Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

15th November 2020 **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Listen!

I am standing at the door knocking."

Rev 3:20



Bishop John Rawsthorne	0151 424 4021
Fr Mark Moran	0151 422 1774
Fr Joe Bibby (PP)	0151 424 6641
Fr Bill Murphy	0151 495 1854
Fr Carl Mugan (PP)	0151 513 0024
Fr Tom Neylon (PP)	0151 424 2738

NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS:
stwilfridswidnes.uk

Please keep looking at our website for up to date news.

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Parish of St Wilfrid Widnes

https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridswidnes/

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The Parish Office is closed during lockdown

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"Deep peace, God's peace"

One of my favourite places is Lindisfarne, otherwise known as Holy Island in Northumberland. I first went there in the first year of my training to become a priest and I immediately fell in love with the place! The island is steeped in the spirituality of the northern saints and the sense of peace that I find there is palpable. I have returned to Holy Island many times for a visit, on retreat and taking groups of young people to experience the wonder of the place. Taking a group of 25 teenagers on retreat was a real time of 'awe and wonder', Claire Lawson, the youth worker from my last parish and myself packed the youth into a couple of mini buses and off we went. The island is cut off from the mainland for the majority of the time, so once we were on there was nowhere for anyone to go, so we were all able to 'roam free'.

Leading a retreat can be a lot of work, but leading that group for those 4 days was a wonderfully easy experience as they simply experienced the peace, the deep peace of that special place; we walked, we talked, we prayed and we celebrated Mass inside and outside of the house we were staying. It was truly a time that was 'of God'.

This is so important for me to remember as I have a tendency to make things difficult for myself, by overcomplicating what could be a simple thing; especially in my prayer life!

I suggest that most of us can, at times, struggle with our prayer lives. For me, it is because I over complicate it, I make it difficult when it could be easy, prayer, for me, is simply being in the presence of God, taking the mind of God onto myself and being with Him. I don't have to 'do', I have to 'be'. In prayer we ask for what we need, and at this time, perhaps we all need the gift of peace, that deep peace that can come from God alone. When I need the gift of peace I often think of my times on Holy Island and remember the peace that I experienced there and ask God to give me a sense of that peace in my prayer.

So perhaps, in your prayer this week, go to your 'happy peaceful place' and ask for the gift that you need from Him and simply 'be' with Him.

May God bless you and your families. Fr Mark



IMPORTANT UPDATE:

With effect from **Thursday 5th November** there will be no Masses in any of our churches for the duration of lockdown.

St Bede's Church will be open each Tuesday & Thursday from 11am until 12 noon for private prayer.

Funerals are still permitted in church.

The Parish Office will be closed so please email stwilfridswidnes@rcaolp.co.uk if you need to contact the admin team or the clergy. Thank you.

Synod News: Our next steps

Looking at the Proposals

At this stage of the Synod all our Parish Synod Members have been tasked with hearing the voice of parishioners as together we share our thoughts and ideas on the proposals for each Synod theme.

One way in which each of us can do this is by looking through the proposals prayerfully to see what we are 'most drawn to'…

This weekend the proposals for *Theme One*, 'All Called and gifted by God', are attached to our newsletter for us to have a look at, ponder, reflect upon and talk about with those around us, or those with whom we are in contact via What's App, Facebook, telephone etc.

- Then the invitation is to see what your heart is most drawn to…
- Select 2 Affirmations
- Select 5 Proposals
- Send them through to our parish synod members on this email address stwilfridsynod@gmail.com

This will enable our parish members to reflect upon what is shared before they each send through 2 discerned affirmations and 5 discerned proposals in early December. (Themes 2,3, and 4 will be posted out with the newsletter over the next three weekends).

Please take part if you can, every voice matters.

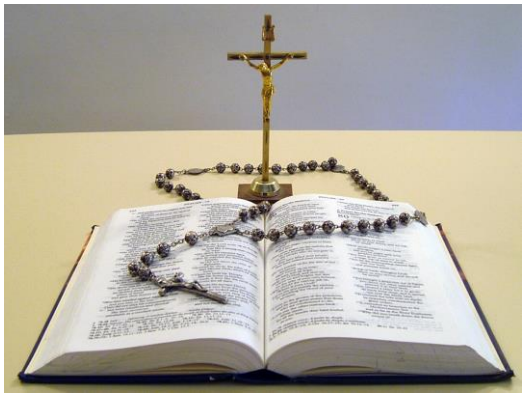
What is your heart drawn to?

We pray for those who are sick

Fr Malcolm Prince Michael McKeown Emma Pender

If you know of someone who is sick & would appreciate their name being placed on the list, please contact the Parish Office on 422 1772. The name of the sick person will appear for 6 weeks, this can be renewed by contacting the Parish Office. We can only place names in the Newsletter with the consent of the sick person.

