

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

18th October 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Rev 3:20



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stwilfridswidnes.uk

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Reflection

‘HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE, BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN’

If my memory serves me right, this is the second prayer that I was taught by my parents and the teachers in our primary school. It is a short memorable prayer which is so rich in content. The first part are words taken from St Luke's gospel; the second part expresses Catholic belief in Mary as the Mother of God and the third part is a petition to Mary. This prayer is part of the foundation of the Rosary which the Church encourages us to pray during the month of October.

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It was a joy when I discovered that the words of the 'Hail Mary,' are found in the scriptures. It made the prayer so much more meaningful. The words we find in St Luke's gospel are the words spoken by the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation and by Elizabeth at the Visitation. As we pray these words in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, we are caught up in the mystery of God becoming Man in the pregnancies of Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth's son becomes a signpost pointing the way to Christ: Emmanuel – God with us.

As we celebrate St Luke's feast day may we continue to rejoice in the presence of Christ, as he reveals himself in the life we live and among those around us.

Fr Tom

This week we celebrated the feast day of Saint Teresa of Avila, a Doctor of the Church.

Below is a wonderful prayer of St Teresa: A Prayer for our time....

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*

(Poem of St Teresa of Avila, feast day October 15th)

PARISH NOVENA 2020

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

Wednesday, October 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 18th October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – mid morning

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

Across the Archdiocese:

- [Reflection for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (also available as an audio download).
- [Readings for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#).
- ['Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ](#).

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 UPDATES

Good News! Fr Bill is back in the parish and living in his home in Sefton Avenue; some of you may have seen him at Mass this week. He will be starting to celebrate Mass very soon and is looking forward to seeing you all again.

And the bad news is that unfortunately Bishop John's hip operation has been put on hold again.

Please remember them both in your 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.



CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2020

A Harvest like no other....

Last week our parish is marked 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 this week in any collection basket at any of our churches.)** 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



survive rebuild heal

God, you call us out of darkness.

May we hear your voice in the cry of our brothers and sisters in crisis.

As you walk alongside us always, may we walk beside one another
listening and responding in love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18th October 2020

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilceia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: **missio.org.uk**

Collection boxes will be available at the back of all our churches this weekend for your donations.



Fr Joe

Fr Joe will be leaving the parish to take up his new role during November. He will say his last Mass in our parish on 22nd November.

Fr Joe has received confirmation that he will be working in the Diocese of Sicuani, which is in the mountains about two hours' drive from the city of Cuzco. He will be flying to Peru on 6th January.

When a priest leaves a parish, it is usual for us to have the opportunity to express our gratitude and have a farewell celebration. **"Fr Joe Testimonial"** envelopes will be available at the back of all our churches which can either be placed on the collection, handed in to the Parish Office, or through the letter box of any of the presbyteries. Alternatively, you can use your own envelopes, but please ensure you write "Fr Joe Testimonial" on the outside.

Due to the impact of the recent Covid restrictions the Mass for Fr Joe and Fr Michael, that was due to take place in the Cathedral, will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 3 November in St Michael's, Ditton. ***As you are aware there is a limit to the capacity in the church and those who wish to attend must book a place by contacting the Parish Office – 0151 422 1772.*** Thank you for your understanding.

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

Catharine Rudge (Confirmation)

Alan Hunt Birthday remembrance.

John & Mary Catharine Cosgrove Ann.

Shirila Faulkner

Bob Hickton Birthday Remembrance

Cyril Morris 47th Anniversary

Joan Skilky Anniversary

Eileen & Joseph Skilky

Special Intention- Stephen Fenney

Patricia Hammond Anniversary

Baby Dolice Jones

Joseph Higgins 7th Ann.

Liam Carter 1st Ann.

Michael Keogh (late) (late)

Michael Donnelly (late) (late)



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

Michael Donnelly

Michael Keogh

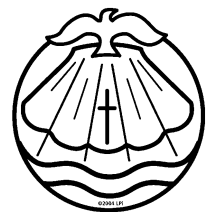
Antony Martin

Joseph Maurice Brandreth



Baptisms

We welcome:



Tommy Douglas Herco Kingsley

SYNOD SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the third Synod Sunday in the Archdiocese. Originally this was to be the weekend of our Synod 2020 event but the COVID-19 pandemic means this will now take place in June 2021.

Today the summary proposals on our four Synod Themes will be published which you will find on the Synod Website.

Over the coming weeks our local Synod Members will be inviting your responses to these proposals as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be. Please visit the website, read the summary proposals, and prayerfully reflect on them. www.synod2020.co.uk

Enclosed Archbishop Malcolm Pastoral Message for the occasion.



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.

We will then be able to advise others who attended the same service.

Thank you



Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

RETROUVAILLE is for couples with marriages that are struggling, maybe not communicating well, and for those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who have already separated or divorced who want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the programme. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **12th -15th Nov 2020**. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

THIS WEEKEND		TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Saturday 17 th October	11:00am	St Bede's	Confession
	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 18 th October	9:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	10:00am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	4:30pm	St Basil's	Mass

WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1	
Monday 19 th October	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass
Tuesday 20 th October	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
Wednesday 21 st October	7:00pm	St Michael's	Novena Mass
Thursday 22 nd October	11:30am	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 23 rd October	9:15am	St Michael's	Mass

NEXT WEEKEND		THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Saturday 24 th October	11:00am	St Bede's	Confession
	5:00pm	St Michael's	Mass
Sunday 25 th October	9:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	10:00am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11:00am	St Michael's	Mass
	4:30pm	St Basil's	Mass

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Funerals

Please remember in your prayers those whose funerals took place last week.

Marie Hough

James Vincent Clarke

Collette Cain

