



# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Second Collection: Nugent Care**

**10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. 'O let my tongue cleave to my mouth, if I remember you not'**

### **Thank You**

I've been thinking about Lent and how to approach it differently this year. We hear about people giving up things for Lent such as chocolate, biscuits, alcohol, cigarettes etc. That's fine and giving up those types of things is undoubtedly good for your physical health. But I'd argue that Lent should not be understood simply as a test of endurance, of denial, privation, or withdrawal.

So, I decided to take up gratitude for Lent. God blesses us with so many things that sometimes we don't notice them or forget to notice them in our busy lives. Reflecting on this I thought it would be a good idea to say 'Thank You' more frequently for the many good things in life, especially the wonderful gift of Jesus. Research shows that expressing gratitude has a really big positive impact on both your physical and mental health. It also positively changes the way we think about and act towards others.

Jane, Caolan and I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to the parishioners of St Wilfrid's for the fantastic warm welcome we have received since joining the parish just before Christmas. As a token of our thanks, please collect a 'Thank you' bookmark after Mass this weekend. On the back of the bookmark is the prayer of St Wilfrid, our parish Saint.

It's not too late to take up gratitude for Lent!

**Reverend Deacon Paul**

### **Lourdes 2024**

If you are planning on going to Lourdes this year with St Wilfrid's Parish, could we ask that you return your booking form to the Parish Office with your deposit made payable to 'Northern Star' by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. We shall then send all the forms of together.

**Deacon Paul, Denise, and Ged**

### **Lenten Journey**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**      **Early Riser Mass at St Michael's Church at 7am**

*Come and hear His voice in the stillness of the morning, calling you into holiness and healing.*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**      **Scripture Group, 12.30pm at St Bede's Presbytery**

*'My Father will honour anyone who serves me'*

### **Safeguarding – Adult Altar Servers**

Could all adult altar servers, (over 18 years of age), please contact Pauline Ruth, Safeguarding Rep, as a matter of urgency regarding the status of their current DBS check. Please contact Pauline via the parish safeguarding e mail – [safeguarding246@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding246@rcaol.org.uk)

### **Last Call for the Chrism Mass**

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of priests, deacons and lay faithful. Altar Servers are encouraged to attend and wear their albs and sit with other altar servers from across the Archdiocese.

*A coach will be available to take parishioners to the Chrism Mass. We shall leave outside St Bede's Church at 6pm and return around 9.30pm. If you would like to come on the coach, please pass your name and offering of £5 into the Parish Office marked: 'CHRISM MASS' and we shall reserve you a place on the coach.*

### **Pilgrimage to Knock Meeting**

There will be a meeting for all those going on pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at **7.30pm** in **St Bede's Church**. Please make every effort to attend as all information will be shared and questions (hopefully!) answered. We shall also be taking names of those who wish to book onto the coach that will take us to the airport and pick us up on our return.

Our Lady of Knock      pray for us!

St Joseph      pray for us!

St John the Evangelist      pray for us!

### **CAFOD Prayer, Sharing and Soup**

On **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** at St. John Fisher Hall, you are invited to come and fulfil one of the disciplines of Lent, '*giving alms to the poor*'. We do this in a beautiful way! We are asked to forgo our evening meal that day and then come together to pray with one another and then share a bowl of soup and some bread and give what we have saved in our fasting that people in another part of the world might eat. If you have never been to one of these evenings, then please do think about coming, it is always a joyous time together, it helps others and builds community.