PARISH NOVENA 2020



As our Wednesday evening Novena Masses have been cancelled perhaps we might all pray the Novena prayer at home:

Dear Mother, the Lord looked on you in your humility and chose you to be the Mother of his Son; and now all ages call you blessed.

God has worked marvels for you.

You witnessed the death of your Son on the cross and your continuing faith brought you to witness his victory over death, filling your heart with joy and praise.

By the example of your life you showed that God's mercy is on those who fear him.

You are now with the saints singing the praises of God and praying for us, who need our prayers.

Pray with us to the Lord, and as our prayers rise before him like incense, may he hear us and answer us, according to his promise.

Pious List

Pious list envelopes will be available at the back of St Bede's Church. Please place a list of those you wish to be remembered at Mass during the month of November and pass them into St Wilfrid's Parish Office, with your donation, at St Bede's Presbytery.

A purple candle is in place on the sanctuary in St Bede's Church which will symbolise our prayers for the dead. The candle will be lit during private prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We pray for those who have died …….

Stephen O'Connor

Nathaniel James (Jimmy) Hosker

Robert Milliard

Marie Theresa O'Connor (nee Mercer)

Frances Moran

Terence Burns

Brian Holding



Magnificat and St Paul's Missal

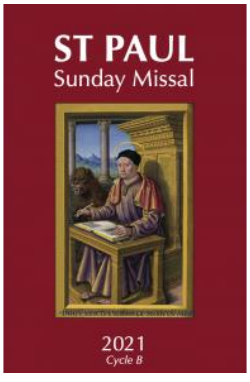
This forthcoming year we will not be ordering any Missals and have had to cancel our subscription to The Magnificat. This is due to the face that we cannot distribute them to any parishioners who want them and cannot afford to be left with any unsold copies as has been happening throughout lockdowns with The Magnificat's.

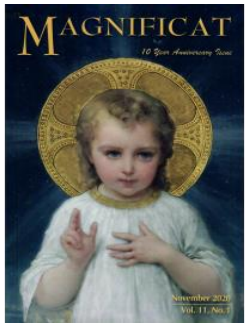
If you would like to purchase either of these publications you can do this directly using the details below.

Perhaps you could ask your loved ones to get you a subscription for a Christmas gift and you with have a reminder of their gift each month when The Magnificat drops through your letterbox. What a lovely thing that would be.

If there are any other publications that you used to get from church and would like to order direct, please contact the office and we will assist you with any contact details.

https://stpauls.org.uk/liturgy/catholic-liturgical-books-booklets/missals.html





Telephone: 0207 828 5582

Email: sales@stpauls.org.uk

How to access Mass

St Wilfrid's Widnes:

YouTube videos are being prepared so that you can participate in Mass.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC52-K27EaYwySzRmeP3f3eA

Mass will be available each Sunday morning; this weekend Fr Bill will be the celebrant, and Fr Joe on 22nd November.

Please share this information with any parishioners who may not have access to the newsletter.

Across the Archdiocese:

New resources now available include:

- Reflection for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download).
- Readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- Week 10 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.
- Deaf Monthly news.

Also, don't forget the opportunity to explore some of The Big Questions of 2020:
Wednesday 11th November: Relationships
Wednesday 18th November: Believing and Belonging
Wednesday 25th November: Care for Creation and All of Life

The pandemic has raised so many questions for us. How can we accompany people who may feel moved to explore these questions as part of their faith journey? Each session will introduce ideas that may help enquirers, RCIA teams or faith sharing in parish groups.

All can be accessed/downloaded at https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/ or through http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

Wednesday Word

This could be a very helpful way of accessing the Sunday readings.

http://wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm

Catholic Pictorial

The latest edition is available digitally at:

https://bit.ly/36fUh2V

http://www.catholicpic.co.uk/ updated daily with news from around the Archdiocese.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NHS Track & Trace

Please remember that if you test positive for Covid-19 and have visited one of our churches in the preceding days it is important that you let the office know by email:

stwilfridswidnes@rcaolp.co.uk

Thank you

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Light a candle

Who is in your heart this season of remembrance? Light a candle for a loved one who is deeply missed, or for someone special who is having a tough time. Add a donation to offer comfort and hope to our global family.

Light a candle



CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY, ST STEPHEN'S DAY – 26th December & THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – 27th December.



Christmas Eve 24th December	8pm	St Basil's
	8pm	St Bede's
	8pm	St John Fisher
	8pm	St Michael's
Christmas Day 25th December	8:30am	St Basil's
	9am	St Bede's
	10am	St John Fisher
	10:30am	St Michael's
	11:15am	St Bede's
St Stephens Day 26th December	12 noon	St Michael's
Sunday 27th December	9am	St Michael's
	10am	St John Fisher
	11am	St Michael's
	4:30 pm	St Basil's

The proposed schedule for Christmas will only be possible if there are enough stewards available to enable the Masses to be celebrated lawfully and safely, and in accordance with the guidance we have received from the Archbishop and the Government. ***I am appealing to those who are fit and able to do so, to step forward to be trained as stewards to help during the Christmas period.*** This will be of great benefit to the parish.

