



# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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### Second Collection for S.V.P. *Psalm Response*

**'What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad'.**

**"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."  
St. Francis Of Assisi**

- **Light as Hope:** A candle represents light and hope. In a world filled with challenges, negativity, or despair, the light of a small candle signifies that even the tiniest sources of hope can shine brightly against overwhelming darkness.
- **Individual Impact:** Just as one candle can illuminate a small space, one person's actions can create ripples of positivity. It underscores the idea that everyone has the power to make a difference, no matter how small their contributions may seem.

#### The Nature of Darkness

- **Overwhelming Challenges:** Darkness can symbolize various forms of suffering, such as grief, despair, injustice, or conflict.

#### The Ripple Effect

- **Inspiration:** When someone chooses to be a source of light, it can inspire others to do the same. Acts of kindness, compassion, and love can inspire a chain reaction, encouraging more individuals to contribute their light.
- **Community and Connection:** When people come together, their individual lights combine to create a more significant impact. Just as multiple candles can brighten a room, collective efforts can tackle larger societal issues.

As we approach the month of November, we light a lot of candles in remembrance. Let us light them in hope and in the knowledge that all our prayers are heard.

Fr. Mark

## Mass Association Cards

We are offering Mass Association Cards to the parish community. These large, padded cards can be given for a bereavement, anniversary, birthday or to mark a special occasion. Once enrolled, the person will share in a Mass, once a month for twelve months. The newsletter will state 'Mass Association' should you wish to attend the Mass. Individual names will not be advertised.

They are available at the back each church there are baskets with the Mass Association Cards in and at the front of the basket are small envelopes with 'Mass Association' on. The cards cost £10 each. Place your offering inside the envelope and on the back of the envelope write the name of the person you wish to be enrolled into the Association. Hand the envelope to the sacristan who will return it to the Parish Office for entry into the Mass Association Book for inclusion in the monthly Mass.

## Parish Choir

Everyone is always very welcome to come and sing in the Parish Choir. If you have not sung before, or not sung for years, or haven't been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally, it doesn't matter, you would be most welcome.

Our next gatherings are on Monday 4th November and Tuesday 3rd December, all at 7pm in St John Fisher Church.

## The Knights Choir

We are seeking to recruit a few members to help with the work that we do in the community. We are best known to many for the support we give to the bereaved by leading the singing at family funerals. However, we also entertain at local venues whenever requested. Fifties and sixties classics feature greatly in our repertoire. Last year the choir raised over £4,000 for local charities.

If you would like to enjoy the satisfaction that comes from singing, making new friends and helping the local community, please consider joining us. No audition required, uniform is provided, and all engagements are within the Widnes area. Some assistance with transport can be given if required. We practice Wednesday mornings in St John Fisher Hall at 10.00am.

For further details please phone Brendon on 0151 420 0611 or Roy on 0151 424 1924.

## Month of the Holy Souls - Pious Envelopes

Please return all your envelopes with the name of those you wish to be included in our parish November Pious List asap. These names will be placed before the altar and be remembered in a special way at each Mass during this month dedicated to remembrance of those who, we pray, have already entered the Kingdom of God.

*"May the choirs of angels, come to greet you, may they speed you to Paradise"*

## Readers and the Revised Lectionary

To help understand these changes we strongly encourage *all readers* in our parish to come to a formation session on **Monday 11th November** in **St John Fisher's Hall**. Led by Deacon Paul, the evening will start at **7.00pm** with light refreshments and then the formation session from **7.30pm** until **9.00pm**. It is hoped that all our readers would attend but this is open to everyone in the parish. The revised Lectionary is an important development in our liturgical celebrations, one that is of particular significance for our Readers.

Please make every effort to attend. For catering and handout purposes, **please pass your name into the parish office asap.**

## St. Wilfrid's Parish Dance

Thank you to all who came to celebrate our parish patron at St. Basil's Parish Centre last week, what a great night for our community! Thank you to the Knights Choir and the Liverpool Ukelele Orchestra who came to entertain us. To Linda and all the staff at St. Basil's Parish Centre for their amazing hospitality and care, bless you. To the Social Committee who give so much of their time in arranging these events in our community, your reward will be great in heaven! We are truly blessed!

We raised **£1.215.00** which will go the upkeep of all our churches!

If you have any ideas for social events or activities, please tell a member of the social committee and they can bring the idea to the next meeting. Social Committee are Marie Eaton, Barbara Norris, Elaine Davies and Susan Warburton.

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of the community. If you have any concern, it is your responsibility to make it known to the appointed officers in the parish.

**Safeguarding Lead – Fr. Mark Moran**

**Safeguarding Representatives – Pauline Ruth, Carol Murray and Pauline Rolt.**

*'Safeguarding relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and to protect them from harm'.*

## 'Cabaret' Evening

All those who managed to get a ticket for our trip to the show in Manchester, please meet outside St. Bede's Church on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm** and we shall head off together. We shall arrive home at approximately 11pm. I am sure we shall have a wonderful evening together!

## November – Month of the Holy Souls

November is when we as a Church remember and pray in a special way the dead, those we have known and loved and those, who in charity, who have no one to pray for them. At every Mass the faithful departed are remembered but during this special month certain opportunities are offered to draw together as a community to pray, remember and support one another in faith.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Feast of All Saints**

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at St. Bede, 7am, St. John Fisher and 12 noon, St. Basil

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Mass for all the Faithful Departed, 10am, St. Bede**

At this Mass we pray for all who have died, and everyone will be offered a bottle of holy water to take to graves or places of remembrance to bless and pray.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Mass for all who have died from our parish in the past 12 months, St. Basil's, 4pm.** At these two Masses the names of all who have died in our parish community in the past 12 months will be read aloud, to call them to mind, to pray and to thank God for them.

*"In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die...they are in peace." Book of Wisdom*

# Parish Liturgy

Please check where Holy Mass is each day as everything is subject to change!

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Harry Taylor
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	S.V.P
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Brian Morris
<b>Monday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Simon &amp; Jude (Apostles)</b>	
<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>Brian Quinn</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
09.00	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
<b>09.30</b>	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Joe Houghton
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Basil</b>	<b>Margaret Mason</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>		
19.00	Vigil Mass for the Feast of all Saints		
		St Bede	John Rawlinson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation</b>	
07.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Good Health (BK)
12 Noon	Holy Mass	St Basil	Stephen Johnson
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>		
10.00	<b>Holy Mass for the Deceased</b>	St Bede	Tracey McNamara & Shelagh Connell
10.30	Confessions		
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Bernard Kelly
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Margaret (Nina) Spofforth
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Ken Gibbins
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Joan Mulroy
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Jean Rimmer
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners

## Sanctuary Lamp

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

<b>St Bede</b>	Pat & Barry New
<b>St Basil</b>	Holy Souls
<b>St John Fisher</b>	John Watt
<b>St Michael</b>	Margaret (Nina) Spofforth

## Requiescant in pace

Mary Taylor, Francis Richards,  
Mary (Teresa) Alderton, William Bloomfield  
& Michael Stevenson

**May the Angels lead them into Paradise!**