

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year C)**

28th September 2025

Parish Office:

St Bede's Presbytery
Appleton Village
Widnes
Cheshire
WA8 6EL

Parish Clergy:

Rev Fr Mark Moran (PP, Moderator)	0151 422 1772
Rev Fr Peter Ross	0151 422 1772
Rev Deacon Paul Rooney	0151 422 1772

T: 0151 422 1772

E: stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk

W: stwilfridswidnes.uk

Office Manager:

Sylvia Cawley

Administrator:

Deborah Kenna

Psalm Response

'My soul, give praise to the Lord.'

Made in God's image

You may recall that in last week's newsletter I made reference to the Season of Creation which runs from 1st September until the 4th October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. In this Season of Creation, you may wish to read and reflect on the Story of Creation in Genesis 1. It's a wonderful story of how God brought order out of chaos.

For Catholics, rather than being a literal explanation for the origin of life, Genesis 1 teaches us key information about God's nature. God made the world how he wanted it to be, and he is omnipotent. Creation also highlights God's transcendence.

Here are a couple of extracts from Genesis 1 I'd like you to consider:

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth....

and

Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness.

From these texts we see that each one of us is part of God's beautiful creation. Because of this we understand that every human life is equal, inherently sacred and worthy of dignity and respect. This is not some kind of tame, abstract and purely conceptual understanding. It is active. It's a call to us to create communities and social systems that reflect the underlying love and divinity of each person.

A parish is not complete or whole unless it includes, nurtures, and rejoices in each of its members, for each of its diverse members are made in God's image.

Jesus welcomed everyone. Let's follow His example and continue to open our doors and our hearts wider.

Deacon Paul

October Talks – Gospel of St. Matthew

We begin our exploration of St. Matthew's Gospel on **Wednesday 1st October** at **7pm** in **St. John Fisher Hall**. Refreshments will be served from 6.40pm. **Dr. Dominika Kurek-Chomyxz** will lead us on Wednesday with the first talk which shall give us an overview and introduction to St. Matthew's Gospel. At 8pm, after the talk, there will be Benediction in St. John Fisher Church. Please come and learn more about Jesus.

Blessing of Animals

The annual Blessing of Animals will take place at St Benedict's, Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE, next **Sunday, 5 October, at 2.00 pm**. This short service provides an opportunity to thank God for our animal friends, to bless those who are poorly, remember our beloved pets who have died, and pray for the many animals that suffer in our own country and across the world. The service will last about 25 minutes and will be followed by some treats for pets and refreshments for their servants!

Fr Dave Heywood

Called to Serve

Thank you to those who expressed an interest in being formed as new Eucharistic Ministers (aka Extraordinary Ministers of Communion). It's fantastic that there was enough interest shown for us to organise a formation session. Thank you! This will be held in the Guild Hall **10.30am until 12.30 on Saturday 18th October 2025**. Please let the Parish Office know if you can attend this event for catering and organisational purposes. As an Extraordinary Minister, you are called to serve the community by assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion. There is still time to step forward and join this formation session. Just drop your name and contact details into the Parish Office.

Dcn. Paul

Widnes Catholic Children's Choir

Widnes Catholic Children's Choir have started their rehearsals again after the summer break at **St John Fisher Church Hall – Monday's 4-5pm**. They are currently looking for lots of new members from Years 2-8 who love singing and want to join our amazing group! There are many exciting concerts and events planned for the coming year both in Widnes and beyond, so if you know of someone who is interested, please follow this link to sign up. <http://eepurl.com/i8AkqA>

Gift of Life for Zambia : Trip to Buxton, Wednesday, 22nd October

Our next trip takes us to the lovely spa town of Buxton in the Derbyshire Peak District. The town has a wealth of sights to discover - Buxton Crescent, the Pavilion Gardens, Buxton Baths, The Pump Room, lots of individual shops and cafes. The coach leaves St. Basil's at 9.30am and returns at approximately 6.30pm. Cost is £22. Please put your money in an envelope with your name and telephone number and give it to either Monica 0151 424 8194 or Angela 0151 424 8668.

Book Sale

U.C.M would like to thank everyone for their generosity. £77.00 was raised for their charity fund.

