

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent (B), Holy Family and Epiphany of the Lord

24th & 31st December 2023

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Christmas Thanks and Blessings!

It is right that at Christmas we thank you all for your constancy and faith in our community here at St. Wilfrid, we are blessed with such a wonderful parish, and we should never forget those who work so hard to ensure that we are a beacon of the love and forgiveness of Jesus in Widnes!

To all our wonderful volunteers who give their time and expertise so generously, thank you, we would be at a loss without you!

To Syl and Deb in the Parish Office, who support the parish clergy so well and are at the service of the whole community, your presence and skill is so appreciated, thank you!

May the Infant Jesus teach us all something as we approach the great feast of Christmas, it is in the small, in the powerless, in the forgotten that God is found. May we all be renewed and energised to serve one another and remind those who have forgotten that He is with Us! May the Infant King of Bethlehem bless you all!

+ John, Fr Bill, Fr Thomas, Deacon Paul and Fr Mark

Parish Office Opening Hours

Christmas Day – Closed

St Stephen's Day – Closed

Wednesday 28th December – Closed

Thursday 29th December – 9.30am – 1.30pm

Friday 30th December – 9.30am – 1.30pm

Monday 1st January – Closed

Tuesday 2nd January – Normal office hours resume.

Thank you for your kindness!

On behalf of the Trinity Safe Space Charity, I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Advent Appeal this year. As ever, your generosity is overwhelming, and we have the comfort in knowing that our gifts have been received by those in desperate need and are being used over this Christmas period.

Please continue to pray for those who are in need and whose lives are touched through this charity.

May God bless you for your kindness!

Pauline Ruth

Prayer for Christian Unity

This coming year as we start to work as a Family of Parishes (St. Wilfrid's and Holy Family, Cronton) we shall gather to pray for Christian Unity as our first act together.

This will take place within the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, and you are all encouraged to attend.

Sunday 21st January at 6.30pm
Holy Family Church, Cronton, WA8 5DP

Requiescant in pace

**Patrick 'Paddy' Ruth,
Yvonne Douglas,
Terry O'Malley & Katrina Bonnon**

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Mary and Jim Mc Guire
St Michael	John Mc Dermott
St John Fisher	Warburton and Glynn Families
St Basil	Peace in the Holy Land

Parish Liturgy

Saturday	23rd Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)	
No 10am Mass or Confessions			
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Norah Warren (6 th Ann)
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	John Hughes (LD)
17.00	Vigil Mass	St John Fisher	Stephen Johnson (LD)
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Michael	James O'Brien (25 th Ann)
Sunday	24th Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
Sunday	24th Dec	Christmas Eve	
18.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Herbert & Brian Higginson
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Frances Walsh (B'day Rem)
18.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	James Syze
18.00	Holy Mass	St Basil	Keith William, Nicola O'Brien (Rem)
Midnight	Holy Mass	St Bede	Deceased Members of the Kelly Family
Monday	25th Dec	Christmas Day	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary & Philip Keane (B'day Rem)
10.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Peggy Heaton (3 rd Ann)
10.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Kath and Ginger Hunt
Tuesday	26th Dec	Feast of St Stephen, Protomartyr	
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede (Mass with Altar Servers) Bobby and Nina Spofforth Vera & Eric Hardman (Ann)	
Wednesday	27th Dec	Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Keith Potter (LD)
Thursday	28th Dec	Feast of the Holy Innocents	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	George O'Grady (1 st Ann)
Friday	29th Dec	Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Case and Kenny Families
Saturday	30th Dec		
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Paul Dennett (B'day Rem)
10.30	Confessions		
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Margaret Riley

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	31st Dec	Feast of the Holy Family	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Frances and James Myler (Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Donna Louise Jones
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Eileen and Gary Patullo
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Philomena Dunlop (LD)
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Flo Wallbank (LD)
Monday	1st Jan	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Basil	Peter John Percival (100 th B'day), Mary Percival and Jennifer Parker
Tuesday	2nd Jan	Memorial of St Basil and St Gregory	
13.00	Requiem Mass	St Bede	Patrick 'Paddy' Ruth
Wednesday	3rd Jan		
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Denis Delia and Thomas Curphey
Thursday	4th Jan		
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Roy Nelson (9th Ann)
12 noon	Requiem Mass	St Bede	Katrina Bonnon
Friday	5th Jan		
09.00	Exposition and Rosary		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Tony Walsh (Get Well)
Saturday	6th Jan	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Fr Pat Sayles (50 th Ann, Priesthood)
10.30	Confessions		
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Monica O'Mahoney
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Winifred Golson

Requiescant in pace

**Yvonne Douglas,
Terry O'Malley, William Percival &
Kathleen Unsworth**

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St Bede	Matthew Fairhurst
St Michael	Declan Smith
St John Fisher	William & Joan Davies
St Basil	Winifred Golson