



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

19th April 2026

Second Collection next week Priest Training Fund

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Psalm Response

“O, Lord, you will show me the path of life”.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

*“Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us,
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us”.*

Spreading Easter Joy!

Easter reminds us that light doesn't arrive with noise or spectacle—it rises quietly, often in the very places we thought were finished. The message of resurrection isn't just about one moment in history: it's about a way of living now.

To carry Easter joy into ordinary life is to notice the small resurrections: patience where there was frustration, kindness where there could have been indifference, hope where things feel heavy. These are not grand gestures, but they are real signs of life breaking through.

The light we've been given isn't something we have to manufacture. It's already there placed within us, waiting to be shared. Sometimes it looks like listening fully to someone, offering encouragement, or simply choosing peace in a tense moment. These everyday acts become reflections of something much bigger.

And in all of this, the quiet assurance remains: Jesus is with us—not only in celebration, but in the unnoticed parts of the day. In routines, in struggles, in moments of doubt, there is a presence that does not leave. That's where Easter becomes real—not just remembered but lived.

So, spreading Easter joy doesn't require perfection or extraordinary effort. It begins in ordinary life, where light is gently passed from one heart to another.

Fr. Mark, Parish Priest

Pope Leo XVI – Prayer for Peace

"Lord Jesus,
You conquered death without weapons or violence:
You shattered its power with the strength of peace.
Grant us Your peace,
as You did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning,
as You did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.

Send forth Your Spirit,
the breath that gives life and reconciles,
that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.
Inspire in us to trust in Mary, Your mother,
who stood at the foot of Your cross with a broken heart,
firm in the faith that You would rise again.

May the madness of war cease
and the earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth, protect and love life.
Hear us, Lord of life!"

Please try and say this prayer every day in union with the Holy Father.

Blessing of the Icon of St Peregrine and Service of the Sacrament of the Sick

On **Friday 24th April** at **7pm** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, L25 2RW, Archbishop Sherrington will bless a newly commissioned icon of St Peregrine, the patron saint of those with cancer and life limiting conditions.

All are welcome who have been affected by cancer or a desire to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. During this Easter season come and discover how God walks with you through silent journeys of illness and treatment.

Warrington and Widnes Deanery Mass

On **Friday 24th April**, we will gather at St. Joseph's Church in Penketh (WA5 2BB) for our monthly Deanery Mass. Please make every effort to attend, as it is important for us to come together as a deanery family, supporting one another in prayer as we move forward together.

Parish Choir

Our next practices will be on, **Tuesday 28th April, followed by, Monday 18th May, Tuesday 23rd June and Tuesday 21st July** . Each practice will take place at **7pm** in **St. Bede's Church**. If you have not sung before, or not sung for years, or haven't been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally, it doesn't matter, you would be most welcome. Sadly though, at this time, all members of the choir must be over 18 due to safeguarding guidance.

The First Easter

Mary McLoughlin would like to thank all those people who bought her book 'The First Easter' which raised £100 for CAFOD, which will help in their work of serving the poorest of the poor.

Sacramental Programme Mass

Next weekend at the 10.15am Mass at St. Michael's we will welcome every child from all our schools who are preparing for their First Holy Communion! It will be joy to see all the children together at Mass!

Appreciation from the Oblates of St. Joseph

On behalf of the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph, I would like to register our sincere appreciation to the members of clergy and to all the parishioners of the Parish of St. Wilfrid, Widnes for your great hospitality to us and for your generous donations in support our missionary works. Your generous and kind donations will go a long way in helping us spread the Gospel values through our various apostolates. We assure you of our constant prayers and we recommend you to the paternal intercession of our Great Patriarch, St. Joseph.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Fr. Stephen Adedeji, OSJ, Director, Directorate of Mission

Relations and Friends in Care Homes

Do you have a relative or friend living in a care home within the Parish of St Wilfrid?

Would they like to receive Holy Communion from an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist?

Due to data protection regulations, we are often unable to identify which residents in care homes are Roman Catholic. This means that some who wish to receive Holy Communion may unintentionally be missed.

If you know someone who would like to receive Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion, please provide the following details in writing:

- The person's name
- The name of the care home where they reside
- Your relationship to them
- A brief statement confirming that they would like to receive Holy Communion

Please submit this information to the Parish Office. Once received, our ministers will make arrangements to visit them.

Please note that a phone call alone is not sufficient; we require written instruction. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Fr. Mark

Thank you!

In 2025 St. Bede's Parish raised £2,512.62 through its Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Our missionary community here at St. Bede's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance, and these communities around the world rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. In many countries the Church not only provides for the spiritual needs of the local community, but it is also a key player in the provision of services to improve the well-being of the most vulnerable in society. Thank you for your support.

Helen Orme, Local Secretary

Mary's Meals

Please return your Mary Meals collection boxes and place them in the yellow box at the back of each church. This must be done by **Friday 24th April**. With thanks.

Nina Wylie & Elaine Davies

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	19th April	Third Sunday of Easter	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Robert (Bob) Sherman
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Parishioners
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Stephen O'Connor
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Celia & Tony O'Dowd
Monday	20th April	Monday Week Three of Easter	
09.00	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Billy Moran
Tuesday	21st April	Tuesday Week Three of Easter	
11.30	Exposition & Holy Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Allen
Wednesday	22nd April	Wednesday Week Three of Easter	
10.00	Holy Mass		
	St. John Fisher School (Y3 & Y4)	St. John Fisher	Doreen Taylor
11.30	Exposition & Holy Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Paul Searson
Thursday	23rd April	Solemnity of St George	
14.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Liz Baldwin
	St Bede's Junior School		
Friday	24th April	Friday Week Three of Easter	
12noon	Deanery Mass	St Joseph's, Penketh	Annie & Parick Moran Alf Cawley
Saturday	25th April	Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter	
10.00	Bereavement Mass		
	Confessions	St Basil	Holy Souls
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Pat Unsworth
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Patricia Batterton
Sunday	26th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Joan Moran
10.15	Holy Mass (Sac Prog Mass)	St Michael	Marie Morris
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Cyril & Elizabeth Morris

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intention.

St Bede:	Valerie & Family
St Basil:	Peace in the World
St John Fisher:	Liz Baldwin
St Michael:	Special Intention

Rest in Peace

Joyce O'Connor, Joan Ainscough,
James Gallagher, Catherine McConnell,
Alf Cawley & Bernard Richards

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!