

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

**“Listen!  
I am standing  
at the door  
knocking.”**

*Rev 3:20*



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## Reflection

This weekend we remember those who have given their lives in serving their country during periods of war. Rudyard Kipling in his poem “Recessional” used the refrain, “Lest we forget - lest we forget!”

Christians have a special duty to remember the dead. God has set up the economy of salvation so that our prayers, our acts of charity and our sacrifices offered in union with Christ's own sacrifice may help those who have died as they journey to God.

So, at this time of year, we ought to ask ourselves: **Are we living this month of November as a month dedicated to praying for the dead? Are we really carrying out with perseverance this spiritual work of mercy? Do we have Masses offered for those who have died? Do we pray the Rosary for the dead, asking Our Lady to intercede for them and for us at the hour of death?**

These are all acts of generosity that we can offer for those who have gone before us, small acts perhaps, but nevertheless reflecting something of the much greater prodigality of God who in Jesus Christ came to the aid of a broken world to rescue it from all its distress and to open the gates to eternal life.

*Fr Thomas Skeats O.P*

## BLESSED SACRAMENT

We all have a duty to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is given every honour and respect. Yet a host is still being placed through the letterbox of the presbytery after Mass each week. This week it was posted through the letterbox at St John Fisher.

This is **Sacrilege** and must **STOP!**

Please speak to one of the Priests.

In order for us all to assist in safeguarding the Blessed Sacrament; can **everyone** place the sacred host into their mouth before they move away from the priest or the Eucharistic Minister.

**Fr Mark**

### Bags of clothes and food

Please **do not** leave bags of clothes or food at the back of any of the churches as we do not have the facility to move them to the areas of need in our community.



Please take them directly to a charity shop of food bank.

### Parish Pilgrimage

St. Wilfrid's Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon. We are currently looking at a parish pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Fatima and also, to visit the shrine of St. Anthony of Padua in Lisbon next September.

At the moment we are NOT taking bookings, we are simply looking to see if there is any interest in the parish. If you might be interested, then please just jot your name and telephone number on a piece of paper and pop it through the Parish Office door for the attention of SUSAN WARBURTON. Once we gauge the interest we shall move forward.

**Fr Mark**

Calling all adults/young people who would like to continue or get involved in offering children's liturgy at the weekend Masses! If you are interested, then please come to a short meeting on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at St. Bede's Presbytery**. We can look at what we are able to offer, how we can attract families with children to church and ensure we are all secure in Safeguarding procedures and guidelines. **Fr. Mark**

### MASSSES FOR THE DEAD IN NOVEMBER

During the Month of the Holy Souls, we are inviting every family who has lost a loved one in the past 20 months to remember and pray for them at Mass. The Masses will take place every Sunday afternoon at 4pm at St. Michael's Church during November. Every family will receive a letter inviting them to one of the Masses and they will hear the name of their loved one read aloud in church and each family will be given a candle to take home to light in remembrance.

### Advent Carol Service – Calling all Musicians!



We shall be having our Advent Carol Service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm at St. Michael's Church. As well as the children from St. Gerard's and St. Bede's Infant and Junior Schools we are calling on all musicians and choirs to send a representative to a meeting on

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at St. Bede's Presbytery**

so that we can get an order of service together! Could any member of the Liturgy Group who is free please attend this meeting too?

Thank you! **Fr Mark**



### Parish Choir of St. Wilfrid

The next gathering of our Parish Choir is on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm** in St. Bede's church (please note the change of day). Everyone is always very welcome, even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally

### An Appeal for used postage stamps

Fr Bill is collecting used postage stamps and would appreciate if you would bring any stamps, you have and leave in boxes provided in church porch.

### MEETING FOR ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WHO TAKE HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** after the 7pm Mass at St Bede's Church.

Please make every effort to attend as we try to be prepared to visit our sick and housebound parishioners and friends. We have challengers to face to keep everyone safe and it is important that we are all heard and understood as we move forward together. **Fr Mark**

## Exciting news about the churches of St Bede and St Michael.

We are all aware that our two listed buildings, the church of St Bede and the church of St Michael, have been in need of repair and restoration work for some time.

As both buildings are listed any work requires the agreement of the Historic Churches Commission together with financial approval from the Archdiocesan Trustees. In addition, consultation is needed with the Arts and Architecture Group and of course parishioners will be kept informed of progress throughout.

Parishioners should be reassured that during this project normal repair and maintenance work will continue to take place at the churches of St Basil and St John Fisher.

A start has now been made on this process. An ambitious plan for the repair and restoration of our two buildings is to commence with immediate effect. Due to the size and nature of this project a plan will be drawn up for approval for St Bede's and once this is completed similar work will be carried out at St Michael's.

