints Church, Anfield
L4 2QG

All are welcome to attend this Mass and to stay for refreshments afterwards.

Private Prayer

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday from 10.00am until 13.00pm, except for funerals.

You are encouraged to come in and spend some time in prayer for your own needs, the needs of the Church and the world.

Confirmations

On Tuesday 11th July at 7pm at St. Michael's Church, our young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that during this time they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that their faith in God is strengthened today and always.

'Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen'.

Exciting news!

We are delighted to announce, after two years of painstaking preparation and research, that approval has been given by Archdiocesan Trustees for the restoration works at St Bede's Church.

Already, arrangements are in hand to appoint a project manager, whom we hope to appoint before September, and for various expert contractors to submit tenders for the project.

At the same time applications will be submitted to the Historic Churches Commission, to ensure any proposal respects the historic character and integrity of this grade II listed building.

The successful contractor will draw up detailed specifications and obtain quotations for the repair and restoration works; this should be completed by the autumn.

Provided that everything goes according to schedule work should commence at the beginning of 2024, and a presentation of this exciting project will be made to parishioners later in the year.

The Buildings and Finance Committee

Summer Timetable

Over the summer holidays there will only be two priests in residence across the parish, so we need to adjust the weekend schedule, so that the priests who are here are able to cope with the liturgical timetable.

From **Saturday 29th July till Monday 11th September** the weekend timetable is as follows.

Saturday (Please note **NO** Saturday morning Mass. If you need confession, please approach one of the priests either before or after Mass)

5pm – Holy Mass at St. Basil

5pm – Holy Mass at St. Bede

Sunday 9am – Holy Mass at St. Bede

9.30am – Holy Mass at St. Michael

10.30am – Holy Mass at St. John Fisher

11.15am – Holy Mass at St. Bede

(**NO** 4pm Holy Mass at St. Bede)

Weekday Masses will in the most part remain unchanged, but please check the newsletter each week.

We know you will understand the need for this slight change, for this limited time.

The Clergy Team

Requiescant in pace

Margaret McLoughlin, Eleanor Flanagan,
Maureen Shakeshaft, William Leslie Dean,
Walter Hurstfield & Ellis James

May the Angels lead them into paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Thomas Ellison
St Michael	Diane Corwell
St John Fisher	Rose O'Callaghan & Aunt May
St Basil	Rosemary McNulty

Lourdes Mass and Healing Service

Whether you are going to Lourdes or not, you are invited to come and ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette, that they may point you ever more into the Heart of Jesus.

Lourdes Mass – Tuesday 18th July at 7.30pm St. John Fisher Church, WA8 3JA

After Mass we shall process with candles to the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes to pray a rosary together and sing, 'Ave Maria!'.

Service of Healing – Thursday 20th July at 1.30pm St. John Fisher Church, WA8 3JA

We will gather to pray for the gift of healing and all who wish will be anointed and receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

All are welcome!

St Michael's School, Mrs Roach

Headteacher, Mr Landrum quotes that "Mrs Roach has been a long serving and dedicated member of staff. Since taking on the role of Headteacher thirteen years ago, Mrs Roach is not only an Office Manager, but she has also been like the Queen of the school. Her professionalism, loyalty and friendship will be a great loss to the school. I have made a lifetime friend with Mary, and she will be missed by everyone.

Well done Mary and thank you for the hard work, dedication and commitment to the school and the community over the past 35 years.

Lourdes Meeting

There will be a meeting for all those who are going to Lourdes with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage on **Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm** (straight after the 7pm Mass) in St. Bede's Church.

All the information that we have will be shared at this meeting and any questions that you have we will try to answer!

Fr. Mark, Denise Roberts, and Ged Glover

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	9th July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9.00am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Michael O'Grady, 4 th Anniversary
9.30am	Holy Mass	St Michael	Philip Edward Meade, 1 st Anniversary
10.30am	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Jonny Leather
11.15am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
4.00pm	Holy Mass	St Bede	David & Sheila Howard
Monday	10th July	Ferial	
9.00am	Exposition	St Basil	
9.30am	Holy Mass	St Basil	Jenni Baker, Anniversary
Tuesday	11th July	St Benedict, Abbot, Feast	
11:30am	Exposition	St Bede	
12 Noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Pat Price & Pauline Haunch, Anniversary
Wednesday	12th July	Ferial	
18:30pm	Exposition	St Bede	
7.00pm	Holy Mass	St Bede	Andie Hardman
Thursday	13th July	Ferial	
11:30am	Exposition		
12 Noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Patrick (Paddy) Monaghan
Friday	14th July	Ferial	
9:00am	Exposition	St John Fisher	
09:30am	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Joan Mary McCullum 5 th Anniversary
Saturday	15th July	Ferial	
10:00am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Lol McCrystal
10:30am	Confessions	St Bede	
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Juan Flores Chavarria
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Roy Nelson, 9 th Anniversary
Sunday	16th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9.00am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Kevin Dolan
9.30am	Holy Mass	St Michael	Jimmy Meaden, 3 rd Anniversary
10.30am	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Joan & William Davies, Anniversary
11.15am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Sheila Quinn
4.00pm	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners