Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

1st August 2021 **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

"Listen!

I am standing at the door knocking."

Rev 3:20



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Reflection - Goodbye and God Bless

As I approach my last weekend of ministry in the parish, I have been reflecting over my three years in Widnes.

I arrived as a brand-new priest, as I had only been ordained a few weeks earlier in July 2018. I was astounded by the reception I received from the clergy team and all the parishioners, who made me feel at home very quickly. Over the years I have had some wonderful experiences, from a trip to the Holy Land with St Peter and Paul school staff, to a visit to the climate change conference in Krakow (Poland) with CAFOD.

I have been blessed in working with some great priests; granted all very different, but all have been kind to me and I have learned a lot from them. I will miss the 'fraternity' and the banter between us, and I will especially miss our Saturday night gatherings and the array of culinary 'delights' I have been served over the years.

The years have had their highs and lows and their own particular challenges, especially through these past few months when we have all faced the Coronavirus. But through it all, I have been encouraged and astounded by the resilience of our parishioners who are the heart and soul of St Wilfrid's.

I would like to thank all the volunteers, sacristans, servers, singers, musicians, office staff, and anyone who has played a part in supporting me whilst I've been here, and a thank you to all our parishioners for being part of this lovely community.

I will miss you all as I take up a new challenge as Parish Priest at 'St Theresa of the Child Jesus' in Norris Green. I will keep you in my prayers always, please keep me in yours.

Thank you, Widnes and St Wilfrid's, – God Bless and take care

Fr Carl

We pray for those who have died,

William Scott, Anne Lake, Susan Shaw, Jean Hancock

Those whose funerals are next week.

Michael O'Brien, Margaret (Peggy) Fairhurst, John Horabin



MASS INTENTIONS.

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

Residents of all our care homes x 4
Monica & George Stevenson -B'day & Ann.
Terry Morton LD
Mary O'Leary LD
Parishioners of the parish x 4
William Adrian Glynn – B'day remb.
June Allsop-Operation
Mary & Joseph Hyland – Ann.
Joan Williams – LD & 100th B'day remb.
Michael O'Grady – 2nd Ann
Owen Harrington - Ann.
Patricia Brownlow – B'day remb.
Jennie Baker – Ann.
Leo Coleman LD
J C Brownlow – B'day remb.
Thomas & Ethel Coleman – Ann.
The Holy Soul's
James Brennan (Ann. War veteran)
Margaret Fazackerley LD
Roy Nelson 7th Ann.
Brenda Myler LD
Pat Price
Joan Mary McCallum (3rd Ann.)
Pauline Haunch
Mary O'Leary LD
Charles Moss LD
Joan & Arthur Wilcox
Hugh Brennan (Snr) & Ann Brennan
Joan Broome LD
William Paul O'Brien – Ann.
Kathleen O'Brien – Remb.
Ann (Annie) New
Leo Coleman LD
A Special Intention (JC)
Frank Broome – B'day remb.
James Meaden – 1st Ann.
Mary Maguire – 2nd Ann.
Frank Boyce LD
Margaret Jessica Duffy – Ann.
Bridget Glover – 1st Ann.
John & Margaret McDonnell
Maureen Hignett LD
Walter Oldfield LD
Joan Donaldson LD
Joyce Boyce LD
Mary Purcell - remb.
Florence Rogerson - B'day remb.
John Walsh LD
Bernard Lewis LD
James Francis O'Brien – 3rd Ann.
A Private Intention (JC)
Elsie Wilcox LD
Margaret Cooper LD
Sam & Elsie Clemson
Kenneth Cassidy

St Bede's Jubilee Club

After an absence of 16 months, St Bede's Jubilee Club met in John Fisher Hall, Thursday at 1.30.
We had a most enjoyable time, sharing stories and having many laughs.
You are welcome to join us, next ***Thursday at 1.30*** and enjoy happy, chatty socialising.



The Jubilee Team.

