

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Solemnity of All Saints (Year C)

2nd November 2025

Please note the Parish Office will close at 13.30pm on
7th, 17th, 26th & 28th November.

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Next weekend – Second Collection - HCPT

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Psalm Response

'Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord'

November: A Month of Prayer and Charity for the Holy Souls

The month of November holds a special place in the life of the Church, as it is dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It is a sacred time to remember with love those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, and to assist them through our prayers, sacrifices, and acts of charity.

In this month, the faithful are invited to renew their commitment to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, especially through prayer for the dead. Offering Holy Masses, reciting the Rosary, visiting cemeteries, and performing acts of charity in memory of the departed are profound expressions of our communion with them in Christ.

Praying for the souls of the departed is an act of love and service — not only for our family members and friends, but also for the forgotten souls who have no one to pray for them. Each act of mercy offered in their name is a testimony to our faith in the Resurrection and in the boundless mercy of God.

May this month of remembrance inspire us to deepen our compassion, strengthen our hope, and renew our longing for the eternal union with God to which we are all called.

**"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen."**

Fr. Mark

Quarant'ore 2025

Please make a commitment to spend some time at Quarant'ore next week, let Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament never be alone in Church. Please make note of the times for adoration and devotions in the newsletter and come and adore Him, who we love so much.

Flowers – Donations are welcome towards the flowers that will adorn the altar, please mark your envelope '40 Hours Flowers' and pass your donations into the Parish Office.

Candles – If you would like a candle for 40 hours, the cost of these are £15 for a large candle and £5 for a small candle which can be lit in memory of a loved one or for a specific intention. The name or the intention will be written on the candle, so only one name or intention per candle please. For example, 'The Moran Family'. Please pass your candle donations into the Parish Office asap. Many thanks!

Fr. Philip's Show – 'Heroes and Villains'

We have managed to acquire 36 tickets for Fr. Philip's Show in Manchester! We always have a wonderful evening together, such fun on the coach and then in to see a fantastic show with a full live orchestra. The show is on **Tuesday 25th November** at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall in Mostyn, Manchester. We shall leave St. Bede's Church at 6pm and arrive home after 11pm. At this show we will all sit around tables and be able to purchase drinks and refreshments while we enjoy the show. The cost of the coach and an excellent seat in the hall is £25pp.

If you would like to attend then please pass your name, telephone number and cost of the trip to the parish office as soon as possible. If you haven't been on a trip with us before, come along, it is always great to spend time as a parish family having fun and a good old sing song!

Congratulations and Thank you

At the 11.30am Mass this Sunday we will commission Julie, Ged, Carol and Sue as Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. These ministers will assist at Mass and take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. Later in the year, when all safeguarding procedures have been completed, Lorena, Brendan, John and Margaret will also be commissioned. Thank you all for your service to the Lord and our whole community.

If anyone else feels that they are called to be a Reader, Special Minister of the Eucharist, Foundation Governor in one of our schools, or any other specific ministry please make contact with any member of the Vision Group, and we will start the procedures and training.

Mary Poppins!

If you ordered a ticket for 'Mary Poppins' at the Liverpool Empire, on **Thursday 29th January**, we need you to pay up! We ordered the tickets when you requested a place and now, we need to book the coach! We will leave on a coach from St. Bede's at 6.15pm and return straight after the show. Please pass your name, telephone number and £95pp which covers the cost of ticket and the coach into the Parish Office, asap for the attention of Susan Warburton.

Gift of Life for Zambia: Chester for Christmas: Wednesday, 3rd December

Our last trip of the year takes us to Chester with all its Christmas activities - the beautifully decorated trees in the Cathedral, the Christmas Markets, the street decorations and the wide variety of shops and eateries. The coach leaves St. Basils at 9.30am and returns at approximately 6pm. Cost is £20. Please put your money in an envelope with your name and telephone number and give it to Monica (0151 424 8194) or Angela (424 8668) Thank you all for your wonderful support and generosity over the year. Angela

Vision Group – Update

Meetings Update.