Parish Choir

If you have not sung before, or not sung for years, or have not been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally, it doesn't matter, you will be most welcome. Due to safeguarding guidance all members of the choir must be over 18. Our next practice is **Tuesday 14th October** at **7pm** in **St. John Fisher Church**, followed by **Monday 3rd November**.

Mass of Thanksgiving – Archbishop Malcolm

If you are coming to this Mass and have put your name down for the coach, we shall leave St. Bede's at **6pm** on **Friday 3rd October** and return around **10pm**. There are still a couple of places left on the coach, if you would like to come, £10pp, names to the Parish Office asap.

Important Reminder

When coming up to receive Holy Communion during Mass, please remember do not leave bags and valuables on your seat. Please always keep your valuables with you. Thank You.

St. Wilfrid's Parish Pilgrimages 2025/2026

Pilgrimage to Knock - October 2025

If you have booked to come onto the coach to the airport, please pass £16pp into the Parish Office with your name and telephone number marked for the intention of **Susan Warburton**. Please do this before **Monday 6th October. Meeting** – there will be a short meeting on **Monday 6th October** at **7pm** to answer any queries in St. Bede's Church.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi – October 2026

We are exploring a parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in October 2026. We shall spend 4 nights in Rome staying at the Cardinal Hotel on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. Then we shall move onto Assisi for two nights. On the pilgrimage we shall visit all the main sites in Rome and Assisi and have a wonderful time together. The costs quoted to date: **£1300pp based on two people sharing a room. £1500pp in a single room.**

At the moment, we are just seeing if there is any interest for this pilgrimage. If you think you would like to know more, can you pass your name, address and telephone number into the Parish Office for the attention of **Susan Warburton** and we shall go from there!

Pilgrimage to Walsingham – November 2026

Many parishioners have asked about going on pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham again. We are looking at going in November 2026.

The costs quoted to date: **£350pp en suite, including your ticket for the Thursford Extravaganza Show.** If you are thinking of coming on this pilgrimage can you let your interest, be known to **Susan Warburton** by passing your name, address and telephone number into the Parish Office asap as we have to book before the beginning of December 2025.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2026 – Join Coach 6!

Young people (aged 15–22) from Warrington, Widnes and Leigh parishes and schools are warmly invited to join the Archdiocesan Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage, taking place **22nd – 31st July 2026**. This is a wonderful opportunity to travel with other young people, grow in faith, make lifelong friends, and serve the assisted pilgrims who journey to Lourdes. **Cost: £720** (Early Bird Discount: £670 if applied before 20th October) Fundraising opportunities will be available to help reduce costs. Deposit: £100 at time of application. Includes: Travel, 7 nights' hotel accommodation, all meals, insurance, and pilgrimage t-shirts. Application forms are available online from Monday 15th September, please visit www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk. For more information, please contact Dan Antonio, Coach Leader, via email - coach6@rcaol.org.uk. You can also follow Coach 6 on our social media platforms, Facebook (Lourdes Coach 6) and Instagram (coach6lourdes). Come and join Coach 6 for a life-changing experience!

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	28th September	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Wilson
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	John Murphy
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	John & Margaret McDermott
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Ted Riley
Monday	29th September	Feasts of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	
10.00	Funeral Service	St Michael	Jennifer Mary Settle
Tuesday	30th September	Memorial of St Jerome	
10.00	Requiem Mass	St Basil	John Jeremy (Jem) Atherton
11.00	School Mass	St Michael	Billy Moran
Wednesday	1st October	Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus of Lisieux	
11.00	Funeral Service	St Michael	Terence Brendon Karalius
12.00	School Mass	St John Fisher	Thanksgiving for the gift of our Catholic Faith.
20.00	Benediction	St. John Fisher	
Thursday	2nd October	Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angel	
No Mass or Service			
Friday	3rd October	Ferial	
09.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	David Lockett
Saturday	4th October	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi	
10.00	Holy Mass & Confessions	St Basil	Mass Association Members
		Vigil of the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Tommy Weaver
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Linda Ursula Garvie
Sunday	5th October	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Cyril Leslie Fallon
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Sarah Beaney
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	James Cassidy

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede:	The Vision Group
St Basil:	Special Intention (Sean)
St John Fisher:	Children of St Wilfrid's
St Michael:	Declan Smith

Rest in Peace

William Patrick Ryder, Joseph Lynch,
Bernie Glaze, Erica Norma Shaw
& William Hunt
May the Angels lead them into Paradise!