

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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

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Epiphany of the Lord

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Responsorial Psalm

R. 'All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord'

Happy New Year Everyone!

Did you stay up to welcome in the New Year?

Living on my own I find that as each year passes I have less and less interest in staying up to see the New Year in. Having said all that, I spent most of New Year's Eve talking to family and friends wishing them all the best on my 'Alexa device'.

It was during COVID lockdown, having been diagnosed with cancer some months before and battling from the effects of four aggressive rounds of chemotherapy which left me very weak resulting in sudden falls that I discovered the invaluable assistance of the 'Alexa device'.

I had all my contacts downloaded from my phone to Alexa, so when I had a fall and was not able to get up off the floor or reach my mobile, I simply asked Alexa for help by saying, 'Alexa can you call...' and immediately she would ring my nephew's number.

Alexa can also get you any radio station, play any music, give you the time, the weather and answer a multitude of questions.

Enjoy your New Year!

Fr Bill

Thank you for your kindness!

The Clergy Team would like to thank everyone who was kind enough to pass in cards and presents for them this over the Christmas period.

It was very generous, and it was nice to read the messages of goodwill and thanks.

Syl & Deb would also like to say a big thank you for all your kind wishes and gifts.

May God bless you all!

Mass Intentions

If you wish to have a Mass offered for a specific date and in a particular Church within the parish, please put that request in as soon as possible; we are always working months ahead!

Please use the 'Mass Intention' sheets and return it with your offering to the Parish Office.

We will try our best to have the Mass offered for you on the day requested.

Widnes Food Bank

Every item generously donated to our Food Bank will help save a life.

Opening Hours for receiving donations at the former St Bede's Club are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am – 11.30am

The Foodbank collection point is closed - Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday.

Without the support from our donators, we would not be able to continue the good work that Widnes foodbank does to combat food poverty within our community.

Thank you!

Used Stamps

Fr Bill has asked that we put all our used stamps in the boxes provided at back of church.

Thank You.

Emergency Sick Calls

Spiritual care of the sick and dying is a major part of priestly ministry. Should you or a loved one ever require the Sacrament of the Sick or prayers for the dying, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience and the first available priest will make arrangements to visit.

If you require a priest out of hours in an emergency, do not attempt to contact the parish office as messages may not be picked up in time, but please telephone the presbytery landlines at the top of the parish newsletter until you have successfully reached one of our priests.

In such circumstances, calm but swift action will ensure that any parishioner who finds themselves in such need will be fortified by the Sacraments of the Church.

Newsletter Items

If you have any items for the Parish Newsletter, can they be passed into the Parish Office by Wednesday at noon, and we shall do our best to include it the coming newsletter.

Parish Office

Requiescant in pace

John Dolan, Mary Tobin,
Veronica Douglas, William Percival,
Terence Ellis, Denis Thompson,
Thomas O'Malley, Elsie Riley &
Winifred Dooley

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Private Intention
St Michael	Michael Lane
St John Fisher	Archbishop Malcolm
St Basil	Vocations to the Priesthood

A warm 'thank you' to the Parish

On behalf of my family, I wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for the warm welcome, love and support we have experienced on joining the wonderful parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes. Every 'welcome Mass' at each of our four churches over the festive period has filled us full of joy.

The hand of God is clearly at work in this parish. It is clear to us, that St. Wilfrid's is a community whose foundation is love. Thank you for the opportunity to join you and serve you. It is an amazing gift for us, especially at this time of celebration of the newborn Saviour.

We are so glad to be new members of this amazing family in the body of Christ. Thank you for your love and support. May you be blessed beyond imagination in the name of Jesus.

Deacon Paul, Jane, and Caolan Rooney

Vatican II Constitutions lecture & Seminar Series

The Vatican II Constitutions lecture & seminars is a series of events with Liverpool Hope University in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool. These events are in advance of the Year of Prayer 2024, in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025. These events are free and are available to everyone, but places are limited so it is essential to book tickets in advance.

The remaining dates and speakers are as follows:

Wednesday 17 January: Fr Peter McGrail (Sacrosanctum Concilium)

Wednesday 28 February: Pat Jones (Gaudium et Spes)

You can find more information on each lecture/seminar on the archdiocese website: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/vatican-ii>

Both the seminars and lectures will take place at Liverpool Hope University and are open to anyone, however they will focus on discussions about pastoral ministries and are therefore ideal for pastoral ministers including priests, deacons, chaplains, readers, catechists, and liturgists. The seminars will run from 3pm - 4:30pm. After an hour's break for refreshments, the lectures will start at 5.30pm - 7pm. If you can't attend in person, you can view the lecture online. The best way to do this is to log in to Liverpool Hope's online store ahead of time and register.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	7th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Thomas Jackson (Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	80 th Birthday
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Freda John & John Biggs
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Gerard Johnson
Monday	8th January	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Mary Bonnon (LD)
Tuesday	9th January		
12.00	Requiem Mass	St Bede	Peter Higginson
12.00	Funeral Service	St Michael	Kathleen Brenda Unsworth
Wednesday	10th January	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Marjorie Higginson (33 rd Ann)
Thursday	11th January	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Mary Rimmer (Ann)
Friday	12th January	Ferial	
09.00	Exposition and Rosary		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Madaline Dwyer (46 th Ann)
Saturday	13th January	Ferial	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	John O'Brien & Daughter Julie (Ann)
10.30	Confessions		
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Michael O'Grady & Patrick Hyland (B'day)
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	James Francis Snr & Michael Jnr O'Brien (LD)
Sunday	14th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Michael McKeown (3 rd Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Parishioners
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Deceased Members Marsh & Slaviski Families
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Frank Kavanagh
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Beatrice Humpries