Can you please email: [stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk) to confirm your wish to attend, so that we have enough soup for everyone.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Requiescant in pace</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ellen Jones, Madge Houghton, Mary Naughton,<br/>Amy Ogburn &amp; Tommy Cuerden</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May the Angels lead them into Paradise!</b></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 border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><b>St Bede</b></td><td>Les Dean</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>St Michael</b></td><td>Mothers of the Parish</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>St John Fisher</b></td><td>Peace in Holy Land</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>St Basil</b></td><td>Madge Houghton</td></tr> </table> | <b>St Bede</b> | Les Dean | <b>St Michael</b> | Mothers of the Parish | <b>St John Fisher</b> | Peace in Holy Land | <b>St Basil</b> | Madge Houghton |
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| <b>St Basil</b>  | Madge Houghton  |                |          |                   |                       |                       |                    |                 |                |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Lily for Easter</b></p> <p>There are envelopes at the back of all churches, with a form inside for you to list the names of your loved ones that you wish to be remembered. The envelopes should be returned to the office by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The cost of each lily is £5 per stem.</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Easter Bingo</b></p> <p>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, St John Fisher Hall, Moorfield Road. 1.30pm, Admission is £1.00 All proceeds will go the UCM Charity's.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All are very welcome!</p>   |                |          |                   |                       |                       |                    |                 |                |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confirmed Mass Schedule</b></p> <p>After much discussion, reflection and further consideration, the Clergy Team and Vision Group have discerned the way forward for the next chapter of our parish's journey.</p> <p>From the <b>7<sup>th</sup> of April 2024</b>, the weekend Mass Schedule in St. Wilfrid's Parish will be.</p> <p><b><u>2 priest model</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Saturday</u></b></p> <p>10.00am      Holy Mass and Confessions (<i>first Saturday of the month</i>)</p> <p>4.30pm      Vigil Mass at St Basil</p> <p>6.00pm      Vigil Mass at St John Fisher</p> <p><b><u>Sunday</u></b></p> <p>9.00am      Holy Mass at St Bede</p> <p>10.15am      Holy Mass at St Michael</p> <p>11.30am      Holy Mass at St Bede</p> <p>12.30pm      Baptisms</p> <p>4.00pm      Holy Mass at Holy Family (<i>from 1<sup>st</sup> September, this Mass will return to St. Bede's Church</i>)</p> <p><b><u>1 priest model</u></b> (<i>when one priest is away, and we cannot get a supply priest</i>)</p> <p><b><u>Saturday</u></b></p> <p>4.30pm      Vigil Mass at St Basil</p> <p>6.00pm      Vigil Mass at St John Fisher</p> <p><b><u>Sunday</u></b></p> <p>10.15am      Holy Mass at St Michael</p> <p>11.30am      Holy Mass at St Bede</p> |   |                |          |                   |                       |                       |                    |                 |                |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Easter Raffle</b></p> <p>At the back of all the churches there are books of raffle tickets for our annual Easter Raffle. The prizes are amazing as always and are donated by very kind and generous parishioners! Please take as many books as you can and return them to the parish office as soon as you can. All money will go to the upkeep of all our church buildings, so please, sell, sell, sell! Raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday.</p>   |   |                |          |                   |                       |                       |                    |                 |                |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Parish Hall at St John Fisher</b></p> <p>Can I remind every group that uses the parish hall at St. John Fisher that every meeting must be booked in to the diary via the office. This is to avoid a double booking and, also so that every group is insured whilst using the building. Parish Groups have priority in their use of the hall, but we will allow other groups to use it, if it is available.</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish Choir</b></p> <p>We will be preparing for the Easter Services at our next gatherings which will be on:</p> <p><b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm, St Bede.</b> 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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All Welcome!</p>  |                |          |                   |                       |                       |                    |                 |                |

## Parish Liturgy

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|------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</b> |                                       |
| 09.00            | Holy Mass                     | St Bede                                       | Marie Bonnon (7 <sup>th</sup> Ann)    |
| 09.30            | Holy Mass                     | St Michael                                    | Pat Conlon (LD)                       |
| 10.30            | Holy Mass                     | St John Fisher                                | Honor Evans                           |
| 11.15            | Holy Mass                     | St Bede                                       | Parishioners                          |
| 16.00            | Holy Mass                     | St Bede                                       | Jean & Domingo Bernard (Rem)          |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>Weekday of Lent</b>                        |                                       |
| 09.00            | Exposition and Morning Prayer |   |                                       |
| 09.30            | Holy Mass                     | St Basil                                      | Steven Bate (B'day Rem)               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>Weekday of Lent</b>                        |                                       |
| 11.30            | Exposition and Morning Prayer |   |                                       |
| 12 noon          | Holy Mass                     | St Bede                                       | Terry O'Malley (LD)                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>Weekday of Lent</b>                        |                                       |
| 07.00            | Holy Mass                     | St Michael                                    | Rosemary Goher (LD)                   |
| 11.30            | Exposition and Morning Prayer |   |                                       |
| 12 noon          | Holy Mass                     | St Bede                                       | Theresa Callaghan                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>Weekday of Lent</b>                        |                                       |
| <b>10.00</b>     | <b>Funeral Service</b>        | <b>St Bede</b>                                | <b>Sheila Ackerley</b>                |
| <b>11.00</b>     | <b>Requiem Mass</b>           | <b>St Basil</b>                               | <b>Christine Margaret Wilson</b>      |
| 11.30            | Exposition and Morning Prayer |   |                                       |
| 12 noon          | Holy Mass                     | St Michael                                    | Mary Starkey (LD)                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>Weekday of Lent</b>                        |                                       |
| 09.00            | Exposition and Morning Prayer |   |                                       |
| 09.30            | Holy Mass                     | St John Fisher                                | Joseph Pope (LD)                      |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>Weekday of Lent</b>                        |                                       |
| 10.00            | Holy Mass                     | St Bede                                       | Lizzie & Owen Batty (Rem)             |
| 10.30            | Confessions                   |   |                                       |
| 17.00            | Vigil Mass                    | St Bede                                       | Denis Thompson (LD)                   |
| 17.00            | Vigil Mass                    | St Basil                                      | Peter Golson (Sen) (Ann)              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>                   |                                       |
| 09.00            | Holy Mass                     | St Bede                                       | Norah Warren (B'day Rem)              |
| 09.30            | Holy Mass                     | St Michael                                    | Patricia Quinn (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann) |
| 10.30            | Holy Mass                     | St John Fisher                                | Mary O'Brien (8 <sup>th</sup> Ann)    |
| 11.15            | Holy Mass                     | St Bede                                       | Margaret Rimmer (B'day Rem)           |
| 16.00            | Holy Mass                     | St Bede                                       | Parishioners                          |

