

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

16th November 2025

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Psalm Response

'The LORD comes to judge the people with fairness'

Alleluia Verse

**'Straighten up and raise your heads, because your
redemption is drawing near'**

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Safeguarding Sunday: A Call to Prayer and Care

This Sunday we join communities across the country in marking Safeguarding Sunday — a day set aside to reflect, pray, and renew our commitment to making our Church a place of safety, love, and trust for all.

We remember in a special way all victims and survivors of abuse, holding them in prayer and asking for God's healing and peace. Their courage calls us to listen with compassion, to learn, and to act so that such harm may never happen again.

Safeguarding is at the heart of the Gospel — caring for the most vulnerable among us, protecting children and adults at risk, and ensuring that everyone who comes through our doors feels valued and safe.

Let us pray for all who work in safeguarding, for our clergy and volunteers, and for the grace to build a community rooted in respect, integrity, and love. Together, we can make our parish a true home for all God's people.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." — Matthew 19:14

Fr. Mark

The Safeguarding Team here in the parish is led by Fr. Mark and assisted by Pauline Ruth, Carol Murray and Pauline Rolt.

Quarant'ore Thanks

So much hard work, expense and effort is needed to host Quarant'ore, so much kindness in our parish, we are blessed! Firstly, to all who came to adore Jesus, thank you for your prayerful presence. Adoration really must be at the heart of all that we do here in St. Wilfrid's, it is a reminder of who we are and what we are about – it is His Church that we build, it is His message that we carry, it is Him who we serve. To the ladies who arranged the flowers and candles and ensured our church was a fitting place for Jesus to dwell. Cath, Doreen and Ann – your skill, generosity and kindness is appreciated by us all. To the sacristans at St. John Fisher, Linda, Margaret and John, thank you for your time, care and love. To the servers, welcomers and so many who do so much unseen – your witness to your faith is awesome. I am sure that the time of prayer that we have enjoyed last week in our parish will bear so much fruit for us in the coming years! God bless you all.

Huge Thank You From HCPT

Thank you will never be enough, a massive £1,841.61 was collected at our appeal. We are extremely grateful to everyone at St Wilfrid's who supported us last weekend. We will remember you all at the grotto at Easter.

Jane, Emma & Lauren

St. Peter and Paul – Senior Citizen Christmas Party Invitation

The school community at St. Peter and Paul Catholic High School would like to invite any senior citizen to a Christmas Party! It will take place on **Friday 28th November** at **1.15pm** in their school hall, the party continues till **3.15pm**. There will be bingo, food and drink, a quiz and the students will perform some wonderful festive entertainment. An offering to cover expenses will be just £3. If you would like to attend, please call 0151 424 2139 and you can obtain a ticket. It will be a wonderful afternoon of friendship and Advent celebrations!

18-35's Group

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. Follow us on Instagram [@young_catholics_in_widnes](#) for more.

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

Just 4 tickets remain 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**. The cost of the coach and an excellent seat in the hall is £25pp. Please let the parish office know as soon as possible if you require ticket.

St Wilfrid's Foundation of the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

UCM would like to invite you to join them on the afternoon of **Monday, 24 November 2025, 1.30pm to 3.00pm** for their Christmas Bingo. There will be refreshments and a raffle as well as Bingo, so don't forget your purses! Come win some Christmas items to use as presents, as well!

St Marie's Heritage Group

The St Marie's Heritage Group are delighted to welcome back the wonderful Parish Choir of St Wilfrid who will be leading us all in Christmas Carols and a singalong at St Marie's Tuesday **9th December at 7pm**. St Marie's, Lugsdale Road, Widnes. WA8 6DB. It's free to attend, to reserve your place, please call (01928) 592 405 or e-mail heritage@haltonsthelensvca.org.uk

Advent Timetable

Advent begins on the **29th/30th November**, the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is the first season of the Catholic liturgical year, a sacred time of waiting, preparation, and hope. It is a four-week journey that leads up to Christmas, celebrating both the first coming of Jesus Christ at Bethlehem and anticipating His second coming in glory at the end of time.