Clergy Appointments

As we move into August, we prepare to say goodbye to Fr. Carl as he moves on to St. Theresa's in Norris Green, Liverpool and to Fr. Tom as he becomes the Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. We wish them every blessing as they continue to serve the Lord in new and exciting ways.

But what will happen in Widnes.....

On Monday I was asked to go and see Archbishop Malcolm and he asked me to become the new Dean/Moderator for the Parish of St. Wilfrid, Widnes. I happily accepted and will commence this new role on 1st September. Please pray for me as I will for you!!

We are blessed to have Fr. Bill and Bishop John who will continue to be part of the Clergy Team serving as they have for so many years here with great love and faithfulness.

Fr. Thomas Clarke will join the team on 4th September and the Archbishop informed me that Fr. Thomas Skeats, O.P. who has been staying with us for a few months will remain here in Widnes and become part of the Clergy Team from 1st August.

The Lord provides!

Change is part of life, we know this, but what change the parish has been through in the past 18 months!

Please pray for your priests, as they take up new positions and join the team here in Widnes that they may be welcomed and continue to build the Kingdom of God, here in this place!

Fr. Mark

MASS OF FAREWELL FOR FR. CARL AND FR.TOM

WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST AT 7PM

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

We shall gather for Mass together to thank God for the ministry of Fr. Tom and Fr. Carl and to ask God's blessing upon them as they move to their new appointments.

Please make a note in your diary and join us for this celebration!

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns for:

St Bede's (1) ***Baby Joseph***



Please welcome Derek Lloyd.

I am a seminarian for the Archdiocese. I am currently training for ordination for the priesthood at St. Mary's College, Oscott, where I will be entering year six in the new term. I am due to receive 'Candidacy' in September and in December I hope that Archbishop Malcolm will ordain me as a 'Deacon' in our college chapel at Oscott. Hopefully (and God willing), I will be ordained 'Priest' next summer.

I am not a native of Liverpool but am originally from Wolverhampton, (I hope you will bear with my accent!)

I look forward to joining you in Widnes over the coming few weeks on placement with the Churches there, as I continue to discern the growing sense of vocation, and the call to be a Priest.

Congratulations to:

Lisa Donegan and Mark Nanson who got married at St John Fisher's church at 1pm and to,

Jessica Jones and Adam Attwood who got married at St Bede's at 2pm,

on Saturday 24th July 2021.

Please keep them in your prayers.



Widnes foodbank

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 Corned Beef Packet Pasta 'n' Sauce Fruit Juice

Cleaning Products Soap Tinned Ham/Spam Chocolate

Donations can be taken to the Foodbank Warehouse at the Cemetery Lodge (just inside the main gates of Widnes Cemetery in Birchfield Road) on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 11am. Items can also be left at the Widnes Foodbank collection points in the main Widnes stores of ASDA, Morrison's and Tesco and at various drop off points in Widnes.

Any additional information can be found at:www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk

Thank you to anyone who can make a donation.



Thursday 5th August – 'Ministry of Welcome'

Fr. Matthew Nunes will return to us and speak about the importance of the ministry of welcome in our parish community. We reflect upon how the stewards have been crucial to the opening of our churches and also how we welcome all people to our churches.
This will be hosted in St. Basil's Parish Centre at 7.30pm

Thursday 18th August – 'Fr Carl & Fr Tom Leaving Mass

Please join us as we give thanks for the ministry of Fr Carl & Fr Tom in our parish.
St Michael's church, Wednesday 18th August 7pm.
Refreshments will be served.

Friday 3rd September – Episcopal Ordination

Fr Thomas Neylon will be ordained as Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. Tickets for the coach are available at £5 per person and can be reserved through the Parish office.

October Talks – 'Faith, Hope, Love and Charity'

During October, each week there will be a talk given by a speaker from outside of the parish on one of these wonderful virtues. Nearer the time we will be able to confirm the speakers.

Please make a note of these dates and times in your diary, it is nice to be able to start to plan and look forward to being together again!

