



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**Second Collection Next Week is For:
Day for life**

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Rev. Deacon Paul Rooney.

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Psalm Response

“We are his people, the sheep of his flock “

Gospel Acclamation Verse

“The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel”.

Science and Faith

Science and the Christian faith are often viewed as complementary rather than conflicting. While science investigates the 'how' and 'what' of the natural world through empirical evidence, Christian faith addresses the 'why' and 'who'. Both seek to uncover truth and understand the universe.

Many of the great pioneers of modern science, including Johannes Kepler, Galileo Galilei and Isaac Newton, were devout Christians who viewed their scientific pursuits as a way to understand the mind of the Creator. For many Christian scientists, studying the intricacies of biology, physics and the cosmos deepens their appreciation for God's creation.

Last week I was privileged to attend the annual retreat and conference for the 'Society of Ordained Scientists' held in the beautiful surroundings of Launde Abbey, Leicestershire. The Society is a community of scientists within the ordained ministry and member of churches following a Trinitarian confession. The three days included periods of silent reflection, prayer, scholarly talks on science and theology and networking.

However, integrating science and theology, reason and faith is not just a work for scholars; it is something all of us have to do every day, as God calls us each in our own time and place.

Deacon Paul Rooney

Message from the Dean

Many thanks for rallying around at short notice while Fr. Mark is on sick leave. Fr. Peter feels well supported together with the Deacons, the Parish Office Staff, the Vision Group and so many Parish volunteers. Most things are able to carry on as usual. I am also most grateful to Mgr. Des Seddon for helping with the Sunday Masses, and to the priests of the Deanery who will be assisting Fr. Peter with the weekend Masses and Funerals in the coming weeks. We won't be able to cover everything, so please understand when there's a change in the usual schedule of Masses or events that would normally take place at this time of year. I will be keeping in touch with Fr. Peter and visiting the Parish regularly. If you need to contact me at any time, my phone number is 01925 630127 and my email address is: frdave@rcaol.org.uk. God bless you – and thank you.

Fr. Dave Heywood.

Holy Hand Mass

On **Sunday, 30th August**, the Archdiocese will gather at the spectacular church of St. Oswald at Ashton-in-Makerfield at 15:00 for the annual Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St. Edmund Arrowsmith. The Principal Celebrant of the Mass will be Fr. John Hogan, a priest from Ireland who has recently written a book on the life of the saint. St. Edmund almost certainly ministered in our parish. Widnes has a special connection with him. The 'Holy Hand' of St. Edmund is enshrined in the church at Ashton, and there will be an opportunity to venerate it at the end of the Mass. In 1735, a young man in Widnes was cured from fever, convulsions, and the loss of the use of his legs, by venerating this sacred relic. So many miracles have come about through St. Edmund's powerful intercession! A coach will be leaving Widnes at **13:30** on the day, a seat upon costing only £10! Please book your place by passing your money into the Parish Office in an envelope clearly marked with 'Holy Hand Mass' and your name. Places are limited...so get your skates on!

Conferral of Confirmation

On **Thursday, 18th June**, our young people will gather at St. Michael's to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop John Sherrington. Please pray for them as they take this important step on their faith journey. I am so impressed by their dedication, interest, and devotion. These last 12 weeks have been so fruitful. I am also super impressed by the variety of saints names they have chosen. May God bless our 'confirmandi'!

Lourdes Fundraising Football Match - Sunday 14 June, 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Come along and help raise money for the Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association. Cash donations will be accepted on the day, or donations can be made through the JustGiving page: Marine Travel Arena, L23 3AS. For more details, or to donate, visit: www.justgiving.com/page/lourdesfootball

Pope Leo's prayer intention for June

For the values of sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

A Mother's Warmth: Icon Exhibition at the Metropolitan Cathedral

The Metropolitan Cathedral will be hosting Mother's Warmth, **30 June – 30 August** an exhibition by Bulgarian artist and iconographer Dian Kostov. Through contemporary artwork inspired by the image of the Virgin Mary as Mother, the exhibition considers how compassion and care for one another can bring hope and healing in a divided world. Admission free.

Confessions

Confessions will be available on Saturday 20th June at 15.30 at St Basil's. All welcome.

Ecumenical News

Rev. Michelle Goodwin has invited St. Wilfrid's parishioners to her service of licensing at St. Ambrose Church in Halton View on **Tuesday 14th July at 19:00**. Members of the clergy team will be present. We pray for Rev. Michelle, and the entire Anglican community as they begin this new phase in their faith together.

Widnes Food Bank

Thank you for your support during May. We are asking for your continued support in June to help those in our community who are in need. If you can donate food to us our current most needed items are: Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Spaghetti, Jam, Tinned Potatoes, 1Litre Juice Cartons & Soup.

Young Catholics in Widnes

The next event will take place on **Sunday, 21st June**. We will gather to watch 'Beckett', the 1964 Academy Award-winning film about Saint Thomas à Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury and martyr. We'll have snacks and drinks too. All are welcome. Follow us on Instagram '@young_catholics_in_widnes' for more!

Mass Intentions

Every effort to respond to requests for Masses to be said on a specific date and in a specific church is made. Yet, please understand that Requiem Masses and availability of the priests often make these requests impossible. The Mass requested will be celebrated at the nearest opportunity to the date requested. Your understanding is sought on this issue. Mass requests should be made as early as possible and passed into the Parish Office

Prayer to St. Michael

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell, Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world, for the ruin of souls. Amen.

A reflection on 'Magnifica Humanitas'

Monsignor Peter Fleetwood has prepared a reflection on Pope Leo's new encyclical letter, 'Magnificent Humanity'. It is accessible and very informative. It can be read on the Liverpool Archdiocesan website. Please pray for Pope Leo who has recently visited Spain.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday 14th June

09.00 Holy Mass
 10.15 Holy Mass
 11.30 Holy Mass
 16.00 Holy Mass

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Bede Marie Carlile
 St Michael Frank Rowley
 St Bede Parishioners
 St Bede Sheila Quinn

Monday 15th June

09.00 Exposition & Morning Prayer
 09.30 Holy Mass

Monday Week 11 in Ordinary Time

St Basil Catherine Fitzgerald

Tuesday 16th June

10.00 Funeral Service

Tuesday Week 11 in Ordinary Time

St Michael Patrick Talbot

Wednesday 17th June

11.30 Exposition & Rosary
 12noon Holy Mass

Wednesday Week 11 in Ordinary Time

St Bede Christine Barker

Thursday 18th June

11.30 Exposition & Rosary
 12noon Holy Mass
19.00 Conferral of Confirmation

Memorial of St John Rigby

St Michael Elizabeth Davison
 St Michael

Friday 19th June

No Mass/Service.

Friday Week 11 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 20th June

15.30 Confessions
 16.30 Holy Mass
 18.00 Holy Mass

Vigil of Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Basil
 St Basil Private intention DR
 St John Fisher John Ward

Sunday 21st June

09.00 Holy Mass
 10.15 Holy Mass
 11.30 Holy Mass
 16.00 Holy Mass

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Bede Angela Hilton
 St Michael James Gallagher
 St Bede Parishioners
 St Bede Margaret Riley

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intention.

St Bede: Special Intention
St Basil: Confirmandi
St John Fisher: Fr. Tony Reynolds
St Michael: Deceased Loved Ones

Rest in Peace

Timothy Williams, Michael Hagan,
 Bernadette Meaden & Denis Ward

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!