The name *Advent* comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” In Greek, the corresponding word is *parousia*, which is also used in Scripture to describe the Second Coming of Christ (see Matthew 24:3).

Thus, Advent has a dual character:

1. Looking back to the historical birth of Jesus — God made flesh.
2. Looking forward to the future coming of Christ — the fulfillment of all things in Him.

We have many things on offer to everyone in our parish to deepen our understanding and so enter into this holy season with devotion.

‘I am Mark’ – Sunday 30th November, 6pm, St. Basil

This is a wonderful opportunity that has been offered to us, it is a one man ‘show’ of the Gospel of St. Mark. It will lead us into the Scriptures and so into the season of Advent. It is a free event, and tickets will be available after all Masses next weekend. This is just so that we know how many people intend to come. This performance was given last year in the Warrington part of the deanery, and I am told that it was amazing! Make a note in your diary NOW and pick up a ticket next weekend at Mass.

Advent Holy Hours - Monday 1st December, 7pm, St. John Fisher and Monday 15th December, 7pm, St. Basil

Fr. Mark and Dcn. Paul will lead us in a reflective Holy Hour at two points in our Advent journey. Come and ‘be still with the Lord’.

Taizé Prayer, ‘Waiting the Night is Far Spent’, Tuesday 3rd December, 7pm, St. John Fisher

Come and spend time relaxing in prayer, with music to guide your heart to Jesus.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Monday 8th December, 7pm, St. Bede

Fr. Peter will preside at a Solemn Mass celebrating the beautiful feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Advent Carol Service – Sunday 14th December, 3pm, St. Basil

With joy and in anticipation we shall sing to the Coming King, that we may adore Him in spirit and in truth and then have a mince pie and be together with some of the children from our schools and fellow parishioners.

Advent Reconciliation Service – Thursday 18th December, 7pm, St. John Fisher

Come and hear the words, ‘your sins are forgiven’, so that you may welcome Jesus in your heart and home this Christmas.

Widnes Catholic Children’s Choir

A fantastic “well done” to all our WCCC members who came and sang Mass at St. John Fisher Church on **Saturday 8th November**. You were amazing and I am sure all the parishioners were delighted to see you and hear you at Mass. It was a wonderful way to end our time of Quarant’ore too! The behaviour of the children was amazing, and everyone commented on how fantastic the singing was. Thank you to Mrs. McElroy, the leader of the choir and her team who are providing such a wonderful opportunity to children across our parish community.

Any time is a great time for new children to join our choir! If you know of a child in Years 2 – 8 who likes to sing and make new friends, please see Fr. Mark or Fr. Peter and they will take your details and pass them on to Mrs. McElroy and her team. Well done children – we are all so proud of you!

Fr. Mark and Fr. Peter

Parish Liturgy

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
Monday	17th November	Ferial	
09.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Margaret Bate
Tuesday	18th November	Ferial	
No Mass or Service			
Wednesday	19th November	Ferial	
10.00	Requiem Mass	St John Fisher	John Potter
11.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Brian Davidson
Thursday	20th November	Ferial	
10.00	Requiem Mass	St Basil	James (Terry) Fahey
11.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Holy Souls
Friday	21st November	Memorial of the Presentation of the BVM	
No Mass or Service			
Saturday	22nd November	Vigil of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Honor Evans
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Parishioners
Sunday	23rd November	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Nuala Lennon
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Danny Leech
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Jimmy Cassidy
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Private Intention (LD)

Sanctuary Lamp

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

St Bede:	Special Intention
St Basil:	Nancy Prendergast
St John Fisher:	Teresa Topping
St Michael:	Thanksgiving

Rest in Peace

Barbara Kinsella
Peter Hill
John Barrow
Patricia Wright
Paul Geaney

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!