

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

PALM SUNDAY AND THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

**“Listen!  
I am standing  
at the door  
knocking.”**  
*Rev 3:20*



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## Fr Bill's Reflection

When is Joseph not Joseph?... When he is Francis.... 😞.....!

How many noticed my mistake in the newsletter last week. ?  
This is what happens when you take your eye off the ball...ups!

A very simple but reflective celebration took place last Monday at the 9.30 mass in St Basil's. It was the 38th anniversary of the consecration of the new St Basil's and All Saints, a shared church between the Anglican and Catholic communities. Pope John Paul blessed the consecration stone of the church when he came to Liverpool as part of his pastoral visit to the United Kingdom. The blessing of the new church was a joint ecumenical service celebrated by Archbishop Derek Worlock and Bishop David Sheppard.

It was great to be together in their name to remember and pray for our continued work in healing divisions. I'm sure the celebration brought back many memories for those who were present.

Last Wednesday the 23rd of March was the first anniversary of National Lockdown. It's unbelievable to think that a year has passed and we are now left with the grim reminder of how 2020 became the worst year of all our lives. Each one of us will be daily counting the cost of how Covid19 has changed our lives and the lives of our loved ones for ever and how we must struggle to come to terms with all those things we took so much for granted and now miss and those things we would rather now forget. It is time for us to call upon that same faith, strength, courage and hope that helped us remain steadfast and strong during these past twelve months as we take a leap of faith to a brighter and better future 'Please God ' with the help and roll out of the Covid vaccines.

We pray for those who have died,

*Tess Conway*

*John Heaton*

*Peter John Moran*

Those whose funerals are next week. *Thomas John Coady*



## ***Envelope collection boxes***

The new set of envelopes for 2021/22 are ready for collection from the parish office.

The new box starts on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021. If you have not collected your new box please use the spare envelopes in this year's box or use your own envelope until you can collect them.

If you no longer want to use the envelope sets or have changed to a standing order, please can you let the office know.

Thank you

## **MASS INTENTIONS.**

The following Masses have been said by the priests this month:

Parishioners of the parish x 4

Karl John Lenehan LD

James Bebbington

Janet Wilcox LD

Winnifred Marston LD

Elizabeth Geraghty 17<sup>th</sup> Ann

Radcliffe & Ross family

Peter Ruth – 15<sup>th</sup> Ann

Residents of all our care homes x 4

Joseph Terence Wright

Jean Bernard LD

Marie Quirk LD x 4

Fr Peter Fox LD

John Anthony McGrath

Ann Jones

Thomas Bowles LD x 3

Francis Brown LD

Ted Dourley LD x 2

Frances Fenlon LD

Bessie Hyder 106<sup>th</sup> B'day remb

The Intentions of R Murray

Valerie Boyle LD

Kevin Geraghty B'day remb

Patricia Waller B'day remb

Michelle Spencer (Adams) 6<sup>th</sup> Ann.

Richard Donlon LD

Elizabeth Yates LD

Anthony O'Dowd LD x2

Annie Humphries LD

Frank Broome – Ann

Veronica McDonnell LD

Dec's members of Bernie & Carter Families

Joan Fenney LD

Monica Leonard LD

Irene Robinson – 12<sup>th</sup> Ann

Christopher Topping LD

Margaret Heaton LD

Kevin Pybus LD

Peter Geraghty 70<sup>th</sup> B'day remb.

Tom Duffy LD

Mary Tollet

Kevin McCarthy – B'day remb.

Julie Conway – 1<sup>st</sup> Ann

Margaret Smith

Jimmy Joe Leahy LD

Monica Davidson- B'day remb.

Glenys Hammond LD

Brian Holding

Baby Isaiah Pender

## **TRIDUUM**



***What a joy that we can open our churches to celebrate the greatest week of the Church's year! Thank God!***

If you would like to attend services on Good Friday or Easter Day you will **NEED A TICKET**. The tickets will be available **THIS WEEKEND** before Mass at the Church you would like to attend.

### **PLEASE...**

1. Remember, one ticket is needed for each person who is coming to the Mass, there are no family tickets or plus 1's!
2. Only take a ticket if you are sure you will be attending, do not take one for someone who 'might' come.
3. If you take a ticket and then realise you do not need one then please return it ASAP.
4. On the ticket there is a space for your contact details, please fill them in before coming to Church, this will speed up the 'Track and Trace' process.
5. Tell your family and friends not to just turn up to Mass without a ticket as they will be unable to come in.
6. If you forget your ticket you will be denied entry until the beginning of Mass and **IF** there are spaces you will be allowed in.

**Stewards.** Please follow the instructions of the stewards, it is not an easy job to do and without them and their generosity our churches would remain closed.

**Masses and Services.** All the Masses and services will be greatly simplified this year, but all will be beautiful.

**Good Friday.** Could all who intend to come to the 3pm Good Friday service in any of our churches please bring with them a **crucifix or a cross from home** to venerate, (this could be your Palm cross from Palm Sunday). As we will not be able to venerate the cross as in past year's we will each venerate our own cross.

You are reminded that we will still have to restrict the numbers of people in churches and adhere to all the social distancing guidelines and rules.

