

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

11th October 2020

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

**“Listen!
I am
standing at
the door
knocking.”**

Rev 3:20



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**NEW PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS:
stwilfridswidnes.uk**

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

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Reflection

‘UNFURL THE SAILS AND LET GOD STEER US WHERE HE WILL.’ St Bede.

It was dark and raining heavily when I returned home after my day off last Monday. In my pigeon-hole I found a beautiful, hand-made card and some lovely biscuits from the children and staff in one of our schools. Inside the card I found the above quotation printed in large letters.

It is difficult for any of us to imagine what the future will be like when we get to the position where this virus will be under control. It would seem, that for now, we need to be mindful of others and to work together to keep ourselves safe. Our immediate and long-term plans have been disrupted but God's plan for the whole of creation remains in place.

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Last Sunday, I was privileged to celebrate the 11am Mass during which Ashleigh, Chloe, Katy, and Yvonne were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. For more than a year they had been preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, the Anointing of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and their 1st Holy Communion with the assistance of their sponsors and parish catechists, expecting to be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil on the 11th April. During this strange time, that we have been living, all involved in their journey have been able to keep in touch through WhatsApp. Whatever the restrictions on day to day life and the disruption of our plans the Faith is very much alive. We are invited to unfurl the sails of our parish so that we may become the Church that God is calling us to be.

Fr Tom

Archbishop Malcolm invites us to pray together with him through these times:

***God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son.
Jesus Christ.
Amen.***

PARISH NOVENA 2020

This year's Novena will be celebrated at St Michael's church at 7.00pm on:

Wednesday, October 14th, 21st, 28th

Wednesday, November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Wednesday, December 2nd

We are invited to bring our Novena Petitions (**please write them out at home before you come to Mass**) and place them in the petitions box.

We are also encouraged to pray the Rosary at home during these weeks of Novena for the intercession of Our Lady.

The new Director of the National Shrine of Walsingham, Mgr Philip Moger, is a friend of Fr Tom's. He will celebrate Mass for all our Novena Petitions in the Basilica in Walsingham on Sunday, 6th December.

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>



The time represents when the service will be available on You Tube although you can access them any time after that or even multiple times at your own convenience.

Sunday 11th October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – mid morning

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

Across the Archdiocese:

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

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CLERGY HEALTH UPDATES

Bishop John has just received the good news that his hip replacement operation is due to take place on Monday, October 19th after being postponed from April. This means that he will be out of action for several weeks.

Fr Bill has just returned to the parish and is feeling very well. He looks forward to seeing parishioners once again at Mass.

We keep them both in our prayers.



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.

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Please note that the churches will be open half an hour before Mass starts. This is to allow for controlled and staggered arrival times. Please consider this when making your plans and allow enough time.

CHURCH CAPACITY

Due to social distancing requirements, the maximum number of people allowed in each of our churches is greatly reduced. Once the maximum number has been reached, anyone else who arrives will not be able to enter the building. Our maximum capacities are as follows:

St Michael's	110
St Bede's	68
St John Fisher's	50
St Basil's	50

Please remember that there is currently no obligation to attend Mass. Also, you may consider attending Mass only **one day a week** to make space for others.

If you have any Covid 19 symptoms (i.e. a new, continuous cough) you must not attend church. Also, if you have tested positive for Covid 19 you must not attend church until you have recovered. This is for the safety of others.

You **MUST** wear a face-covering as you enter church and throughout Mass.

- Please use the hand sanitisers provided as you enter and leave church.
- If you have a device or missal with text for Mass you may bring this with you.
- A steward will direct you to a seat.
- Holy Communion will be given out at the end of Mass.
 - A steward will invite each row forward in a pre-determined order.
Please wait to be invited before leaving your bench.
 - Take your face covering down when the person in front of you is receiving.
 - Receive the host in your hand, step to the side, consume the host and then put your face covering back on.
 - Make your way slowly and reverently out of church, using the one-way system.

We may have to stop offering public worship at very short notice following Archdiocesan and Government advice.

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CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

survive rebuild heal

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2020

A Harvest like no other...

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis.

We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world *survive, rebuild and heal*.

Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes which are available at the back of church as you leave. (Envelopes can be returned next week in any collection basket.)

You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

(Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

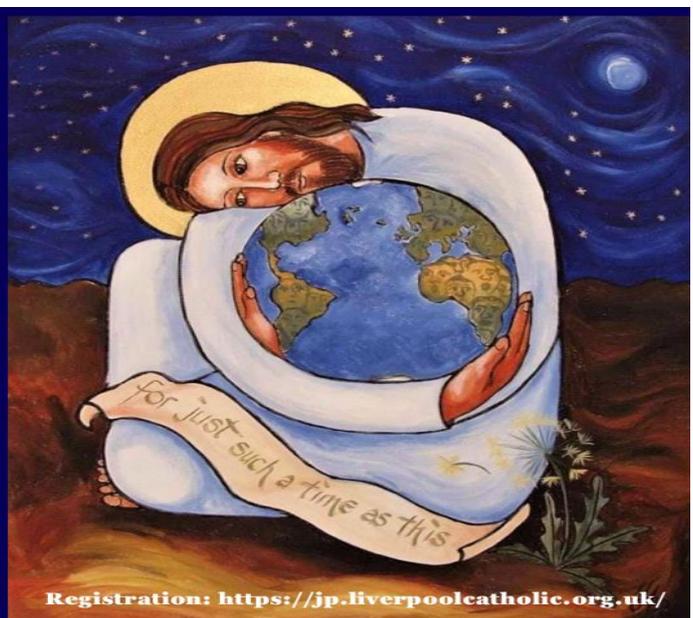
'Give what you can and save lives' Thank You

