



# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Second Collection – S.V.P.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**'O Lord, you are good and forgiving.'**



**NB – Over the summer months, please check Mass times as they are subject to change.**

## **'Do nothing...'**

This week must feel a strange one for parishioners of St Wilfrid's, it certainly feels a bit strange for a newbie like me. One thing I have learnt from meeting many of you is that you all adapt incredibly well. From those of you who have been here forever to those that have moved in recently; the way I have been welcomed and accepted as part of the parish shows your ability to adjust. This week we have had the pre-pilgrimage Mass, the healing Mass, a visiting priest and have waved adios to pilgrims off to Lourdes. All times with many reflections and a perfect chance to give any of our worries over in prayer.

When I give something to Jesus to deal with, in my mind's eye I put the troubles or worries at the foot of the cross. He dealt with his Passion; He can deal with my concerns easily. Parishioners of Widnes are clearly very prayerful – people tell me that I have been in their prayers, and our pilgrims will have lists of intentions to pray at the grotto. St Paul tells us this Sunday what we can do if we struggle with praying. The antidote to 'prayer block', is nothing. Do nothing. Just sit with God in silence allow the Spirit to work and God will hear the prayers in our heart. However, we like to pray, revisiting St Paul's advice can be re-energizing for our prayer life. As we think of our fellow pilgrims and our clergy who are away, keep them in your prayers and no doubt they will keep you in theirs. Wherever we all are, rest assured of my prayers.

**Dan Howarth**

Seminarian

### Welcome Fr. David Rocks, O.P.

We welcome Fr. David to our parish. We are very grateful to Fr. David who will supply here whilst Fr. Bill, Fr. Thomas and Fr. Mark are in Lourdes with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage.

Welcome to the Parish of St. Wilfrid!

### Private Prayer

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday from 10.00am until 13.00pm, except for funerals. *(If the church is unopen during these times, please knock at the parish office)*

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

### Catholic Schools Inspectorate

#### St. Gerard's RC Primary and Nursery School – OUTSTANDING

At the end of June, St. Gerard's Primary School welcomed two Catholic Schools Inspectors into our school and after an intense two-day inspection they were judged as OUTSTANDING in all areas. Here are some of the comments...

*"At St. Gerard's all pupils fully embrace their Catholic faith and values."*

*"Their behaviour is exemplary."*

*"The pupils put their faith and gospel values into action in response to Catholic social teaching."*

*"The parish priest is a pivotal figure within the school, supporting the pupils' journeys in faith, he is a strong presence within the lives of pupils and staff."*

*"Pupils enjoy their lessons...teachers are confident and have high expectations of all pupils."*

*"The inspiring Catholic environment of the school enables all pupils to flourish and aspire."*

Congratulations to Mr. Landrum, Head Teacher, Miss Sanders, RE Lead, Teaching Staff, and most of all our wonderful children! You are OUTSTANDING!

Fr. Mark

### CAFOD... "Fix the Food System."

#### CAFOD and St Wilfrid's Parish, supporting small farmers across the globe...

CAFOD works with small farmers around the world who produce lots of the world's food. But many of them are facing a huge problem.

For hundreds of years, they have freely used and shared their own seeds, but laws are being passed that limit what they are allowed to do with their own seeds, giving them little choice but to buy more expensive seeds from large companies. These laws make it even harder for small farmers and their families to produce enough food.

*Salina is a small farmer in Bangladesh, and she told CAFOD: "To keep the seeds in our own hands is the main thing. Without seeds, being a farmer is not possible."*

This is why Salina is writing a letter to the World Bank, which has lots of influence over agricultural issues, asking them to protect rights of small farmers to use and share their own seeds.

Please sign Salina's letter on the way out of Mass, it will be available at each of our weekend Masses either this week or next week so please look out for it.

By signing your name alongside Salina, we can send a strong message to the World Bank that the Catholic community stands with small-scale farmers. Thank You.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Requiescant in pace</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walter Hurstfield, Margaret Ellison, Frances Walsh</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May the Angels lead them into paradise!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sanctuary Lamp</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">St Bede</td><td style="width: 50%;">Allan Mercer</td></tr> <tr> <td>St Michael</td><td>Vivien Brownrigg</td></tr> <tr> <td>St John Fisher</td><td>David Naughton</td></tr> <tr> <td>St Basil</td><td>Pilgrims in Lourdes</td></tr> </table>	St Bede	Allan Mercer	St Michael	Vivien Brownrigg	St John Fisher	David Naughton	St Basil	Pilgrims in Lourdes
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Long awaited news and progress...</b></p> <p>After many years of hard work, persistence, and patience we finally have the go ahead to start the restoration of St. Bede's Church.</p> <p><i>'Dear Fr. Moran,</i>  <i>I write to advise you that at the recent meeting of the archdiocesan trustees' further consideration was given to the building project at St. Bede's Church, Widnes. The decision of the trustees was to approve Phase 1 of the works to proceed.</i></p> <p><i>Yours sincerely,</i>  <i>Martin Miller, Secretary to the Trustees"</i></p> <p>A lot of hard work has been undertaken by the Parish Buildings and Finance Committee to get us to this point and we owe them a debt of gratitude.</p> <p><b>St. Wilfrid and St. Bede – pray for us!</b></p>									
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pilgrimage to the Holy Land</b></p> <p>There is a poster in the porch advertising a pilgrimage led by Canon John Gorman.</p> <p>If you would like more information, please have a look.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Widnes Women of Faith.</b></p> <p>Praying for our families and our town on Thursday, 25th July at Dundalk Community Centre. 4pm to 5pm.</p> <p>For more information contact Paula 07949 806 019</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Be mindful...</b></p> <p>We are so blessed here in our parish, and sometimes it is easy to think that everyone is as nice as we are. Please be mindful to take your bags with you when you go to Holy Communion and if anyone approaches you to ask for money before or after Mass, politely decline and refer them to one of the clergy team, who will help them appropriately. Thank you.</p> <p>The Clergy Team</p>									
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish Office</b></p> <p>From 26<sup>th</sup> July till 30<sup>th</sup> August the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesdays. This is to enable Syl and Deb to catch up on the jobs that they don't have time to get to during the busier months, so try not to ring or call on Wednesdays!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pilgrimage to Knock Meeting</b>  <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></p> <p>On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.30pm, after the 7pm Mass there will be a meeting for all those interested in going to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock next year. All the information that we have at this stage will be shared and booking forms will be available. Come along if you want to know more.</p>								

## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Billy Scott, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Margaret Jessica Duffy, Anniversary
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Stephen Marsh
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Thomas Bowles, Birthday Remembrance
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	William Billy Dwyer
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>No 09.30am Mass at St. Basil</b>			
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Elleanor Flanagan</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Feast of St James</b>	
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary Purcell 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Joachim &amp; Anne</b>	
19:00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Leah Sadler
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
11:30	Exposition	St Michael	
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Alfred Thomas Rimmer, 36 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Tom Barrett</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
09:00	Exposition	St John Fisher	
09:30	Holy Mass	St. John Fisher	Don Clare
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Mary, Martha &amp; Lazarus</b>	
<b>10am</b>	<b>Exposition and Rosary, St. Bede (No Mass or confessions)</b>	<b>St. Bede</b>	
17.00	Vigil Mass	St. Bede	Parishioners
17.00	Vigil Mass	St. Basil	Joan Hancock, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Andrew Barrow
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	James Francis O'Brien, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Msgr. Charles Glass, Birthday Rem.
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary & Joseph Freeman
16.00	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>St. Bede</b>	