For further information please contact the Parish Office via email – stwilfridswidnes@rcaolp.co.uk

Fr Tom

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions have been allocated up to November. Any new Masses will be allocated as there is space in the individual weeks.

The following Masses will be said by the priests this week:

A recent death

Doreen Whimperly LD

Mike (Bernard) Connolly (Anniversary 10yrs)

Robert Pile

Pious List x 2

People of the Parish

Margaret Smythe

Rita Lomax

Sean Karalius (50th Birthday)

Janet Higginson (1st Ann)

Residents of all our Care Homes

Stephen O'Connor LD

Pam Doyle LD

Tom Ellard LD

Ann Connor

Mary Hammond (5th Ann)

Frances Moran (Lately dead)

Nathaniel James Hosker (Lately dead)

Terence Burns (Lately dead)

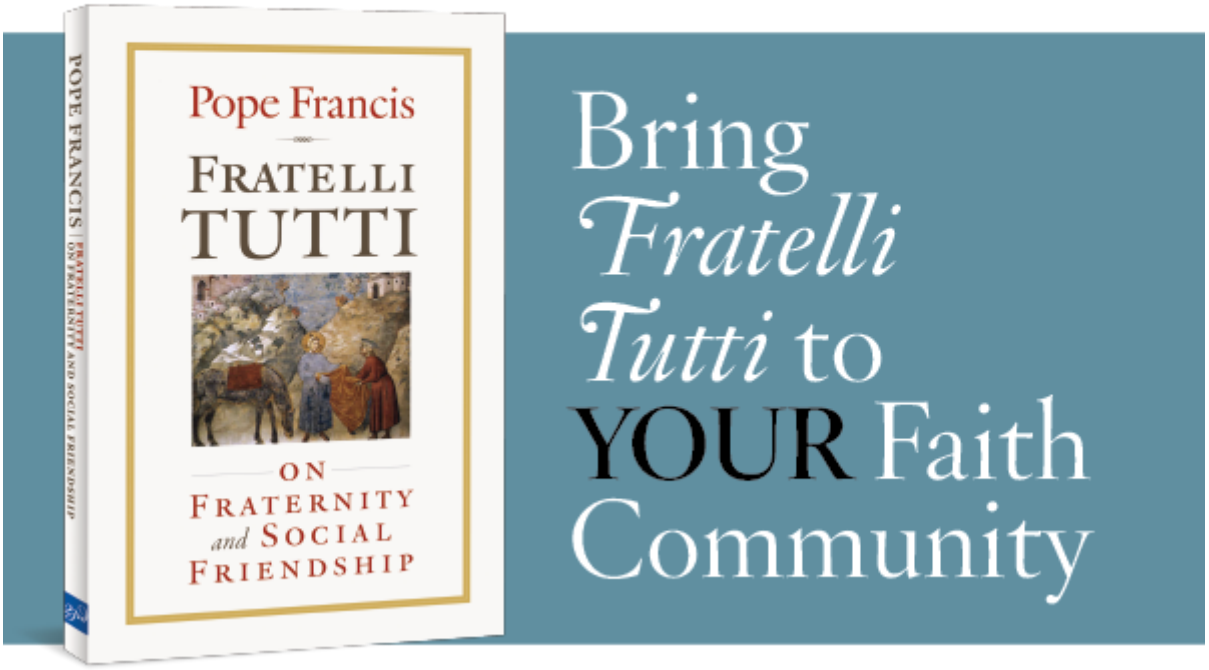
Robert Milliard (Lately dead)

Stephen O'Connor (Lately dead)



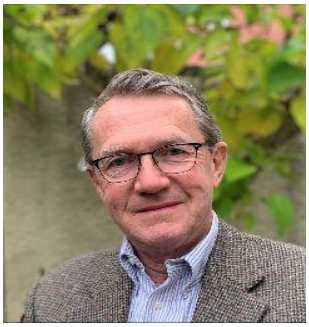
JOIN US FOR A WEBINAR

ON POPE FRANCIS' NEW ENCYCLICAL, *FRATELLI TUTTI*



DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 » **TIME:** 2:00 P.M.(EASTERN TIME)

Join popular catechist Bill Huebsch as he reflects on the rich message of Pope Francis' new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, *On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. Gain unique insights and helpful summaries from this lively conversation and leave with practical applications to help you integrate the Pope's new teachings into your own faith-life, and to enrich the conversations and faith formation sessions of your parish and small faith communities



Click Here to Register in Advance for this Webinar

Funerals

Please remember in your prayers -

Katherine Olivia Donohue

Neville John Conroy

Doris Sylvia Brennan

Barry Loftus

Iris Gerharty



whose funerals took place last week.