

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

10th August 2025

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Psalm Response

'Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.'

Slowing Down...

Do you feel as if you are always on the go? The desire to pray is there, but how do I slow down and get in prayerful state of mind. Many have found the methos of St. Ignatius of Loyola's of meditation accessible and helpful over the years. Here it is...

Select a Scripture

Choose a narrative Gospel passage.

Begin with a Prayer

Align your actions with God's service.

Read and Visualise

Read the passage twice and imagine the scene.

Ask God

Pray for desires related to the passage.

Enter the Scene

Imagine yourself as a character in the scene.

Converse with Jesus

Share your hearts longing with Jesus

Close with Prayer

End with an Our Father, Hail Mary and a Glory Be.

Give it a try!

Fr Mark

St. Michael's

Following the open meeting of the 4th of August, the Vision Group would like to offer further opportunities of consultation so that all parishioners can be heard. The following meetings have been arranged:

- **Sunday 17th August after 10:15am Mass**
at St. Michael's Church.
- **Thursday 4th September at 7pm**
at St. Bede's Church.

In addition, you can email your views to the Vision Group on m.moran@rcaol.org.uk or send a written response to the parish office 'FAO The Vision Group'. The deadline for responses is **Friday 5th September**. The Vision Group will collate all parishioner contributions and pass them onto Mgr. Philip Inch who will share them with John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool.

The Vision Group.

*(Peter McCann, Fr. Mark Moran, Denise Roberts,
Pauline Rolt, Rev. Paul Rooney, Fr. Peter F. Ross, Susan Warburton).*

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Enquiry/Enrolment Evening

Are you interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic?

Are you a Catholic who has been baptised but never received the sacraments of Eucharist (Holy Communion), Reconciliation (Confession), or Confirmation?

Are you a baptised Christian who would like to explore converting to the Catholic faith?

If any of the above applies to you why not come along to meet our RCIA Team for a chat to see what our parish RCIA process is all about. To find out more or, to enroll for our new group which will be starting in September, please come along on:

Wednesday August 13th, 7pm – 8pm in Parish Guild Hall (near St Bede's church)

We look forward to seeing you there.

RCIA Team

Fr. Joe Bibby – Ruby Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood

Fr. Joe has kindly invited St. Wilfrid's parishioners to his jubilee on **Saturday 27th September** at St. Mary's Church in Leyland. After Mass we have been invited to share the buffet reception in the community Centre. If people would like to go, we could organise a coach to get us to and bring us home from Leyland. Fr. Joe obviously needs to know how many people will be attending from Widnes.

So, if you would like to attend this wonderful event, please pass your name and telephone number with £10pp to cover the cost of the coach into the Parish Office asap. Please mark your envelope '**Fr. Joe's Jubilee**'. We shall depart St. Bede's at **10.15am** and we should return to Widnes around **4.30pm**. Ad multos annos Fr. Joe!

Parish Office

Please remember that the Parish Office opening hours for the month of August are:

Monday to Friday – 9am – 1.30pm

Please try and direct your needs and queries during these hours.

Pilgrimage to Knock

For all those going to Knock with the Parish Pilgrimage. Just a reminder that balance of payment for the pilgrimage are due by **19th August 2025**.

If you are sending a cheque, please quote **your booking reference** which is on your confirmation invoice. Cheques payable to **Northern Star Travel Ltd** and then sent to; 46-48 Long Street, Middleton, Manchester, M24 6UQ. If you wish to pay by debit or with a credit card their telephone number is **0161 773 2115**.

If you prefer to pay direct to their account details are,

Northern Star Travel Ltd

Account No: 50726621 Sort code: 40-11-56

I shall be booking a coach to take us to and from Liverpool Airport. If most people are coming on the coach the cost will be about £16 return, depending on how many people wish to come on the coach. Please hand your name in to the Parish Office if you wish to travel on the coach, mark it for the attention of **Susan Warburton**.

Mass in honour of the Holy Eucharist

This Mass will mark the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and will also open 'The Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Exposition.' The principal celebrant will be Archbishop John Sherrington. The Mass will take place on **Friday 5th September at 10am at St. Stephen's Church, Orford, Warrington, WA2 9HS**.

You are requested to only park in the church carpark or street parking, do not park at the shops. All are welcome!

Widnes Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who supported us during July. Please would you continue your support during August to help those in need our community. If you can donate food to us our current most needed item are, soup rice pudding, tinned fruit, jam, microwave rice, coffee, sweets and treats.

Gift of Life for Zambia Trip to Southport

Our trip to Southport last year was such a success that we are repeating it this year with an added coffee stop at Lady Green Garden Centre in Ince Blundell on the way. Then we are off to Southport for lunch, sightseeing, shopping or a walk along the seafront. Whatever takes your fancy! The coach leaves St. Basils at 9.30am on Wednesday 10th September and returns at approximately 6-6.30pm. The cost is £20. Please put your money in an envelope marked with your name and phone number and pass it to either Monica (424 8194) or Angela (424 8668), call them for further information.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	10th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Lois Davies
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Parishioners
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Sheila Quinn

Monday	11th August	Memorial of St Clare	
No Mass or Service today.			

Tuesday	12th August	Ferial	
12.00	Requiem Mass	St John Fisher	Thomas Melvin

Wednesday	13th August	Ferial	
11.00	Funeral Service	St Michael	Nora Newall
11.00	Requiem Mass	St Basil	Raymond Dainton

Thursday	14th August	Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe	
10.00	Requiem Mass	St Michael	James Dowling

19.00	Vigil Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary	St Basil	Anne Davies
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Friday	15th August	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
09.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Bill Cullerton
12noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Mass Association Members

Saturday	16th August	Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Emma Brady
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Catherine & Rita Hamilton

Sunday	17th August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Michael Hardman
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Barbara Clark
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners

18-35's Group

The next 18-35's meeting will take place on Saturday 30th August. We will gather at 12:30pm at St. Bede's for Mass and then head into St Bede's Garden for a Brazilian BBQ! It will run till late. All are welcome! Come along, bring a friend, spread the word.

Fr. Peter

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede:	Josephine & Douglas Kerr
St Basil:	Alan Golson
St John Fisher:	Retirement
St Michael:	Kevin Geraghty

Rest in Peace

Michael (Robin) Whitfield,
John Brian Cosgrove,
Philomena Sheridan & Jimmy Cassidy

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!