

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

9th January 2022

Ordinary Times - Year (C)

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

Rev 3:20



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Please note the parish GMAIL address is no longer active.

MASKS

**Reminder – Can everyone please wear
masks in Church and when entering the
Parish Office.**

Reflection

I hope you had a very happy Christmas with your extended family. My Christmas began with the celebrating the First Mass on Christmas morning followed by a quick breakfast, packing up the car with my traveling companion, my little dog Gromit, and preparing for the journey to my niece' home in 'Adel 'just outside Leeds. It was a journey I'd made many times before with the expectation of road works and a 50 mile an hour restriction. But to my surprise the traffic was low key and the weather the warmest on record for Christmas time.

On arriving at my nieces, I was greeted by my two little great nieces with shouts and excitement, 'Mum, Dad, Uncle Billy here', My niece and her husband were in the kitchen busily preparing the Christmas dinner. My offers of help were greeted with the words 'get yourself a drink, dinner will be ready soon 'Meanwhile the children had already announced to their both sets of Grandparents, "Granny, Nan, Granddad Tommy, Granddad Bobby, Uncle Billy is here". It was lovely to see everyone and so began our Christmas celebrations.

Fr Bill



'One Night in Dublin'

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Brindley Theatre, Runcorn

Coach will leave St. Bede's at 6pm. Cost of ticket and coach to and from the theatre is £30 pp. We have booked a limited number of tickets, and these will be on sale on Friday 14th January between 10am and 12noon at the Parish Office. First come first served.

Come and blow away those February blues with an evening of song, laughter and fun with other members of our parish community!

"One Night in Dublin will set up Murphy's Pub at the Brindley Theatre, guaranteeing one glorious night of high-energy Irish Music and more than a little bit of Irish Craic."

In their own inimitable style, multi-award-winning Irish band The Wild Murphy's perform classic tracks including *Galway Girl*, *Tell Me Ma*, *Dirty Old Town*, *The Irish Rover*, *Brown Eyed Girl*, *Seven Drunken Nights*, *Sally MacLennane*, *When You Were Sweet Sixteen*, *Whiskey in the Jar*, *Wild Rover* and *Molly Malone*, guaranteed to have the audience's hands clapping and toes tapping all night

ANTI Social Behaviour at St Michael's

The behaviour of the young men and their dogs is making things impossible for the parishioners who wish to attend church and carry out their voluntary duties in the church because of the behaviour of this growing gang of young people.

THEY DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO BE ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS.

If you see any one in the church grounds or in Bishop John's garden, please **PHONE THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY** either on 101 or 999.

The grounds are littered with dog faeces, litter and the gang's presence is intimidating.

Sleeping Bags for The Homeless

A couple of parish groups and individuals kindly made an offering over Christmas to be used at my discretion.

As the weather was so cold, I took it upon myself to go and buy sleeping bags which were distributed to the homeless over Christmas. Thank you all for your kindness.



Prayers For Fr Tony Reynolds

Of your charity, please say a prayer for Fr Reynolds as he is very poorly at this time. May he experience the healing of the Lord and the comfort of Our Blessed Lady.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

BEREAVEMENT TEAM

There will be a meeting of the Bereavement Team on Wednesday 12th January at 7.30pm in St. Bede's Presbytery. All members are encouraged to attend.

LITURGY MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Group on Thursday 13th January at 7pm in the Guild Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022

There will be a meeting for **ANYONE** who would like to be involved in preparing the children of the parish for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Monday 17th January at 7pm in St. Bede's Presbytery. **ALL** are welcome to come along and find out more!

The groups in our parish are not 'closed shops' we are always looking for more people to join us and become involved. If you feel you would like to offer your time and skills to any group within the parish then please speak to one of the priests. We are more with you!

Universal Synod 2023

Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. Although we have already engaged with the synodal process in the archdiocese as part of Synod 2020, which initially generated 27,000 responses, we may find ourselves in a different place on our journey. This may include fresh insights, which will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phases of Synod 2020. To participate in this worldwide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions from **Monday 10 January 2022**, as well as submit your responses online at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023. **The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022.**

For queries: vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk .

Live Simply

As a Live Simply parish we have continued living to the principles we demonstrated to achieve the award but haven't been able to complete any of the bigger initiatives due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We are starting to re-energise our efforts, restrictions permitting and with that in mind a few parishioners completed the annual CAFOD fun run/walk on Monday 27th December 2021, at Wavertree Sports Park, Liverpool, demonstrating our solidarity with others, gaining some sponsorship and also getting some exercise! We are sure others will have completed this walk-in support locally.

2022 provides us with the opportunity to re-engage, as in previous years, with 'Re-Gifting for Nugent'. At Christmas we sometimes receive a gift that was given with love but it is something we will never use or just don't want, or we get two of the same thing. It may be a toiletry set that we don't use, two separate gifts of a pair of slippers or just a gift that we know we will never use. A great way of continuing the spirit of the Christmas gifts is to pass them on to Nugent where they will be sold in the charity shop or used directly in their service. This has always been well supported in the parish and is considered a great way of honouring the original gift giver and continues the joy of Christmas.

Please bring in your unwanted gifts to any of our 4 churches on the weekend of 22nd/23rd January 2022 at Mass time and parishioners have agreed to collect them and take them to Nugent as a St Wilfrid's parish donation in solidarity with our Archdiocesan charity.

Denise Roberts

The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy

SUNDAY 9th January - Baptism of The Lord

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) - Eileen Berhardt (Canada)
10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) - Parishioners
10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) - The Garvie Family
11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) - Marjorie Higgins (Anniversary)
16:00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) - Michael Glynn (Lately Dead)

MONDAY 10th January

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) - Lily Brotherton (Lately Dead)
13:30 pm Funeral Service (*St Bede*) Beryl Lenehan

TUESDAY 11th January

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of our Care Homes

WEDNESDAY 12th January

18:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) - Julie Sant (Birthday Anniversary Remembrance)

THURSDAY 13th January

11:30 am Requiem Mass (*St Basil*) Elaine Evans
11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St. Michael*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Agnes Kennedy (Lately Dead)

FRIDAY 14th January – Memorial of St Kentigern

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)
09.10am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
09.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) Paula Briggs
12 Noon Requiem Mass (*St Bede*) - Christina Kenny

SATURDAY 15th January

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Patrick Conroy (Lately Dead)
10.30 am Confessions (*St Bede*)
17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) - Christina Kenny (Lately Dead)
18:00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) - David Rowlands & David Michael Rowlands



Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil:	Harold Blythin
St Bede:	Frank & Margaret Findlater
St John Fisher:	Joan Williams

St Bede will be open for private prayer Mon – Fri 10:30 am till 13:30pm