



# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



## The Most Holy Trinity

4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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### Responsorial Psalm

**'To you glory and praise for evermore'**

### It's not my job...

We all have a role to play, all have value, and all have importance. But if no one does a job, it either falls on another person to do it or it stops getting done all together and we as a community are affected. But whose job, is it?

We need to face the fact that we need more volunteers if we hope to keep going as we are, we need more Eucharistic Ministers, who can assist at Mass and go out to the sick and housebound, if we do not have more volunteers our sick will not be visited regularly, and we will be unable to offer the Precious Blood at Mass. We need readers so that the Word of God can be proclaimed worthily and wisely, giving reverence to His Holy Word. We need Foundation Governors to serve our schools, especially at this critical time in education to safeguard the Roman Catholic Ethos of our places of learning. We need volunteers in all aspects of parish life. Whose job, is it? It is yours!

Many who have held volunteer roles in our community are ageing and some have already gone to meet God. We as a community must face this and look and invite and challenge new people to join the ranks of ministry within our community. Could you help? Could you volunteer? Do you need to know more about what would be involved in a particular ministry? Please pass contact details into the Parish Office if you think you could help and someone from the community will get back to you.

**Fr. Mark**

### Fr Thomas Away

I will be away in Leuven for much of June, to sit several examinations as part of my further studies in Canon Law. I am currently trying (and failing) to recap what was taught in lectures over four months ago, but supported by your prayers, I hope to rise to the challenge and return to the parish at the beginning of July.

### Private Prayer

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday from 10.00am until 13.00pm, except for funerals.

You are encouraged to come in and spend some time in prayer for your own needs, the needs of the Church and the world.

### Grateful Thanks!

We have received a beautiful letter from Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald and Fr. Michael Heep, for the wonderful welcome they received in our parish when they came to do the appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa last month. They said they thoroughly enjoyed their time here and especially gave thanks to Geraldine and Michael Wilcox for acting as their taxi and for welcoming them into their home for a meal.

Cardinal Fitzgerald said that we are a 'wonderful and welcoming parish' – thank you everyone, we are indeed a blessed community!

### World Youth Day – Sponsored Walk

Next weekend the five young people who are attending the World Youth Day in Lisbon with the Pope in August will be at the back of church collecting names and pledges for a sponsored walk they are doing to raise funds to get them to Lisbon to spend time developing their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Please think about sponsoring our young people, they will collect money once they have achieved their goal.

### Parish Choir

The next gathering of our Parish Choir is on  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm in  
St. Basil's church.**

As usual, everyone is very welcome, even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally.

### St. Michael's Church and Grounds

Once more our church is besieged with young men and women who are causing damage to our church and grounds. As a clergy team we are at our wits end and the only thing we can do is follow the advice from the police and appeal to the whole community to do something if they see anything. The advice from the police is...

*'Police have asked that we communicate to residents that if anyone sees or/hears any further incidents to contact the police immediately quoting a new Incident Number: 1559730.  
This number will be linked to previous reports.'*

We must pull together to protect our church. If anyone has any thoughts on what we can do, please speak up. Is it worth going to the local press? The cost of CCTV is exorbitant; this has been investigated. We have taken advice about railings on top of the wall, but again, we have been advised it will not work as they will find another way in. Our church and grounds must be protected.

Please do not look away; if you see anything, report it.

**The Clergy Team.**

### Requiescant in pace

Kathleen Morley.  
Dorothy Ruane, Jacqueline Follows.  
David Lamb, Sandra Mullarkey  
& Edward Marr  
  
May the Angels lead them into paradise!

### Sanctuary Lamp

*The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.*

<b>St Bede</b>	Charlie Stevens
<b>St Michael</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>St John Fisher</b>	Sick and Housebound
<b>St Basil</b>	Flo Bewley

### Social Media

Our pastoral outreach touches thousands of people every year, but there is potential to reach many more through an active social media presence, preaching the unchanging Gospel of Christ in a constantly evolving digital frontier.

This work is perhaps better suited to the skillset of some of our younger parishioners... so we are calling upon our young adults to volunteer their time and talents to form a 'Social Media Group.' If you are interested in helping, please speak with Fr Thomas or pass your contact details into the parish office.

### Social Group News - Knock – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

We are looking to make a booking to go as a parish to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock. We shall be flying from Liverpool and will stay for 3 nights, and, as well as having time in the Shrine, we shall have time in Croagh Patrick, Westport and Ballintubber Abbey. We shall have a board basis of Dinner, Bed and Breakfast. At this stage we need to know if there is any interest before we make a booking. The approximate cost would be £550, based on two people sharing a room. Single supplement is £95, though these are limited. If you might be interested in this pilgrimage, please pass your name into the parish office with the envelope marked 'KNOCK – SUSAN Warburton'. This does not bind you to go!  
Fr. Mark and the Social Committee

### Catechesis for Adults Christ is Risen!

Please come and join the Neo-Catechumenate Community each Monday & Thursday evening 7.30pm for next 4 weeks.

St John Fisher Community Hall  
55 Moorfield Road WA8 3JA

### Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June we shall begin a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Mass of the day will be at 7pm and will follow the rota of the daily church timetable. The Novena will culminate on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Please make a note in your diary and try and attend this novena of prayer.

### Lourdes Mass - Past and Present

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm there will be a special Mass to mark 100 years of the Archdiocese of Liverpool travelling to Lourdes as a pilgrimage group. The Mass will be a celebration of our faith in Jesus and in Mary, who appeared to St. Bernadette at the Grotto of Massabielle and gave us Lourdes as a place of healing and love. **ALL** are invited to this Mass, especially if you have ever been to Lourdes in 'Liverpool Week'. It is a time to thank God for the time that we have spent there, whenever that was.

There will be a coach leaving St. Bede's Church at 4pm on Sunday afternoon to take us to the Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and we should return home by 7pm. An offering of £5 towards the cost of the coach would be very welcome. If you would like to come to this wonderful Mass, then please pass your name and telephone number with £5 marked '**LOURDES MASS**' and we shall reserve you a place on the coach. Our Lady of Lourdes - pray for us! St Bernadette – Pray for us!

## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>	
9.00am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Martha Teague & Deceased Family Members
9.30am	Holy Mass	St Michael	Rita & Thomas Fagan
10.30am	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Denise Potter, Anniversary
11.15am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Joan O'Keefe, 70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance
4.00pm	Holy Mass	St Bede	James Francis O'Brien, B'day Remembrance
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
9.00am	Exposition	St Basil	
9.30am	Holy Mass	St Basil	The McDonnell Family
<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Paul Roberts</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>Kathleen Morley</b>
11.30pm	Exposition	St Bede	
12 Noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Robert Winstanley
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
7.00pm	Novena Mass	St Bede	Danny Smith
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Dorothy Ruane</b>
7.00pm	Novena Mass	St Michael	Mary Ward
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Jacqueline Follows</b>
7.00pm	Novena Mass	St John Fisher	Brian McGeiver, Lately Dead
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
10:00am	Novena Mass	St Bede	George Lawless Lately Dead
10:30am	Confessions	St Bede	
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Successful Treatment
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
9.00am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Thomas & Mary Burke, B'day Rem
9.30am	Holy Mass	St Michael	Dennis Martin, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
10.30am	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	John Richard Cuckson, Lately Dead
11.15am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mark Allen, Lately Dead
4.00pm	Holy Mass	St Bede	Terry Mahoney, Lately Dead