



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**Second Collection this week:
Home Mission**

20th September 2026

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Monday to Friday: 9:30-16:30
(unless stated in newsletter)

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Psalm Response

"The LORD is close to all who call him."

Gospel Acclamation Verse

"Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention
to the words of your Son."

Seeking the Divine Presence

In the quiet moments of our week, many of us feel a deep yearning for something more. We sense a calling to invite more of God into our daily routines, our families, and our hearts. Seeking more of God is not about adding more tasks to our busy schedules. Instead, it is about shifting our awareness to His constant presence and allowing His grace to reshape how we live and interact with the world around us.

When we allow God to fill our lives, that divine presence naturally demands expression. We cannot contain the ocean of God's love within ourselves; it must overflow into the lives of others. This spiritual fullness shows itself most clearly through tangible acts of mercy, kindness, and love. It is found in the patient word spoken to a tired family member, the comfort offered to a grieving neighbour, and the conscious choice to forgive a past hurt.

Living a life filled with God means becoming His hands and feet in a world that often feels fractured and cold. Every small act of kindness we perform acts as a mirror that reflects God's light into dark places. When we show mercy to those who stumble, we reveal the very heart of the Father. Let us pray this week for the grace to clear away the distractions of life, making room for more of God so that we may actively share His boundless love with everyone we meet.

Fr. Mark

21st – 23rd May 2027 – Parish Pilgrimage - Northern Saints

Friday 21st

9.30am – Depart from outside St. Bede's Church to head north, stopping at Barnard Castle for lunch.

3pm – Arrive at St. Cuthberts's, Ushaw College where we shall stay for two nights B&B. We shall have a guided tour of the college and settle in our rooms.

6pm – We shall go to a local hostelry, The Board Inn, for a meal together and then return to the college for social time.

Saturday 22nd

8.30am – Breakfast

9.15am – Depart the college for Holy Island, Lindisfarne.

11.15am – Arrive at Holy Island for Holy Mass

12noon – Chance to explore and get some lunch.

2.30pm – Leave Holy Island

(Stopping en route at a supermarket so that we can all buy something for a shared table that evening)

5pm – Arrive back at Ushaw College.

6.30pm – Gather for shared table and social time together.

Sunday 23rd

8.30am – Breakfast

10am – Holy Mass in St. Cuthbert's Chapel

11am – Leave for a trip into Durham City and a chance to explore.

2pm – Leave Durham for home.

5.30pm – Arrive back to Widnes after a wonderful time together.

Costs: As yet, we do not have final costs, but the price will **only** include Bed and Breakfast. The meal in the Board Inn and your lunches on Saturday and Sunday are not included, also everyone will be encouraged to join in with the shared table. Single rooms are limited.

If you would like to register your interest with a **£50 deposit**, please pass your name and telephone number into the Parish Office for the attention of **SUSAN WARBURTON**, and we will gauge the interest in this pilgrimage.

Fr. Mark

Home Mission Sunday

Today is Home Mission Sunday, previously known as Evangelii Gaudium, Catholics across England and Wales are invited to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support the Mission Directorate of the Bishops' Conference through the annual second collection.

The day is a reminder that we are all called to share the joy of the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, parishes and communities, witnessing to Christ in our everyday lives.

For resources, reflections and further information, visit: bcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday

Are you an RCIA 'Graduate'?

If you are one of our wonderful RCIA Alumni from last year, or from previous years, we would love to invite you to a Reunion Social at **7pm** on **29th September** in the Parish Guild Hall.

Grab a drink and a piece of cake and let's get together to talk about the future and how we can accompany each other, and our fellow parishioners, to keep growing in faith as we continue to make St Wilfrid's a wonderful place to be!

St Wilfrid's RCIA Team

Neo-Catechumenal Community

It is with great joy that we welcome the Neo-Catechumenal Community back to the parish of St. Wilfrid.

The community will gather for two weekly sessions, and everyone is warmly invited to attend:

- **Holy Mass:** Every Saturday evening at 7:00pm at St. Basil's Church.
- **Catechesis:** Every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm at St. Basil's Church.

All are welcome to join these times of worship and spiritual growth.

Fr. Mark

Hear more about CAFOD's work!

Thanks to your generous support at moments like Harvest Family Fast Day, CAFOD works across the globe. We are hosting a visit from Michel, CAFOD's manager in Sierra Leone and Liberia. He will share his experiences of the kind of work your support makes possible – a great chance to hear more detail about the difference you can make!

When: Saturday 26th September, 2pm – 3:30pm (with refreshments from 1:45pm)

Where: Parish Hall at St John Fisher (Moorfield Rd, Widnes, WA8 3JA)

Gift of Life for Zambia: Trip to Skipton

Our next trip, on **Wednesday 14th October**, is an old favorite and needs little introduction. Skipton is the gateway to the Yorkshire Dales. It is a small and friendly town with a castle, an historic church and a scenic canal. There is a bustling street market, many cafes and individual shops - something for everyone! We leave St. Basils at 9.30.a.m. and return at approximately 6.30.p.m. The cost is £20. To book please put your money in an envelope marked with your name and telephone number and pass it on to Monica (424 8194) or Angela (424 8668). All profits to Gift of Life for Zambia.

Young Catholics in Widnes

Next event: **Friday 9th October, 18:00 at St. Basil's**, 'A balanced view on Vatican II - a talk by Fr Mark Drew'. Social to follow. Find us on Instagram: [young_catholics_in_widnes](#). **Fr Peter**

Parish Choir

If you have not sung before, or not sung for years, it does not matter. You will be most welcome to join us. Due to safeguarding guidance all members of the choir must be over 18. Our next practice will be on **Tuesday 6th October**, followed Monday 26th October, Tuesday 10th November and Tuesday 1st December. All meetings at 7pm at St Bede's Church.

Ss Peter and Paul Catholic College – Sound of Music

Our spectacular school production of The Sound of Music will take to the stage on the **20th and 21st October** and tickets are now on sale.

Ticket prices:

Standard – £8

Concessions – £5

Get your tickets via TicketSource - go to ticketsource.com/pandpchs

Join us for this feel-good musical, as Maria the spirited, compassionate governess who brings music, love, and joy to the von Trapp family while discovering her own path in life.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	20th September	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Sheila Allen
10.15	Holy Mass	St. Michael	SVP
11.30	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Parishioners
16.00	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Robert Hatton
Monday	21st September	Feast of St Matthew	
09.30	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	St. Basil	
Tuesday	22nd September	Tuesday Week 25 in Ordinary Time	
10.30	Funeral Service	St. Bede	Carolyn McMullin
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Edna Owen
Wednesday	23rd September	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina	
11.00	Requiem Mass	St. Bede	Carol Clark
Thursday	24th September	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	
10.45	Welcome Mass		
	St Bede School, Year 2	St Bede	Robert Bridden
Friday	25th September	Friday Week 25 in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Mary Rath
Saturday	26th September	Vigil of the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
16.30	Holy Mass	St. Basil	Joan & Billy Moran
18.00	Holy Mass	St. John Fisher	Patricia Stapleton
Sunday	27th September	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Margaret Wilson
10.15	Holy Mass	St. Michael	Margaret Mulroy
11.30	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Alex Standen
16.00	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for 7 days for your intention

St. Bede: Alex Standen
St. Basil: Roger Brown
St. John Fisher: Teddy Foulger
St. Michael: Brian Quinn

Rest in Peace

James Burgess, Peter Gibbs
Mary Shropshire & Brian James.

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!