



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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

Archdiocese of
Liverpool
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Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord (Year A)

5th April 2026

**This week's second
collection is for,
Lourdes Parish Youth**

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Psalm Response

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad".

Gospel Acclamation Verse

**"Christ our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore
celebrate the festival in the Lord".**

Easter Praise!

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the joy and wonder of Easter, we, your parish clergy team, wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you.

Thank you for your steadfast fidelity to the faith, for the quiet witness of your prayer, and for the devotion with which you continue to walk in the light of Christ. Your generosity—of time, talent, and treasure—sustains the life of our parish community and enables us to share God's love far beyond our walls. Your kindness, compassion, and love for one another are living signs of the Gospel in action.

At Easter, we proclaim with joy that Christ is risen! The Risen Lord renews our hope, strengthens our faith, and fills our hearts with peace. In Him, darkness is overcome, mercy triumphs, and new life begins.

May the glory of the resurrection fill you and your families with every grace and blessing. May you know the deep peace of Christ, the warmth of His presence, and the abiding joy that flows from the empty tomb.

Wishing you all the blessings and joys of Easter and of the Risen Lord.
With prayerful good wishes,

Fr. Mark, Fr. Peter and Deacon Paul

A Blessing to us all!

We are delighted to welcome Deacon Paul Whitehead and his wife Jan to St Wilfrid's Parish here in Widnes. Deacon Paul joins our parish family alongside Fr. Mark, Fr. Peter, and Deacon Paul Rooney, and we are very grateful for the gifts and experience he brings with him.

Deacon Paul comes to us from another St Wilfrid's (in Garston) —so thankfully he won't have too much trouble remembering the name of his new parish!

Of course, we must address an important matter: we now have two deacons named Paul. This could lead to some interesting moments. If you hear someone call "Deacon Paul!" and two people turn around, don't worry—you're not seeing double, and you're definitely in the right place. We may need to start issuing nicknames, or perhaps just rely on divine inspiration to know which Paul is required at any given moment!

On a more serious note, the presence of another deacon is a real blessing for our parish. Deacons play a vital role in serving both the altar and the wider community, and we look forward to Deacon Paul Whitehead's ministry among us—proclaiming the Gospel, assisting at Mass, baptising, preaching and supporting the pastoral life of the parish.

Please keep Deacon Paul in your prayers as he settles into his new role and do take the opportunity to introduce yourself and make him feel at home. As a parish, we are strongest when we welcome one another with warmth and generosity.

Welcome, Deacon Paul and Jan—we're very glad you're here.

Grand Easter Raffle & Date for your Diary

Once again, we will be holding an Easter Raffle. As always, the prizes are wonderful and plentiful, and we are very grateful to everyone who donates. Raffle tickets are available at the back of all the churches and in the Parish Office, so please take a few books and help by selling as many as you can. All proceeds will go towards parish funds.

The raffle will be drawn at the **Easter Dance on Friday 17th April** at St Basil's Parish Centre. Tickets for the dance will be on sale on Palm Sunday weekend, so please make a note in your diary and join us for what promises to be a wonderful night together.

Vocations Weekend for Women

Discerning God's Call in your life 15th - 17th May, Liverpool.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) .The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>

Easter Offerings

In the past, the Easter and Christmas offerings went to the priests of the parish, **this is no longer the case**. If you wish to give an Easter gift to either Fr. Peter or myself, they must be placed in an envelope with their names on it. Many thanks!

Fr Mark

Tickets on Sale – Easter Dance

Tickets for the Easter Dance are on sale from the Parish Office. The Easter Dance will take place on **Friday 17th April at 7pm** at St. Basil's Parish Centre. Tickets are just £5 each and includes a delicious buffet and entertainment! Tickets always go quickly, so get yours now !!!!

Help our young people to go to Lourdes!

This July, Hannah Morriarty, Caolan Rooney and Christopher Roberts will serve on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage in Lourdes. Hannah and Caolan will serve with the Youth Service, assisting with the sick pilgrims and Christopher will represent the parish as an altar server at all the Masses and services offered to the pilgrims in Lourdes.

The cost for young people to go to Lourdes is high, so can we, as a parish help them to go and build their faith and encourage them as they all serve in the parish as Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. There will be a second collection at all the Churches on Easter Sunday and also if you would like to make a private donation to the fund, please pass it into the Parish Office for the attention of 'Fr. Mark – Lourdes'. Many thanks as ever for your kindness to our young people.

Continuing along the Path of Synodality

Pope Leo has invited us to continue to embrace the journey of synodality recognising that 'our relationships do not respond to the logic of power but to that of love.' As we journey through Eastertime towards the great feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we have an opportunity to reflect on the document that came from the final session of the Synod on Synodality called by Pope Francis that Pope Leo is now urging us to embrace at every level in the life of the Church.

Tuesday evenings 7pm to 8.30pm 21, 28 April, 5, 12, 19 May.

To join the zoom meeting use the weblink below, enter the meeting details or use the QR code:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=VBT0x3xbJiWrU8x00sbuCGmnO97Xn.1>

Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285 Passcode: 981267

Two Cathedrals March

On **Sunday 24th May 2026 at 3pm** there will be the Annual March between our two Cathedrals in Liverpool. If you would like to walk with our Archbishop and other people of faith on the Feast of Pentecost, please assemble at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and walk in faith!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Family Cronton Parish invites you to a day of Divine Mercy on Sunday 12th April. Starting at 1.30 with Rosary, followed by, 2.30 – 3pm Exposition and Divine Devotions. 3.30pm Stations. 4pm Mass. Confessions available throughout the day. Post Code for Sat Nav is WA8 5DW. Arriva number 7 bus stops outside.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	5th April	Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord	
	<i>(Please note time changes)</i>		
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Marie Lynch
10.15	Holy Mass	St Basil	Ruth Bibby
11.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Winifred & Richard Flanagan
Monday	6th April	Monday within the Octave of Easter	
11.30	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
12noon	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Christine Wilson
Tuesday	7th April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	
10.00	Funeral Service	St Bede	Helen McCutcheon-Kay
11.30	Exposition & Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Joyce Connolly
Wednesday	8th April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	
10.00	Requiem Mass	St Basil	Mark Turk
Thursday	9th April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	
10.00	Requiem Mass	St Michael	John Percival
Friday	10th April	Friday within the Octave of Easter	
10.00	Requiem Mass	St Bede	Doreen Taylor
Saturday	11th April	Vigil of Low Sunday	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Fred Hillyer
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Mass Association Members
Sunday	12th April	Low Sunday	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Michael & Winnie Burns
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	The Hignett Family
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	The Bonnon Family

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intention.

St Bede:	Charlie Stevens
St Basil:	Special Intention
St John Fisher:	Sr. Eileen Moore
St Michael:	Linda Dunne

Rest in Peace

Thomas Jackson, Linda Dunne,
Joan O'Brien & Joyce O'Connor

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!