

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

14th January 2024

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Responsorial Psalm

'Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.'

'This is my beloved Son'.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the feast of the 'Holy Family', but this year the great feast of the 'Epiphany' took precedence, so the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday.

Chapter one of St Mark's Gospel tells us about the beginning of Jesus', public ministry, how he travelled from Nazareth to the Jordan river to be baptised by John the Baptist. As Jesus emerges from the waters three things happen:

The heavens open: The Spirit descends, and a voice declares '*You are my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased*'.

As Jesus is filled with the Spirit, we hear an echo of the prophet Isaiah's words, '*The Spirit of the Lord, has been given to me, He has sent me to give the good news to the poor*'.

It is God himself who declares him to be his beloved Son. This revelation and spirit filled moment prepares Jesus for his public ministry.

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is our wake-up call, an opportunity for each one of us, prompted by that same Spirit, to reflect and renew the vows of our own baptism. It is a declaration that we are committed to Christ and the Church, even if we don't remember our own baptism.

Fr Bill

Walsingham 2024

Thursday 28th November – Saturday 30th November

Our parish pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham is open for people to join up. We shall follow the pilgrimage itinerary at the National Shrine, and also have lots of fun and laughter at our Christmas Meal together and watching the Thursford Christmas Spectacular Show. It will be a wonderful time together!

Accommodation is at Elham House. All the rooms are en-suite, but there are a few standard rooms if requested. We have limited single rooms.

A luxury coach that has a loo and very comfortable seats has been booked!

Cost: **£320pp ensuite, with ticket for show and all meals.**
 £280pp standard room, with ticket for show and all meals.

This pilgrimage is always very popular, so, if you would like to join Fr. Mark and hopefully our new priest when he arrives, please complete a booking form which you can find at the back of all churches and return it with £100 deposit, to the Parish Office in an envelope marked 'WALSINGHAM'.

The forms and deposits should be returned by **Monday 5th February** as we must pay the deposit to Elham House.

If you have any queries, please speak to Susan Warburton or leave your name and telephone number at the Parish Office and she will get back to you.

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

During Advent training was offered to all ministers. Towards the end of January, we shall start offering the chalice at most weekend Masses. All ministers were given the opportunity to have instruction on how to exercise their ministry in each church.

So, as a reminder for those who did attend and as a starting point for those who could not attend, a copy of the notes are available for all ministers in the sacristy.

Could all ministers please pick up a copy this weekend.

Pauline Rolt and Fr. Mark

Prayer for Christian Unity

Please try and say this prayer each day as we approach the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

'O Thou kind Lord! Unite all. Let the religions agree and make the nations one, so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one home. May they all live together in perfect harmony'. O God, hear us!

Amen!

Requiescant in pace

Denis Thompson, Thomas O'Malley,
Elsie Riley, Winifred May Dooley,
Elizabeth Smith & Margaret Walker

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Private Intention
St Michael	Special Prayer
St John Fisher	Peace in the Holy Land
St Basil	Vocations to the Priesthood

Appeal from St. Gerard's RC Primary School

St Gerard's Catholic Primary and Nursery School currently run a social supermarket for families to purchase items at a reasonable cost. They are currently in need of cleaning items such as washing up liquids, hand gels etc as well as black bags, tinfoil etc.

If you can donate, please take the items to school, (Lugsdale Road, by the TESCO store) where they will be most appreciated and support the community.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr. Karl Landrum – Headteacher

Service for Christian Unity

Sunday 21st January at 6.30pm.

Holy Family Church, Hall Lane, Cronton, WA8 5DP

This is the first event that has been organised working as our 'Family of Parishes'. Please make an extra effort to attend and pray together for Christian Unity.

Christmas Elves – Thank you!

A big thank you to all who decorated our churches so beautifully over Christmas, cribs, flowers, candles, and Christmas trees!

And a thank you to all who will take them down and pack them away till next year!

We are blessed!

Welcome Archbishop Malcolm

Next week, St. Basil's RC Primary School will welcome Archbishop Malcolm to their school. The whole school are engaged in a 'Year of Peace' which is giving the children, staff, and their families the opportunity to reflect on how we are all called to be peacemakers in our own selves, our families, our community and in our world.

Welcome + Malcolm, it is wonderful to have you amongst us!

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	14th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Michael McKeown (3 rd Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Parishioner
<i>(Welcome Mass for those children who are to be baptised in the coming months and Children's Liturgy of the Word will be available.)</i>			
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Deceased Members Marsh & Slaviski Families
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Frank Kavanagh
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Beatrice Humpries
Monday	15th January		
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	John Hodgson (LD)
Tuesday	16th January		
10.15	Funeral Service	St Bede	Mary Monica Tobin
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	John Hughes (LD)
Wednesday	17th January		
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary Conroy (LD)
Thursday	18th January		
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Joan Wilcox (Birthday Rem)
Friday	19th January		
09.00	Exposition and Rosary		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Philip Morana (LD)
10.00	Requiem Mass	St Bede	William Percival
12.45	Funeral Service	St John Fisher	Terence Ellis
Saturday	20th January		
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Dec'd Members of Burke & McMannion Families
10.30	Confessions		
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	John Jerram (LD)
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Rosita Villafuerte Pacheo (Good Health)
Sunday	21st January		
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Ted & Margaret Riley
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Therese Ambrose (Ann)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Parishioners
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Marjorie Higginson (B'day Rem)
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Nancy Prendergast (Ann)