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We are delighted to invite you to the 15th Annual Phil Thompson Golf Classic on *Thursday 16th September 2021*. The event will be held at Houghwood Golf Club and will provide attendees with a 'par'-fect opportunity for you to come together with pals and colleagues to enjoy a great game of golf with panoramic views over the Lancashire plain and the Welsh hills.

Tickets are priced at £450 (for teams of 4). This includes a hearty breakfast barm, a 'tee'-riffic day of golf, snacks and refreshments plus a wholesome evening meal with anecdotes shared by Phil and a brilliant guest speaker. All net proceeds from this event will be used to help secure Nugent's future and the vital services we provide across Merseyside.

COVID-19 has brought huge challenges for our society and particularly for Merseyside. Children and families experiencing complex social issues are facing even greater risks. At such a difficult time, Nugent, which has deep and longstanding roots in the communities it serves, has never been more needed – this is why we need your support. For more information, or to book your place today, please see the attached flyer or contact: Ainsley Briscoe, Fundraiser - Corporate Partnerships and Major Gifts at Nugent: E: ainsley.briscoe@wearenugent.org or M: 07833091852.

Baptism

Please welcome these children who we have baptised this month and pray for them.

Noah Terence Dundon
Declan James Rodney Benson
Lily Nevaeh Elizabeth Benson
Caleb Samuel McShane
Ada Florence Rose O'Keefe
Evelyn Sandra Powell
Jack David Banner
Dexter George Keith Eccleston
Harvey Ian Patrick Courbet
Lailah April Courbet
Harry Joseph Newall
Jaxon Thomas Frederick Welding
Willem Hogendoorn
Eric-Michael O'Grady
Bobby-Brian O'Grady
Joe Mackereth-Mills
Gracie Lillie Hunt
Matthew Stuart Robert Rivers
Henry William Swindley
Lucas James Morgan-Leigh
Jack Lennon Culleton
George Anthony Peers
Nainika Niraj
Jack William Abbott
Ivy Anne Abbott
Aila Florence Nilsen-Sparks
Coen James William Brian Wood
James Michael Edwardson
Rowan Thomas Bird-Vose
Bonnie Hulme
Lucia Jade Attwood



Lourdes at Home – Thank you!



Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the 'Lourdes at Home' Day such a wonderful time of prayer and praise to Jesus and His Blessed Mother, Mary!

The Liturgy Group worked so hard behind the scenes, making contact with our sick and housebound parishioners inviting them to be part of the day. To all who made cakes and served refreshments, it was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to sacristans, readers and all who helped to make this event so meaningful and brought the healing touch of Christ to us all.

THIS WEEKEND		EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	
Saturday 31st July	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 1st August	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 2**
Monday 2nd August	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 3rd August	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Wed 4th August	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 5th August	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 6th August	9:30am*	St John Fisher	Mass
*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass			

St Marie's Heritage Group - Saturday 31st July 2021 - From 1pm until 4pm.

The St Marie's Heritage Group would like to welcome you back to St Marie's for our first public gathering in over a year.

To celebrate re-opening the Church, we'll be displaying the always popular Parish Mission Logs (or "The Books" as they've come to be known at our events).

You can browse through all the handwritten parish notice books (or Mission Logs) from 1865 until the Church closed for worship. Find your family names recorded in a variety of ways – including marriage banns! These books are a rich source of history, being the written account of the priests' notices that were read from the pulpit at the end of Mass.

You will be surprised at what you can discover.

There's no need to book a place, just call in at St Marie's between 1pm and 4pm. As always, we'll have our award-winning tea & biscuits on offer.

We will try our very best to keep the building well ventilated. Facemasks are not compulsory, but you are very welcome to wear one if you would like to do so.

For further information, please call Matthew Roberts on (01928) 592 405 (Option 2).

Donations for Flowers in Church

Our churches are so beautiful and the people who arrange the flowers do a wonderful job. Thank you!

Donations are accepted for the flowers which adorn our churches, if you are able to donate to church flowers, please place your donation in an envelope marked;

'CHURCH FLOWERS'

and put it through the Parish Office letterbox. This money will *only* be used for flowers in Church.



Thank you for your generosity.