



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Times (Year A)

30th August 2026

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(unless stated in newsletter)

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Psalm Response

"For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God."

Gospel Acclamation Verse

**"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that
we may know the hope to which he has called us."**

Clothe them in Your mercy!

'Dear Jesus,

please empower and remind our children to be kind to every single person they encounter at school. Lord, please clothe them with Your mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience so they will glorify You. I pray they will show kindness to their classmates and the staff. If a time comes when kindness is not shown to them, may they feel Your presence all around them enabling them to be a light for You even when it is difficult.

Amen'

We are delighted to welcome back the students and staff of our seven primary schools and our Catholic High School this week. We hope you all had a wonderful, refreshing break and are excited for the year of learning and growth ahead.

Each year brings fresh challenges, but our core focus is always the children in our care. We are dedicated to helping them grow together in God's love. For many children, our schools are their other 'churches' — the sacred spaces where they discover Jesus for the first time. Please keep our students, teachers, and staff in your prayers this week, asking that we may all show the love and face of Jesus to one another.

***"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is
with you wherever you go."***

Fr. Mark

Join Us to Reflect, Listen, and Build Hope Together

As part of the Faith in the City 40th Anniversary Programme, you are warmly invited to a community conversation on Thursday, **15th October 2026**, from 10:30am to 12 noon at Bethesda Church, Lapwing Grove, Palacefields, Runcorn, WA7 2TP.

This 90-minute interactive workshop brings together community leaders, faith groups, and local workers from across Halton and the Liverpool City Region. Together, we will explore the Manifesto for Hope priorities, share personal experiences, and discuss neighbourhood challenges and opportunities. The session offers a welcoming environment to collaborate on themes like connection, justice, and shared values to build stronger, flourishing communities.

If you would like to book a place at this forum please pass your name, address, e mail address and telephone number into the Parish Office and we will pass your details onto the organisers who will send you the key themes ahead of the event and help shape hope where you are.

Confessions

Confessions are available this month;

Saturday 5th September at 3.30pm – 4.15pm at St. Basil's Church

(Rosary will be recited in Church from 4pm)

Sunday 6th September at 3.15pm – 3.55pm at St. Bede's Church

(Rosary will be recited in Church from 3.30pm)

Saturday 19th at 10.00am – 11.00am at St. John Fisher

Also, you can request confession after any weekday Mass.

Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage; 12th – 18th October 2026

Susan Warburton has booked a coach to pick us up from St. Bede's on Monday **12th October** to take us to Liverpool airport and then collect us from Manchester airport on Sunday **18th October** for our pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Time of departure will be advertised when flight confirmations have been received. It is highly advised that we all travel together, and the cost per person will be £25. Please pass your names and monies into the Parish Office asap for Susan's attention. If you are travelling to and from the airport independently, you must let us know asap, yet we really advise that all pilgrims travel together.

PLEASE NOTE: Pilgrims Meeting has been changed to Wednesday 9th September at 7pm at St. Bede's Church; please make every effort to attend as we have some information regarding the flights that we need to clarify with all pilgrims.

Fr. Mark

R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Would you like to become a Roman Catholic?

Would you like to know more about your faith and have the time to talk to others about big questions?

The RCIA programme is a discerning programme for adults who wish to learn more, and after a time of prayer and contemplation, may wish to become Roman Catholics. The programme runs from mid-September till May and requires a weekly commitment.

If you would like to know more, please leave your contact details at the Parish Office and Pauline Rolt will contact you.

Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

If you are coming to the Mass on **Sunday 30th August**, you need to board the coach **at 1.30pm** outside St. Bede's Church. We shall make our way to the shrine at Ashton-in-Makerfield, attend the Mass, and then enjoy some refreshments before boarding the coach to return to St. Bede's at approximately 6pm. Please be on time, we are like EasyJet, *if you are late, we won't wait!*

ALIVE Worship Celebration

On **Sunday 20th September** at 4pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, L25 2RW. All are welcome to come and experience worship and prayer led by One Hope Project, a Catholic collective bringing impactful music, fresh creativity and building community. ALIVE celebrates God's presence in our lives. There will be prayer, adoration, friendship and hospitality to follow. All are welcome! For more information there are posters at the back of all churches.