Prepare the Future:

**Taking the
Common Good
Seriously**

**Zoom meeting led by
Christine Allen
Director of CAFOD**

**10th October
10am—12pm**



A GENTLE REMINDER

We are able to attend Mass in our parish thanks to the generosity and hard work of the volunteer stewards - parishioners who give of their time to guide us through the church buildings in a safe way and who sanitise the buildings after we have left. In order to keep us all safe, to ensure that we all comply with current regulations, and to keep our churches open, they have received training from the Archdiocese. It is very important that we all follow their instructions, even if that means having to sit somewhere that we are not accustomed to. It is also important that they are treated with courtesy and respect.

Once we leave church after Holy Communion, please be aware that we do not gather in groups outside church for a chat. We need to disperse immediately.

MISSIONING MASS – METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

St Martin de Porres was named as patron saint of LAMP (Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Programme) when it was founded by Archbishop Worlock on St Martin's Feast Day, 3rd November 1979.

On **Tuesday, 3rd November at 7.00pm** Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral to mark my decision to join LAMP and to work on the Missions in Peru in the name of our Archdiocese from January. During the Mass I will receive my Mission Cross from him; the same one I received from Archbishop Derek Worlock when I joined LAMP for the first time in 1994, and from Archbishop Patrick Kelly when I joined for the second time in 2004.

All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass in the Cathedral which will be a wonderful occasion for us to gather in larger numbers. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide a coach to the cathedral. Please remember to bring your facemask.

Fr Michael will be concelebrating the Mass too, so it will be an opportunity to see him if you were not able to do so before he left Widnes. We will do our best to avoid a Two Ronnies' Act!

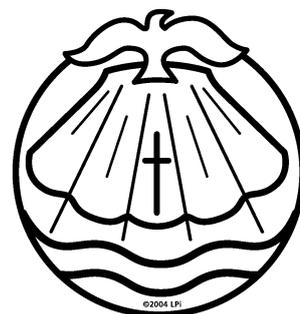
Fr Joe

Baptisms

We welcome:

Nathan Onyedikachi Ngwy Jack Stephen Karalius

Elsie-Mae O'Connell Finnlag James Milo Allen



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions have been allocated up to October. 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:

Parishioners of the parish

Ann Hurst

Brian Durr (late)ly dead)

Ann Doran (late)ly dead)

Carol Ann Randall Anniversary

George Dickenson

Benny Lynch 9th Ann.

Sheila Faulkner

Bill O'Garra (late)ly dead)

Residents of all our care homes

Mark Sullivan 1st Anniversary

John & Margaret McDonnell

Barrow Family Anniversary

Marie Hough (late)ly dead)

James Vincent Clark (late)ly dead)

Collette Cain (late)ly dead)



SUNDAY 4.30pm MASS

Please note from Sunday, **October 18th** the **4.30pm Mass** will be transferred from St Michael's church to St Basil's church.

We pray for those who have died

Marie Hough

James Vincent Clark

Collette Cain

Michael Donnelly

Michael Keogh

More Good News from our RCIA Team!!!

At the 11.00am Mass last weekend Fr Tom received Ashleigh, Chloe, Katy and Yvonne into the Church as they were Baptised, Confirmed and received their first Holy Communion.

Many parishioners, family and friends were there to support and welcome them into our parish community...so what was the whole experience like?

This is what Ashleigh and Chloe shared with us:

Last week, we were welcomed further into our Church. Our RCIA journey was a little longer than usual due to Covid, as we have spent the last 18 months immersing ourselves more into our wider parish. We are so thankful as it has been amazing to be such a big part of our Catholic community. Each week we have been able to explore different areas of our faith and have gained a stronger understanding and connection through this.

We would highly recommend joining the RCIA group. It not only allows you to understand and appreciate your faith more but enables you to access the wider Catholic community, get involved and make friends too.

Our journey was started through the guidance of our wonderful grandad, who we sadly lost in November 2019, life is very difficult without him here but we know that through God, and the Church, he is always with us and our faith will bring us together again one day.



Synod 2020 Update

The Next Synod Sunday will be on Sunday 18 October 2020. This would have been the Sunday of our Synod Weekend before the timetable was revised in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A leaflet, available through the Synod website, will remind us of our four Synod Themes which will include any new reflections from the COVID-19 experience. This leaflet will also outline the revised journey and the immediate next steps.

Remember to keep us in your prayers as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be.

