

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

25th April 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at
the door
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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There will be a retiring collection
THIS week
in aid of the
Priests Training Fund

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Resurrection amongst the rubbish..

Many years ago, I was asked by Archbishop Worlock to accompany other delegates (led by Bishop John!) to go to the Philippines to see the work of CAFOD and to attend the World Youth Day with Pope John Paul II. What an opportunity!

We spent the first weeks on the island of Negros, visiting the communities and seeing the wonderful work of CAFOD amongst the poorest of the poor, both humbling and life changing in so many ways.

After our time there we move to Manila to await the arrival of our Holy Father, while we waited, we went to Smoky Mountain to visit the people there and this was to be an experience I am sure we would never ever forget.

Smoky Mountain is the rubbish dump for metro Manila; every hour, 24 hours a day, refuse trucks come and dump the rubbish there and day on day, men, women and children search through the rubbish to see if there is anything amongst the debris that could be used or sold. Fires erupt without warning and the smell was horrendous, yet in their desperation the people search and try to find anything that could be used from what others view as rubbish.

Amongst this horror was a church and a school, dedicated to the **RESURRECTION**, here the people gather to pray, to celebrate Mass and receive the Sacraments, here the children, when they can, attend school and I will never forget behind the altar was a statue of Jesus coming out of the tomb, but the tomb was made of the rubbish found on the mountain, gathered by the people, by the parishioners - it was the best they could offer. There Jesus did not walk out of the tomb, he walked out of the rubbish, the discarded, the waste and truly offered a message of hope to those who felt rubbish and forgotten and thrown away.

I was truly humbled.

Fr. Mark

Message from Fr. Carl

The message of Easter is all about new life and resurrection and about new beginnings for all of us. With this in mind, I received a call from Archbishop Malcolm last week to ask if I would take up a new appointment as Parish Priest to "Our Lady of Walsingham" in Netherton, I happily accepted and am looking forward to becoming part of the community there. So sadly, I will be leaving Widnes within the next couple of months.

My time in Widnes has been extraordinary and I can only say that this chapter in my life hasn't been boring! I will continue to keep everyone in Widnes in my prayers and hope that you will keep in touch and keep me in your prayers also.

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity, and I hope you continue to stay safe and to take care of each other.

God Bless and goodbye

Fr. Carl

We pray for those who have died, *John Martin, Mary Rearden*

and those whose funeral take place this week, *Mary Walsh*

This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:

St Basil's ***In memory of Bill & Vera McDonnell***
St Bede's (1) ***In memory of Teresa Carolan***
St John Fisher ***For all parishioners***
St Michael's (1) ***In memory of Fr Francis Smith***
St Michael's (2) ***In memory of dec's members of McCann family***



On line Masses can be accessed from the Metropolitan Cathedral by following the link below:

[The Metropolitan Cathedral Liverpool - YouTube](#)

You can also access Masses from Walsingham:

www.youtube.com/WalsinghamCatholicTV.

'Time of prayer for those affected by sexual abuse'

Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm

St. Bede's Church, WA8 6EL

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has called for a worldwide day of prayer for all those affected by sexual abuse in our society. We here in our parish will gather in church to pray together before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, He who is the Healer of all pain, distress and sorrow.

Please come and pray as a community for those who have suffered and are suffering from sexual abuse.

THIS WEEKEND

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Saturday 24th April	11am	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 25th April	9am	St Michael's	Mass
	9am	St Bede's	Mass
	10am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11am	St Bede's	Mass
	4pm	St Bede's	Mass

WEEKDAYS

WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1	
Monday 26th April	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 27th April	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Wednesday 28th April	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 29th April	12noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 30th April	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass

***The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass**