

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at  
the door  
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSION UNTIL 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY DUE TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS TAKING PLACE.**

## Reflection

I was contacted by one of the staff at the Apostolic Nunciature in Wimbledon on 27 June and invited to an appointment with the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, the following afternoon. I went online and booked a ticket for the 12.03 train to London from Runcorn. Not being familiar with the London Underground, I got a taxi to the Nunciature, which is on the edge of Wimbledon Common, not too far from where the tennis championship is being played. I was warmly welcomed by a priest who it turned out had spent four years as a curate of a classmate of mine in a parish in Leeds. When the Nuncio came into the room, he greeted me warmly and said that the reason for the invitation was to ask me if I would accept the appointment by His Holiness Pope Francis to be an auxiliary bishop in our Archdiocese. I was taken by surprise because it is only 10 months since I moved to Widnes. I did not sleep very well the night before wondering why I had been asked to attend the appointment with the Apostolic Nuncio. They say that a drowning man sees his life flash before him. Those moments after the nuncio spoke were a bit like that! We chatted for about half an hour and then I accepted the appointment. The appointment was not announced until last Tuesday so the few that needed to know had to keep the news to themselves for over a week. Since the appointment was announced I have been touched by the kind words that I have received from parishioners, brother priests, my family, and friends.

Please pray for me as I prepare for my ordination on 3 September in the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool.

***Bishop of Plestia & Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool elect Canon Thomas Neylon***

***This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:***

<b><i>St Basil's</i></b>	<b><i>In memory of Lil, Roy &amp; Roy (Jnr) Nelson</i></b>
<b><i>St Bede's (1)</i></b>	<b><i>for thanks to Our Lady for a prayer answered.</i></b>
<b><i>St John Fisher</i></b>	<b><i>In memory of Joan William's – 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday remembrance</i></b>
<b><i>St Michael's (1)</i></b>	<b><i>In memory of Elsie Wilcox</i></b>
<b><i>St Michael's (2)</i></b>	<b><i>for Bishop elect Fr Thomas Neylon</i></b>



We pray for those who have died,

***Sheila Mannion, Barbara Pierce***

Those who's funerals take place this week.

***Catherine Nolan, Mary Hanrahan, Jean Campbell,***

***Sarah Bold, Brian McCann***



***Congratulations to:***

Geraldine Ann Rouski and Michael Wilcox who got married at Christ the King Cathedral on Friday 2nd July 2021.

Peter Clarke and Toni Jackson who got married at St Bede's on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.

Please keep them in your prayers.



Last week's statement regarding the staffing review was produced by the HR dept. of the Archdiocese for publication in our newsletter.

**NEW AGE BOWLS & CURLING**

**Wednesday's at 1pm**

**St John Fisher Hall**

**New members welcome.**

## **Baptism Review**

**Last week, the baptism team met together to look at how we welcome and offer support to those who approach us to seek baptism for their child. There was a wonderful desire to welcome these children and their families to our parish community. but how do we do that? We all shared our own experiences and knowledge and know that we, as a parish, have to constantly look at the need to be a welcoming community.**

**Thank you to all who gave their time to attend the meeting.**

**We will continue to work together to offer a revised baptism programme across the parish which we pray will be in place by Advent, this year.**



## 'IN THE BEGINNING'



### Reflections on John's Gospel

**Mondays**  
**7pm - 8.30pm**  
**12th & 19th July**

**By Fr Chris Thomas**  
**on Zoom**

To book your place email  
[jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)  
No charge but any donations  
gratefully received.

**Do you think it is important to welcome people who come to Church?**

On Thursday 5th August at 7.30pm at St. Basil's Parish Centre, Fr. Matthew Nunes will come to talk to us about the importance of the **Ministry of Welcome** within a parish community. Please come along and learn more about how you could serve your community in this ministry. **ALL are welcome!**

If you could let us know if you hope to attend either by e-mailing the parish with your name or just drop your name through the letterbox at the Parish Office.

Thank you!

*Susan has asked for this to be included in this week's newsletter.*

*Thank you.....* After over 13 years working as part of the administration team for the parish, I wanted to take this opportunity to say that I have felt privileged to work for the many priests and parishioners over those years. We have been on a long journey together, through what at times seemed like troubled waters as we 'left safe harbours', until we finally became St Wilfrid's Parish. It has been a happy time for me and more than just a job - being part of the parish family and sharing in the ups and downs, celebrations etc. I should like to thank the numerous volunteers, without whom the Parish could not function, for their tireless commitment, their kindness to me and for making my job easier. I hope to continue with my voluntary work in the Parish as we all continue on our journey to become 'the church God is calling us to be'.

Thank you and God Bless.

Susan Warburton

*The clergy team would like to add warm thanks to both Susan Warburton and Shelagh Hindley for the many years of dedicated service to the parish community.*

THIS WEEK		FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	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		DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	12noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass

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