- **Wear a face mask over mouth & nose at all times**
- **Sanitise your hands, on entry and exit**
- **Keep 2m (6 foot) apart at all times**
- **Follow the steward's directions; sitting where you are asked to allow the maximum number in our churches**
- **Wait for the stewards to invite you to go up for communion**
- **Leave directly afterwards by the appointed exit doorway**

We look forward to seeing you all in church for our Easter celebrations.

The Clergy Team

## Collection pro Terra Sancta

**Archbishop Malcolm has asked that the following message be distributed to parishes:**

### Good Friday Holy Land Collection

Just a reminder that the collection on Good Friday is traditionally held for the Holy Land and, while we are all facing continued financial pressures due to the pandemic, I would encourage you where possible to hold this collection *pro Terra Sancta* on Good Friday.

This collection was born from the desire of the Popes to maintain a strong link between all the faithful and the Holy Places. It is the main source of material support for Christian life in the Holy Land and is a way that the faithful across the world can express solidarity with the ecclesial communities of the Middle East. Through these funds, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land is able to carry out the important mission to which it is called: preserving the Sacred Places, the stones of memory, and promoting the Christian presence, the living stones, through many pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures. As a rule, the Custody of the Holy Land receives 65% of the collection, while the remaining 35% goes to the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, which uses it for the formation of candidates for the priesthood, the support of the clergy, educational activities, cultural formation and subsidies to the various ecclesiastical circumscriptions in the Middle East.

This is a difficult time financially for everyone, including those who live and work in the Holy Land. May this year's collection *pro Terra Sancta* be an opportunity not to ignore the difficult situation of our brothers and sisters of the Holy Places but rather to lighten burdens.

With every good wish,

+Malcolm

***We will place baskets at the back of each church on Good Friday, clearly marked 'Friends of the Holy Land' for any donations.***

## Easter Flowers

Thank you for supporting the collection for Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones. The churches will be adorned with lilies throughout the Easter season.

The names of your loved ones will be displayed in all churches. We would however draw your attention to the fact that due to social distancing guidelines you will unfortunately be unable to congregate around the lists.



*This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns for:*

<i>St Basil's</i>	<i>In memory of Bridget &amp; William Hickey</i>
<i>St Bede's (1)</i>	<i>In memory of Bernard Glynn - Anniversary</i>
<i>St Bede's (2)</i>	<i>In memory of deceased members of Keir family</i>
<i>St John Fisher</i>	<i>In memory of Fred Topping – 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>
<i>St Michael's (1)</i>	<i>In memory of Frank Hampson – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>
<i>St Michael's (2)</i>	<i>In memory of John &amp; Margaret McDonnell</i>
<i>St Michael's (3)</i>	<i>In memory of Peg &amp; Jack Daly</i>
<i>St Michael's (4)</i>	<i>In memory of John (Jnr) &amp; David McDonnell</i>



### **Sacramental Programme 2021**

Our children will be prepared to receive their First Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion this year, but like everything else, just in a different way!

After Easter every child in Year 4 will receive a letter, a registration form and the dates that need to be noted for their preparation and their celebrations! This needs to be completed and returned to their class teacher.

If you know a child who is in Year 4 but not in a Catholic School then please contact **Fr. Mark** or **Pauline Rolt** at the Parish Office and they will be welcomed onto the programme.

Current Year 5 children who have been prepared for the Sacraments but not received their First Holy Communion will be contacted very soon and invited to Mass to receive Jesus for the first time.

Thank you to all the catechists and the head teachers and staff of our Catholic Schools for their encouragement, willingness and openness as we try to enable our children to have a good experience of Jesus and His Church.



### CHAPLET OF ST. JOSEPH

Each Friday morning at 9.10am during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. John Fisher Church the chaplet to St. Joseph will be prayed together. Some people have bought the beads to say the chaplet on and these obviously should be used, but do not worry if you did not get a set, you can use your rosary beads to pray the chaplet! A sheet will be provided for all who wish to join in this prayer before Mass.

**St. Joseph - pray for us!**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please remember that due to social distancing and Health & Safety measures we have to adhere to strict numbers in church. Please show courtesy and understanding to the stewards if they have to tell you that the church has reached capacity.

<b>ST BASIL'S</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>ST BEDE'S</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>ST JOHN FISHER</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>ST MICHAEL'S</b>	<b>110</b>



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

We the members of the St Wilfrid's parish would like to thank you for your extremely generous donations during the last year (2020).

We received £2600 of which:

- £260 was paid to national Office towards admin.
- £1260 was paid for Christmas hampers and grants to our schools.
- £750 was a grant to twinning (overseas development)

Again, we thank you all and hope to see you after lockdown.

The SVP team St Wilfrid's Parish

### Lenten Reflections

Join us in prayer online each Friday of Lent with a reflection from Mill Hill Missionaries and members of the Missio family.

**10:30 am: 2 & 4 April**

Local Secretaries, Promotes and Treasurers are welcome to stay online and chat together after the prayer (via Zoom).

To register email [redbox@mission.or.uk](mailto:redbox@mission.or.uk) or call **020 7821 9755**.

