



# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



**1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

## Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)

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### Psalm Response

**'The Lord is king, most high above all the earth'.**

***"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."***

Everything changes. Empires rise and fall. People come and go. The sun rises and sets. Change means that something becomes different from what it was in one way or another.

The Catholic Church is one of the oldest and most influential institutions in the world. It may be argued that the Catholic Church is a result of change. While it was founded around two thousand years ago by Jesus Christ as the incarnate God, the teachings did not just appear out of nowhere. Much of Christ's teaching was based on the Old Testament.

Some might say that change is hard to bring about in the Catholic Church but consider the Second Vatican Council. This was a series of meetings held from 1962 to 1965 that changed how the Church interacted with the modern world. It continues to bring about change. More immediately, we can look forward to change with the appointment of Leo XIV as our new Pope and John Sherrington as our new Archbishop of Liverpool. Each will have his own vision and agenda for leading the Church.

But what does all this mean for us? As a parish community we continue to embrace change and at a personal level each of us is in charge of the changes that make us a good or bad human being. As these changes unfold, we might consider the words of St John Henry Newman –

***"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."***

However, first principles do not change. God does not change, and that is comforting.

**Deacon Paul Rooney**

## Date for your Diary – Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Just to make a note in your diaries! We shall be holding a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** till the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. The theme of the Novena is *'The heart that...'* and we shall explore the many different ways that the heart of Jesus reaches out to touch our lives. The Masses will be at 7pm each evening and as well as Fr. Mark and Fr. Peter, we will welcome other priests to come and share the fruits of their contemplation with us. *O Sacred Heart of Jesus – we place all our hope in thee!*

## Notice – 4pm Mass

Please note, that due to clergy holidays there will not be a 4pm Sunday Mass at St. Bede on either **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June** or **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Please make a note in your diaries.

## Confirmations with Archbishop John Sherrington

We pray for the young people from the parish of St. Wilfrid who will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm at St. Michael's Church. May the Holy Spirit be poured into their hearts and may they be faithful witnesses to the truth of the Gospel. It is a great honour that Archbishop John Sherrington will be with us to confer the sacrament on our young people as he begins his ministry as the Archbishop of Liverpool.

*'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth'.*

## St. Bede's Junior School Staff

Please keep the staff of St. Bede's Junior School in your prayers who are going in retreat on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June till Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to the Loreto Convent in Llandudno in North Wales. The retreat will be led by Fr. Mark, and we pray it will be grace filled time for all staff, spending time hearing and listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

## Mandatory Safeguarding Training

**Safeguarding Lead – Fr. Mark**

**Safeguarding Reps – Pauline Ruth, Carol Murray and Pauline Rolt**

As well as our safeguarding lead and reps, Fr. Peter and Dcn. Paul will be undergoing safeguarding training this week with the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Department. This is so we can ensure best practice across our whole parish community.

The Warrington and Widnes deanery will be getting audited in the next couple of months by the Safeguarding Department and I would like to thank Pauline, Carol and Pauline for the incredible work they do in our community, ensuring all are safe.

## Parish Choir

If you have not sung before, or not sung for years, or haven't been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally, it doesn't matter, you would be most welcome. Sadly though, at this time, all members of the choir must be over 18 due to safeguarding guidance. Our next practices are on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, all at 7pm in St. John Fisher Church.

## Could you serve the Church and our Parish as a Foundation Governor in one of our Schools?

### **What are foundation governors?**

Foundation Governors are **appointed in the name of the Archbishop and form the majority of the governing body of a Catholic school**. They have a legal duty to preserve, and develop the Catholic character of the school and to ensure that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed.

Service as a foundation governor in a Catholic school is one of the most significant and important ways members of the Catholic Faith community can support the Church's divine mission of helping all to arrive at the fullness of Christian life.

There are few specific requirements. A Foundation Governor must:

- Be a Catholic who attends Sunday Mass regularly and gives true witness to the teachings of the Church
- Be prepared to work with discretion as a member of the full governing body and attend training events to help build up a body of knowledge and expertise
- Bring a wider skill set to enhance the wider Governing Body in undertaking its collective duties to lead the school and meet the contemporary requirements of the Department for Education and Ofsted.

We are in need of Foundation Governors across all our parish schools; do you have skills that you could bring to the Governing Body of the school. If you want to know more, please contact Fr. Mark either in person or e-mail him at [m.moran@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.moran@rcaol.org.uk)

More information can be found on the Archdiocesan website.

### **Widnes Food Bank**

Thank you to all those who have supported us. Please would you continue to support to help those in our community who are in need. Our current most needed items are:

UHT Milk, UHT Juice, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Soup, Tinned Fruit, and all Toiletries.

### **Young Catholics in Widnes**

Our parish 18-35's group will be meeting this Sunday but with a twist! We were so inspired to hear from Sister Bethany and Sister Marina Margaret when they visited us last month, that we have decided to take the show on the road and visit the community, at their Convent House in Liverpool, for Mass and a cuppa.

This will be followed by a tour of the Metropolitan Cathedral with Father Derek Lloyd and refreshments back in Widnes. Please pray for us youngsters.

**Father Peter**

## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Rowland Cant
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Colford
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Denise Duffy
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Week 7 of Easter</b>	
09.00	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	The Bonnon Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions</b>	
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Basil</b>	<b>Bridget Donaghy</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Week 7 of Easter</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St. John Fisher	Paddy Ruth
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial of St Boniface</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St. Michael	Jim Norris
<b>19.00</b>	<b>Confirmation Service with Archbishop John</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Week 7 of Easter</b>	
09.00	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Jean Clark
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Vigil of Pentecost</b>	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	The Radcliffe Family
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Mass Association Members
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	George Howard
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Parishioners
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret & Eddie Burke
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	John Barrow

### Sanctuary Lamp

*The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.*

<b>St Bede:</b>	John Houghton
<b>St Basil:</b>	Archbishop John
<b>St John Fisher:</b>	The Bereaved
<b>St Michael:</b>	Candidates for Confirmation

### Rest in Peace

Eric Whitfield, Peter Comerford, Robert Tollet,  
Michael Hardman, Winifred Gill, John Swift,  
Nicholas Cook, Sharon Doyle,  
Catherine Condron, John McCann & William Gill  
**May the Angels lead them into Paradise!**