



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**Second Collection next week:
World Communications.**

10th May 2026

Parish Clergy: 0151 422 1772

Rev. Father Mark Moran (Parish Priest, Moderator).

Rev. Father Peter F. Ross (Parochial Vicar).

Rev. Deacon Paul Rooney.

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Psalm Response

"Cry out with joy to God, all the earth".

Gospel Acclamation Verse

*"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him".*

Who are we?

Several weeks ago, my name appeared on the parish newsletter - Rev Deacon Paul Whitehead. Who is this? Like many deacons, I am married - as are most of the deacons in Liverpool Archdiocese. So, rather than 'who is this', the question is, 'who are they?'

Fr Mark asked that we tell parishioners a little bit about ourselves in the newsletter...

I was born in Liverpool and brought up in Bootle. After school, I went to university, reading politics and philosophy. Joining the Civil Services after graduation, I worked in various accounts areas within the Ministry of Defence. My personal interests are in art and I enjoy reading and music.

Jan, my wife, was born in Birkdale, Southport.

Her background was in nursing, in paediatrics, district nursing and in counselling - retiring from nursing after 34 years - but continuing as a therapist for a further 10 years. Her main interests in more recent years are in line dancing and musical theatre, having performed in musicals including 'Fiddler on the Roof', 'Oklahoma', and 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,' as well as in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

Welcome Lourdes Hospitalité

This Sunday 10th May we welcome the Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Hospitalité to our parish. They will be celebrating Mass together at St John Fisher Church at 3pm and all are very welcome to attend.

The Drowsy Chaperone

I have managed to 'acquire' 10 more tickets to Fr. Philip's Show this coming Thursday, 14th May, leaving St. Bede's at 6pm, and returning around 11pm. If you want to come pass your name, telephone number and £30pp into the Parish Office by 5pm on Monday 11th May. **Fr. Mark**

Enrol a Loved One in St. Wilfrid's Mass Association

Our beautiful Mass Association cards are a meaningful way to remember a deceased loved one or celebrate a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary. For a £10 offering, the person enrolled will be included in a monthly Mass for one full year. To participate, simply fill out the enrolment slip found at the back of our churches and return it in the provided envelope to the Parish Office or a member of the clergy team. The Mass Association Cards are also available from the Parish Office during office hours.

Archdiocesan Gathering: Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

We are delighted to host the many foundations of the Union of Catholic Mothers from across the Archdiocese at **St. John Fisher Church, Wednesday, 13th May at 7:30 pm. Feast Day: Our Lady of Fatima. Purpose:** A bi-monthly Mass to pray for the work of the UCM, vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and the sanctity of Marriage and Family Life.

All ladies of the parish are warmly invited to attend, join in prayer, and stay for refreshments in the Parish Hall immediately following the Mass. We look forward to welcoming our visitors and coming together in faith.

St. Wilfrid's Music Makers Accompaniment

All those involved in parish music are warmly invited to a session of prayer, accompaniment, and mutual support.

- **When: Tuesday, 12th May at 7:00 pm**
- **Where: St. John Fisher Parish Hall**
- **Led by: Members of the Vision Group**

In the spirit of becoming a truly **Synodal Church**, this gathering is an opportunity for our musicians to journey together, share their experiences, and support one another in their vital ministry. We look forward to seeing you there.

Halton Safeguarding Children Partnership

New Training Opportunity: Cultural Competence

HSCP is delighted to welcome Pauline Ruth (Trinity Safe Space Charity) to lead our new Cultural Competence sessions.

Where: Runcorn Town Hall

When: 09:30 – 12:00

Dates: 8 June | 15 July | 12 Oct | 20 Jan '27

Limited Spaces: We also have final spots available for our **Misogyny** training on 10 June, 10 Sept, 25 Nov, and March '27.

Book your place now on the HSCP website!

The Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation

The **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** commemorates that Jesus Christ physically ascended into Heaven in the presence of his apostles. It marks the end of his visible earthly mission and his exaltation as Lord, seated at the "right hand of God". We celebrate this feast on **Thursday 14th May**. As ever, we shall celebrate this feast, worthily and wisely.