A meeting took place last week to start exploration on aspects of work outlined by the Archdiocesan Trustees. This new group will work as a subgroup of the Vision Group their focus is: Grant funding, Civic involvement, Partnerships. The next meeting of the group is on **Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm** in the Guild Room.

On Saturday **November 1st** three members of the Vision Group, along with Ollie Stead, (our young adults representative), will attend the Archdiocesan Synodal Council as part of the Warrington/Widnes Deanery representation. Parishioners can join the meeting online by visiting: ArchioceseofLiverpool.org/ASC

Our Consultation Report.

A copy of the consultation summary report sent into the Trustees is available at the back of each of our churches. The full report contained all handwritten group notes from each meeting plus individual personal responses forwarded via email or post, 102 pages in all.

Please continue to support, pray and be involved in these next important steps on our parish journey across the coming months...

HCPT Lourdes – ‘Helping, Caring, Praying Together’

Each Easter, Widnes, Group 180, travel to Our Lady’s Shrine in Lourdes, France, taking local children and young adults with diverse additional needs for a holiday with Our Lady and an experience of a lifetime. It also gives the families a week of much needed respite.

The children and young people have a busy week, visiting the Grotto, taking part in the torchlight procession as well as joining the other groups from Liverpool for our Merseyside Mass. We decorate our big candle which is placed in the grotto and wash in the spring waters of Lourdes. The children and young people experience the Church in a wonderful way as the whole week is focused on them and their needs. We fundraise all year so that there is no cost to the families. It now costs over £1,200 for each young person to travel so as you can imagine we have a big task ahead.

Next weekend there will be a second collection to assist these children and young people to go to Lourdes next Easter. Please be as generous as you always are.

18-35’s Group

16 of us gathered last Friday at St. Bede’s for a Mass in English and Latin and a Prize Bingo in the Presbytery afterwards. The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday 21st November**, 6pm till late at St. Basil’s Church. We will be welcoming Fr. Luke Bradbury, from Manchester, who will be giving a talk on Mary, the Mother of God. Quiz to follow. All are welcome! Follow us on Instagram [@young_catholics_in_widnes](https://www.instagram.com/young_catholics_in_widnes) for more.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede:	Albert Timperley & Jean Handley
St Basil:	Heald Green Community
St John Fisher:	Sr. Eileen
St Michael:	Thanksgiving (AT)

Rest in Peace

Raymond Samuel Massey,
Margaret Rose Stone & John Potter

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	2nd November	Solemnity of All Saints	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Brian Holding
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Joan Mulroy
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Christopher Stanton
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
Monday	3rd November	All Souls Day	
10.00	Funeral Service	St Michael	Erica Norma Shaw
19.00	Mass for all the Faithful Departed	St Bede	Frank Gorman
Tuesday	4th November	Memorial of St Charles Borromeo	
11.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Monica & Anthony Stevenson
Wednesday	5th November	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Seamus Devlin
Thursday	6th November	Quarant'ore Begins	
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Graham McFarlane
10.15	Adoration	St John Fisher	
12noon	Holy Rosary	St John Fisher	
12.30	Adoration	St John Fisher	
18.30	Holy Rosary	St John Fisher	
19.00	Holy Mass & Close	St John Fisher	Sr. Eileen
Friday	7th November	Ferial	
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Mass Association Members
10.15	Adoration	St John Fisher	
12noon	Holy Rosary	St John Fisher	
12.30	Adoration	St John Fisher	
18.30	Holy Rosary	St John Fisher	
19.00	Holy Mass & Close	St John Fisher	Brian Cosgrove
Saturday	8th November	Vigil Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
10.00	Holy Mass (Blessing of graves)	St John Fisher	The Bonnon Family & Kathleen Kukel
10.30	Confessions		
11.00	Adoration	St John Fisher	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Margaret & John McDermott
17.30	Holy Rosary	St John Fisher	
18.00	Holy Mass & Close	St John Fisher	Stan Baker
Sunday	9th November	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Billy Moran
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Barbara Kinsella
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Rimmer
16.00	Mass for the Bereaved	St Basil	The Forgotten Souls