

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)

9th November 2025

Please note the Parish Office will close at 13.30pm
on 17th, 26th & 28th November.

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This week's Collection - HCPT

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Psalm Response

**'The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place,
the abode of the Most High'.**

"Called to Be Neighbours, Friends, and Witnesses of God's Love"

As Catholics, we are part of something greater than ourselves – the Body of Christ. Our faith is not meant to be lived in isolation, but in communion with one another. From the very beginning, God created us for relationship – with Him and with each other. "It is not good for man to be alone," God said in Genesis, reminding us that community and connection are at the heart of what it means to be human.

In our busy world, it can be easy to forget this. Many people around us – even those sitting near us at Mass – may be struggling silently, longing for friendship, understanding, or simply someone who notices them. As followers of Christ, we are called to be that neighbour who reaches out, that friend who listens, that heart that reflects God's unconditional love.

Sharing God's love doesn't always require grand gestures. Sometimes, it's as simple as offering a smile, a kind word, or a moment of prayer for someone in need. When we take time to show genuine care for others, we become living witnesses of Christ's compassion. In doing so, we build a parish community that truly reflects the Gospel – one of warmth, welcome, and mutual support.

Let us remember that every encounter is an opportunity to share God's presence. Each person we meet is a chance to love as Jesus loves – selflessly, patiently, and joyfully. In being good neighbours and true friends, we help others experience the reality of God's love alive in the world today.

May our parish always be a place where no one feels alone, where friendship flourishes, and where the love of Christ shines brightly in every heart.

Fr. Mark

Fr. Philip's Show – 'Heroes and Villains'

Just 4 seats remaining.

We have managed to acquire 36 tickets for Fr. Philip's Show in Manchester! We always have a wonderful evening together, such fun on the coach and then in to see a fantastic show with a full live orchestra. The show is on **Tuesday 25th November** at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall in Mostyn, Manchester. We shall leave St. Bede's Church at **6pm** and arrive home after **11pm**.

At this show we will all sit around tables and be able to purchase drinks and refreshments while we enjoy the show. The cost of the coach and an excellent seat in the hall is £25pp.

If you would like to attend then please pass your name, telephone number and cost of the trip to the parish office as soon as possible. If you haven't been on a trip with us before, come along, it is always great to spend time as a parish family having fun and a good old sing song!

Mary Poppins!

If you ordered a ticket for 'Mary Poppins' at the Liverpool Empire, on **Thursday 29th January**, we need you to pay up! We ordered the tickets when you requested a place and now, we need to book the coach! We will leave on a coach from **St. Bede's at 6.15pm** and return straight after the show.

Please pass your name, telephone number and £95pp which covers the cost of ticket and the coach into the Parish Office, asap for the attention of Susan Warburton. If you would like to join us on what will be a fun filled night, please contact the Parish Office.

Gift of Life for Zambia: Chester for Christmas: Wednesday, 3rd December

Our last trip of the year takes us to Chester with all its Christmas activities - the beautifully decorated trees in the Cathedral, the Christmas Markets, the street decorations and the wide variety of shops and eateries. The coach leaves St. Basils at 9.30am and returns at approximately 6pm.

Cost is £20. Please put your money in an envelope with your name and telephone number and give it to Monica (0151 424 8194) or Angela (424 8668)

Thank you all for your wonderful support and generosity over the year. Angela

18-35's Group

16 of us gathered last Friday at St. Bede's for a Mass in English and Latin and a Prize Bingo in the Presbytery afterwards. The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday 21st November, 6pm** till late at St. Basil's Church. We will be welcoming Fr. Luke Bradbury, from Manchester, who will be giving a talk on Mary, the Mother of God. Quiz to follow.

All are welcome! Follow us on Instagram [@young_catholics_in_widnes](#) for more.

Widnes Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has previously supported us. Please would you continue your support during November to help those in need in our community during the winter months. If you can donate food to us, our current most needed items are below.

Long Life Juice, Cordial, Tinned Fish, Corned Beef, Tinned Ham, Tinned Beef and Onion, Jam Biscuits and Pasta Sauce.

Thank you.

HCPT Lourdes – ‘Helping, Caring, Praying Together’

Each Easter, Widnes, Group 180, travel to Our Lady’s Shrine in Lourdes, France, taking local children and young adults with diverse additional needs for a holiday with Our Lady and an experience of a lifetime. It also gives the families a week of much needed respite.

The children and young people have a busy week, visiting the Grotto, taking part in the torchlight procession as well as joining the other groups from Liverpool for our Merseyside Mass. We decorate our big candle which is placed in the grotto and wash in the spring waters of Lourdes.

The children and young people experience the Church in a wonderful way as the whole week is focused on them and their needs. We fundraise all year so that there is no cost to the families. It now costs over £1,200 for each young person to travel so as you can imagine we have a big task ahead.

This there will be a second collection to assist these children and young people to go to Lourdes next Easter. Please be as generous as you always are.

Vision Group – Update

A meeting took place last week to start exploration on aspects of work outlined by the Archdiocesan Trustees. This new group will work as a subgroup of the Vision Group their focus is: Grant funding, Civic involvement, Partnerships. The next meeting of the group is on **Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm** in the Guild Room.

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 25th November at 7pm** in **St. John Fisher Church**. All welcome.

Mass Intentions

Every effort to respond to requests for Masses to be said on a specific date and in a specific church is made. Yet, please understand that Requiem Masses and availability of the priests often make these requests impossible.

The Mass requested will be celebrated at the nearest opportunity to the date requested. Your understanding is sought on this issue. Mass requests should be made as early as possible and passed into the Parish Office.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of the community. Any safeguarding concerns must be reported immediately to any member of the Safeguarding Team.

Safeguarding Lead – Fr. Mark

Safeguarding Reps – Pauline Ruth, Carol Murray and Pauline Rolt

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	9th November	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Billy Moran
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Barbara Kinsella
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Rimmer
16.00	Mass for the Bereaved	St Basil	The Forgotten Souls
Monday	10th November	Memorial of St Leo the Great	
09.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Fr Bernard Wood
Tuesday	11th November	Memorial of St Martin of Tours	
10.00	Requiem Mass	St John Fisher	Raymond Samuel Massey
11.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Holy Souls
Wednesday	12th November	Memorial of St Josaphat	
09.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Brian Brolly & Graham McFarlane
Thursday	13th November	Ferial	
10.30	Holy Mass	St Michael School	Year 3 & Year 4
11.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Ann & Hugh Brennan
Friday	14th November	Ferial	
10.00	Requiem Mass	St Basil	Margaret Rose Stone
Saturday	15th November	Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Parishioners
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Anne & Martin Maloney
Sunday	16th November	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Thanksgiving for Prayers
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	James Donnelly
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Annie & Patrick Moran
16.00	Holy Mass for the Bereaved	St Basil	For all the Bereaved

Sanctuary Lamp

*The Sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days
for your intention.*

St Bede: Nancy Carter
 St Basil: The Hamilton Family
 St John Fisher: Successful Interview (JJ)
 St Michael: Special Intention

Rest in Peace

**John Potter,
 James (Terry) Fahey
 Barbara Kinsella
 Peter Hill & John Barrow**

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!