



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

17th August 2025

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Psalm Response

'Lord, make haste to help me!'

Hang it on the Cross

If you have a secret sorrow, a burden or a loss.

An aching need for healing...

Hang it on the Cross.

If worry steals your sleep and makes you turn and toss.

If your heart is feeling heavy...

Hang it on the Cross.

Every obstacle to faith or doubt you come across.

Every prayer unanswered in the way that you had hoped...

Hang it on the Cross.

For Christ has borne our brokenness and dearly paid the cost.

To turn our trials to triumph...

Hanging on the Cross.

Fr Mark

St. Michael's Church

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.

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

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!

Vision Group

Please pray for the members of the Parish Vision Group who, on **Thursday 21st August** are spending a day with Peter Smallwood who is a facilitator, currently working in St. Mary's Seminary at Oscott. The aim of the day is after reflection, prayer, training and discussion we may better serve the parish of St. Wilfrid. Thank you to the Vision Group for giving of their time so generously to serve the Parish of St. Wilfrid.

Thank you – Margaret Hindle

On **31st August** Margaret Hindle will retire from her role as sacristan for the 9am Mass at St. Bede's Church. Margaret has carried out her role as sacristan with great diligence, care and love for many years and we thank her for her ministry among us.

We shall not be appointing a sacristan for the 9am Mass yet, we shall discern this post as we move forward as a parish family.

Parish Vision Group

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**.

A Day in Lourdes – Fundraising Book

Mary McLoughlin, a parishioner has written a book, a short memoir of a day spent in Lourdes. The book is called 'A Day in Lourdes' and is available on Amazon and from 'The Gingerbread Tea Room' on Albert Road. All royalties from this book will be donated to the 'Lourdes Youth Fund' to sponsor a young person to go to Lourdes next year. Please think about purchasing a copy! Thank you to Mary for your talent and generosity.

Lourdes – Thank you

"I would like to say a massive thank you to all of you for your generous donations and support for my recent pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage.

My time in Lourdes was a wonderful experience and the Parish of St Wilfrid was in my thoughts and prayers throughout the week, especially when I was able to join the parish pilgrimage group for Mass.

Thank you again for making this experience possible. I'm so blessed to be part of such a caring and faith-filled community."

Hannah Moriarty

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

Parish Liturgy

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
Monday	18^h August		
12noon	Funeral Service	St. Michael	Michael (Robin) Whitfield
Tuesday	19th August	Ferial	
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Kevin Quinn
10.00	Funeral Service	St Basil	John Cosgrove
Wednesday	20th August	Memorial of St. Bernard	
No Mass or Service today.			
Thursday	21st August	Memorial of St. Pius X	
No Mass or Service today.			
Friday	22nd August	Memorial of the Queenship of Mary	
09.30	Holy Mass	St. John Fisher	James Quinn
Saturday	23rd August	Vigil of the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Marie Elizabeth Golson
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Parishioners
Sunday	24th August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Marie Thompson
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Mary (Marie) Morris
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Hildegarde Muphy

A Poem about the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time

"In fields of green, beneath skies wide, Ordinary Time, where grace resides, no grand feasts, no solemn fasts, yet sacred whispers gently pass.

Days unfold in quiet hue, simple prayers, hearts made new, growth unseen, yet roots run deep, in steady faith, our souls to keep.

The sacred woven in daily thread, hope and mercy softly spread, in Ordinary Time, we find, God's presence in the quiet mind."

Unknown

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede:	Special Intention
St Basil:	Elizabeth Golson
St John Fisher:	Vocations to the Priesthood
St Michael:	James & Julia King

Rest in Peace

Patricia Gurney, Philomena Sheridan,
Brian Brolly & Patricia Lunt

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!