Approval will be sought for the following repairs and renovation:

The sandstone fabric of the church, roof, gutters and downspouts, lighting, windows and frames (including the stained-glass windows), tiled flooring, plastering, redecoration, heating system.

Some work will commence immediately at St Bede's. This includes the restoration of the now repaired weathervane to the church tower, the installation of a disabled toilet and baby changing facilities and repair work to the church bell.

It is an ambitious plan but one which needs to be started now to ensure the future of these two buildings and to make them both fit for purposes.

Updates on the progress will be published in the newsletter over the coming weeks and months.



**Building Committee.**

### ***Walsingham Pilgrimage 4th to 6th December 2021***

In case the Covid rules change before we travel to Walsingham and we are asked to provide proof of vaccination to go into the Thursford show, we think it advisable if you obtain a Covid Pass.

You can do this by:

1. Download the NHS App and Pass on to your smart phone (for those who can).  
Or
2. Obtain a digital copy on-line to print off ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))  
Or
3. You can go on-line ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)) and request a paper Pass which will be sent to your home address within 5 days.

If none of the above is possible you can telephone 08081968565 and request a paper Covid Pass.

The information you will need is your national health number, your date of birth and postcode.

**DON'T WORRY!** This is only a precautionary measure as to date the rules have not changed and may not, we just want to be prepared.

**Susan**

### **Christmas Carol Concert at St Marie's**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.**

**St Marie's, Lugsdale Road, Widnes. WA8 6DB.**

What could be more magical than gathering in a warm St Marie's on a brisk December evening to join family & friends (both old & new) in singing some Christmas carols? We think it's the perfect way to start the Christmas season.

The St Marie's Heritage Group are delighted to welcome back the wonderful Parish Choir of St Wilfrid who will be leading attendees in a Christmas Carol singalong on the night. The choir will be choosing their favourite traditional Carols and we will provide copies of the words for anyone who (like me) always worries about forgetting the next line. The choir will be positioned in front of the beautiful St Marie's Altar and attendees will sit facing them on the pews and other chairs. We think that when we all sing together, it will all sound magnificent.

There will be mince pies, mulled wine, hot drinks and our usual array of fabulous biscuits. There will be plenty of time to chat and catch up with old friends after the Carols have been sung.

It's free to attend, but in light of Covid 19, places are limited, so please reserve yours quickly to avoid disappointment.

The event is extremely popular, and it is unfair on people who have booked places if they are unable to sit down, so please do book in advance!

To reserve your place, please contact Matthew Roberts on ([01928](tel:01928592405)) 592 405 or e-mail [mroberts@haltonsthelensvca.org.uk](mailto:mroberts@haltonsthelensvca.org.uk)





**This week the sanctuary lamp burns for:**

St Basil's:	Edith Fawley (R.I.P)
St Michael's:	Robert Warren (R.I.P)
St Michaels's:	Bishop John (Birthday)
St Bede's:	Sean Karalius (Birthday Remembrance)



Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00 am 10.00am 10.00am 11.00am 4.00 pm	Holy Mass ( <i>St Bede's</i> ) Holy Mass ( <i>St Michael's</i> ) Holy Mass ( <i>St John Fisher</i> ) Holy Mass ( <i>St Bede's</i> ) Holy Mass ( <i>St Bede's</i> )	Parishioners of the Parish Holy Souls Peter Jerram Margaret Daly Rita Lomax (Birthday Remembrance)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Feria</i>	9.00am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Holy Mass ( <i>St Basil's</i> )	Frances & John Fearon
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Feria</i>	11.30am 11.40am 12 Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Rosary Holy Mass ( <i>St Bede's</i> )	Fouad Moarkacy
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Feria</i>	6.30pm 6.40pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Evening Prayer Holy Mass ( <i>St Bede's</i> )	Paul Temple (R.I.P)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am 11.30am 11.40am 12 Noon	Funeral ( <i>St. John Fisher</i> ) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Rosary Holy Mass ( <i>St Michael's</i> )	Thomas (Tommy) Welding  Sharon Gilbert (RIP)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Feria</i>	9.00am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer During the Day Holy Mass ( <i>St John Fisher</i> )	Lesley Connolly-Ann
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Mass ( <i>St Bede's</i> ) Confessions ( <i>St Bede's</i> ) Holy Mass ( <i>St Bede's</i> ) Holy Mass ( <i>St Basil's</i> )	Residents of our Care Homes Robert William Warren (R.I.P.) Adina Horner (LD)

*St Bede's is open for private prayer*

*Monday to Friday*

*10.30am to 13.30pm*