Wednesday 13th May at 7pm at St. Basil's RC Church – 1st Sung Vespers of the Ascension. Sung Vespers of the Ascension is a solemn evening prayer service – part of the Liturgy of the Hours – that celebrates the glorification of Jesus as he returns to the Father. While "Vespers" refers to the general evening office, a "**Sung**" Vespers indicates that the majority of the service, including the psalms, hymns, and antiphons, is chanted or performed by a cantor and the congregation rather than spoken.

Thursday 14th May – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

7am – Holy Mass at St. John Fisher

9.30am – Holy Mass at St. Bede

12noon – Holy Mass at St. Michael

7pm – Solemn Mass at St. Basil

Deanery Synodal Council

Warrington and Widnes Deanery Synodal Council (DSC)

The next meeting of the Deanery Synodal Council will take place on **Saturday, 16th May at 10:00 am** at **St. Benedict's**. The council will continue its vital work in discerning how we can journey together as a truly synodal church.

How you can participate:

- **Prayer:** Please keep all DSC members in your prayers as they meet to discuss the future of our deanery.
- **Raise an Issue:** If there is a topic or concern you would like raised at the council meeting, please speak with one of our parish representatives.

St. Wilfrid's Parish Representatives:

- Denise Roberts, Susan Warburton, Peter McCann, and Pauline Rolt., Fr. Mark, Fr. Peter, and Deacon Paul Rooney.

School Academisation in Widnes

Last week, Catholic headteachers in St Wilfrid's Parish sent a letter to all parents and carers regarding the Archdiocese of Liverpool's academisation strategy. The letter outlines how this plan affects our children, schools, and parish, while offering reassurance about the transition. Please take a copy to read and keep the educators and children of our community in your prayers.

Parish Choir

Next practice: **Monday 18th May, 7pm at St. Bede's Church**. All are welcome to attend! Due to safeguarding advice no unaccompanied under 18's may attend. Future rehearsals are **Tuesday 23rd June** and **Tuesday 21st July**.

Jubilee Club

We are planning a coach trip to Oswaldtwistle Mills on **Thursday 11th June**, cost, £15.00. If anyone is interested in joining us on the day, please ring Lynn 07990 621767 or you can visit us in St John Fisher Hall on a Thursday from 1.30 till 15.30. Thank You.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	10th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Rita Lomax
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	John Kinsella
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Gerard Quinn
15.00	Lourdes Hospitalité	St John Fisher	Lourdes Pilgrims
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Dave Burns
Monday	11th May	Monday Week 6 of Easter	
09.00	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Mark Turk
Tuesday	12th May	Tuesday Week 6 of Easter	
11.00	Funeral Service	St Bede	Catherine McConnell
Wednesday	13th May	Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Ita Corrigan
19.00	1st Vespers of the Ascension	St. Basil	
19.30	UCM Mass (Our Lady of Fatima)	St. John Fisher	Vocations to the Priesthood & Marriage and Family Life. Jimmy Finnegan
Thursday	14th May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	
07.00	Holy Mass	St. John Fisher	Richard Fairhurst
09.30	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Teresa Bridden
12noon	Holy Mass	St. Michael	Brian Backland
19.00	Solemn Mass	St. Basil	John Osman
Friday	15th May	Friday Week 6 of Easter	
12noon	Requiem Mass	St Michael	James Gallagher
Saturday	16th May	Vigil of Seventh Sunday of Easter	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Parishioners
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Michael Hardman
Sunday	17th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Michael Richards
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Terrance Dickens
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Kilgallon
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Prakash Pawar

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intention.

St Bede:	Eileen Smith
St Basil:	Vocations to the Priesthood
St John Fisher:	Souls in Purgatory
St Michael:	Joan Moran

Rest in Peace

Micheal Richards, Brian Colquitt,
Anastasia Deus, Mary Kerr,
Marie McCann,
Frank Ames & Patrick Riley

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