New Age Indoor Bowls and Kurling, Parish Hall at St. John Fisher

Join us every Wednesday afternoon, 1.00 pm to 3.00pm. Open to all, come along and join us for an afternoon of fun and giggles. Followed by a cup of tea or coffee, biscuits and a chat. Just £1 per session.

Volunteers Needed

At the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, we are desperately looking for 2-3 volunteers to fill the slot on a Monday afternoon, from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. If you can help, please phone 0151 949 1199 or contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk We are always looking for help at any other time. We are open from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm on Mondays - Thursdays. Thank you.

Mass in honour of Blessed Dominic Barberi

I will be attending the annual Mass in honour of Blessed Dominic Barberi, on **Monday 31st August** at St. Anne and Blessed Dominic Church in Sutton (St. Helens) at 12pm. The celebrant of the Mass will be Bishop Tom Neylon. Blessed Dominic is buried in the church alongside Venerable Ignatius Spencer and Venerable Mary Joseph of Jesus (Elizabeth Prout). Blessed Dominic was instrumental in the conversion of St. John Henry Newman (Doctor of the Church) and is known as the great missionary of the Second Spring. All are welcome to attend; it is not too far away and a beautiful place of prayer and pilgrimage.

Fr. Peter

Young Catholics in Widnes

Our next event will take place on **Sunday 6th September** at St. Basil's. We'll meet at 18:00 for a time of adoration, followed by Benediction in Latin. After that, it's BBQ time, followed by Basil's Bingo! Come along! Follow us on Instagram: @young_catholics_in_widnes.

Fr. Joseph Kendall Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass of Fr. Joseph Kendall will take place on **4th September**, 12pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Please keep Fr. Joe in your prayers and indeed his loved ones, as they mourn him.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with creation. In his prayer intention for September 2025, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray that we might experience our interdependence with all creatures, who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. Please pray for our wonderful Holy Father! God bless our Pope.

Prayers – Eternal Rest

Please remember in your prayers, **Mrs. Terenia Gosney**, the former headteacher of St. Michael's RC Primary School who died after a short illness. May she rest in peace.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday 30th August
 09.00 Holy Mass
 10.15 Holy Mass
15.00 Pilgrimage Mass

16.00 Holy Mass

Monday 31st August
12.00 Holy Mass

Tuesday 1st September
 11.30 Exposition & Rosary
 12.00 Holy Mass

Wednesday 2nd September
12.00 Requiem Mass

Thursday 3rd September
10.00 Funeral Service
 11.30 Exposition & Rosary
 12.00 Holy Mass

Friday 4th September
12.00 Requiem Mass

Saturday 5th September
10.00 Bereavement Mass
15.30 Confessions

16.30 Holy Mass
 18.00 Holy Mass

Sunday 6th September
 09.00 Holy Mass
 10.15 Holy Mass
 11.30 Holy Mass
 16.00 Holy Mass

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 St. Bede Peter Sunderland
 St. Michael John Hough
 St. Edmund Arrowsmith Honor Evans
 Anne Coffey
 St. John Fisher Cath Johnson

Monday Week 22 in Ordinary Time
St. Anne and Blessed Dominic, WA9 3ZD
 John Buckley

Tuesday Week 22 in Ordinary Time
 St Bede Angela Geraghty

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 St. Michael Alexander Standen

Feast of St Greogory the Great
 St. Bede Margaret Lillian Woodward
 St. Michael Cyril Fallon

Friday Week 22 in Ordinary Time
Cathedral of Christ the King Fr. Joe Kendall

Saturday Week 22 in Ordinary Time
 St. Basil Holy Souls
 St. Basil

Vigil of the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 St. Basil Anne Marie Fenney
 St. John Fisher Terry Burns

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 St. Bede Parishioners
 St. Michael Bridget Loftus
 St. Bede James O'Brien (Jnr & Snr)
 St. Bede Denis Ward

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for 7 days for your intention

St. Bede: Eddie Tague
St. Basil: Jeffrey Foster
St. John Fisher: Special Intention
St. Michael: Linda Garvie

Rest in Peace

Fr. Joseph Kendall, Jean Smith, John Lavery,
 Mark Hyland, Margaret Todd, Terenia Gosney,
 Sharon Fox & Christine Richardson.

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!