All reflections can also be viewed live on [YouTube.com/MissioUK](https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK). Please let members of your parish know. The recordings will be available on YouTube to watch at another times, or to share with others.



**Thank you so much. Your generous gifts will help people like Hagos in Ethiopia, struggling in an increasingly hotter and drier climate.**

Hagos and his family nearly starved due to drought, but thanks to our Church family and support like yours, we provided him with solar-powered water pumps. Hagos and his neighbours now have flowing water to cultivate their land.

Remember it's not too late to give to our *Lent appeal*.

Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or by sending into the parish office. You can also easily give via text. Text **LENT** to **70460** 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 **LENTNOINFO** to **70460**. For more information, please see our Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice).



*Stephanie and Cathy* from our parish have been walking alongside Abdella this Lent by challenging themselves to walk 10,000 steps, every day, for 40 days. They have already walked 10,000 steps each day and will continue until Easter Sunday.

If you can, please give them your support and sponsor them at:  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/standensisterswalkforwater](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/standensisterswalkforwater)

**ST BASILS SCHOOL** have also been supporting Cafod and walking for water, here is their report:

We had a great day for our Walk for Water event on Wednesday. It was a lovely day and we really enjoyed walking in the sunshine!

In total, as a school, we walked **481,060** metres which is amazing!! This is the equivalent of walking from here to Newquay or Glencoe!

The total amount we raised was over £880 and we are still receiving donations so this number will rise!

Class	Distance walked (metres)
Year 6	95,000
Year 5	78,250
Year 4	69,060
Year 3	70,400
<b>KS2 Total</b>	<b>312,710</b>
2LD	26,250
2AR	23,800
1JS	40,250
1AW	26,600
FSNC	15,750
FSRA	35,700
<b>EYS/KS1 total</b>	<b>168,350</b>





Foodbank is continuing to operate in these difficult times and would like to thank everybody for their generous support.

**Widnes Foodbank** gratefully receives donations of any food items but would particularly welcome donations of the following food items:

Sponge Puddings    Tinned Custard    UHT Milk    Size 5/6 Nappies  
UHT 1Lt Juice    Antibacterial Wipes    Dried Rice 500g    Tinned Potatoes

Crossing Point centre will now be able to accept donations on Mondays (11am – 2pm), Thursdays (11am – 1pm) and Fridays (11am – 2pm). Items can also be left at the Widnes Foodbank collection points at the main Widnes stores of ASDA, Morrison's and Tesco and various drop off points in Halton.

Any additional information can be found at: [www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk)

As well as the Widnes Foodbank website information can be found on the following social media sites: -

[facebook.com/WidnesFoodbank](https://facebook.com/WidnesFoodbank)

[twitter.com/Widnes Foodbank](https://twitter.com/WidnesFoodbank)

[instagram.com/WidnesFoodbank](https://instagram.com/WidnesFoodbank)

**Thank you to anyone who can make a donation.**

### 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.

### Wednesday Word

This could be a very helpful way of accessing  
the Sunday readings.

<http://wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

### Mass of Chrism

**Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the Mass of Chrism at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Wednesday 31st March at 6.00 p.m. (please note the time is earlier than usual). A restricted number of clergy, religious and lay faithful will be able to attend the Mass in person and will require a ticket (applications for tickets should be addressed to Claire Hanlon by email [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)).**

For those who wish to participate in the Mass and other Holy Week services via the live-streaming service, you may use either of the following two links:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheMetropolitanCathedralLiverpool>

<https://www.facebook.com/liverpoolmetrocathedral>

THIS WEEKEND		PALM SUNDAY AND THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	11am – 1pm	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	St Michael's	Mass
PALM SUNDAY	10am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11am	St Bede's	Mass
	4pm	St Bede's	Mass
WEEKDAYS		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> March	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	7pm	St Basil's	Mass
MAUNDY THURSDAY	7pm	St Bede's	Mass
	7pm	St John Fisher	Mass
	7pm	St Michael's	Mass
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	11am	St John Fisher	Children's Stations
GOOD FRIDAY	3pm	St Basil's	Passion
	3pm	St Bede's	Passion
	3pm	St John Fisher	Passion
	3pm	St Michael's	Passion
	7pm	St Bede's	Reflection
NEXT WEEKEND		EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD (B)	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	8pm	St Michael's	Vigil Mass
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	8:30 am	St Basil's	Mass
EASTER SUNDAY	9am	St Michael's	Mass
	10am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11am	St Bede's	Mass
	4pm	St Bede's	Mass

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

### CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**11am**

**ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH**

All children are invited to join Fr. Mark who will walk with the children as they make their Stations of the Cross.

All children welcome!

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from Friday 2nd April to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April due to holidays.

There will be no one in the office to answer the telephone.

If you have any queries please email [stwilfridswidnes@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:stwilfridswidnes@rcaolp.co.uk). Someone will get back to you as soon as they can.

If you have an **urgent** query and need to speak to one of the priest's, please see their numbers on the first page of the newsletter.

Details of Mass times can be found on the website, [www.stwilfridswidnes.uk](http://www.stwilfridswidnes.uk)

Thank you