

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

5th September 2021

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at
the door
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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Congratulations to the new Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, Tom Neylon who was ordained at the cathedral on Friday 3 September.

Bishop Tom was ordained by Archbishop Malcom McMahon in the first major service to be celebrated in the cathedral since the beginning of the pandemic and the first Episcopal Ordination in Liverpool since that of Bishop Tom Williams in 2003.

The cathedral welcomed Apostolic Nuncio, the Vatican's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Bishops from England and Wales as well as priests and parishioners from the archdiocese to the ordination.

There will be ordination cards available at your church this weekend to celebrate this special occasion for everyone in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

To see photographs of the ordination, please visit the Archdiocese of Liverpool Flickr account: www.flickr.com/liverpoolcatholic and there will be an ordination special in September's edition of the Catholic Pic.



Congratulations to:

Clare Hurst & Matthew Peers and to Nicola Walker & Paul Darlington who were married on 28th August at St Bede's church.



Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Choir of St. Wilfrid

It would be great to begin to meet as our Parish Choir and see friends again after so long. Let's gather, on this occasion, on Monday 4th October at 7.00pm in St. Bede's church. Everyone is very welcome even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally.



Eucharistic Ministers ~ Safeguarding

We are in the process of updating all the records for all those who have generously offered to serve as Eucharistic Ministers in our parish. This means that all ministers have to have a 'live and current' DBS check in place. Until this is done no minister should be going out to the sick and housebound. Could all ministers who are currently taking Holy Communion to a sick person please see Fr. Mark as a matter of urgency. Sadly, this practice cannot continue until the DBS process has been completed.

Pauline Ruth, our Safeguarding Representative, is in the process of contacting all the Eucharistic Ministers to begin this vital and essential process.

Thank you.

Fr. Mark

Correction. The dates for the October Talks – 'Hope, Faith, Charity and Love' are on **Thursday's** in October.

Apologies for the confusion.

We pray for those who have died,

John Rawlinson, Mary Seddon

Those who's funerals take place this week.

Warren Keenan



Au Revoir – Auf Wiedersehen – Arrivederci and Farvel

It is with regret that I have to tell you that I will be leaving my role as Office Manager at St Wilfrid's at the end of October. My husband has taken a new position in Denmark and we will be moving there and embarking on a new adventure together. We are both very excited!

It has been an enjoyable but challenging time; I had 11 weeks before we went into lockdown and had to deal with all the challenges a global pandemic threw at us, as well as welcoming and saying goodbye to 4 priests! There has been wonderful support from parishioners who have volunteered and always been willing to offer support and advice.

I wish you all well in the future and know that St Wilfrid's will continue to flourish and grow with the new clergy team in place and the constant support of all the parishioners.

I will remember you all in my prayers; God Bless.

Heather



This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns:

St Basil's *In memory of Marie Elizabeth Golson B'day remb*
St Michael's *In memory of Joseph Davies*



Please pray for **John Richards** and all in the parish who are sick at this time.

Church weeding – St Bede's

Can you spare a little time to do some weeding around the edges of the church and brush up? it would be much appreciated. Thank you

St Bede's Jubilee Club.

You are most welcome to join us in **St John Fisher Hall** on **Thursday 16th September**, 1.30 to 3.00 pm for a musical afternoon with Sue and Roy, Maureen and John.

Tea and biscuits, sing a long and dancing, bingo and raffle but most of all 'good company'.

The Jubilee Team.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Walsingham Pilgrimage 4th to 6th December 2021.

We have waited a long time but finally Walsingham is going ahead. It is now time to pay your balance. Most people have paid a £50 deposit, so the balance will be the total cost less balance paid. If you have not paid a deposit then the full amount is due. Total cost for a standard room is £190 total cost for en-suite is £200.

Please send or bring your payment into the parish office, cheques should be made payable to St Wilfrid's. Can all balances be paid by 30th September?

I hope that you are all looking forward to the Pilgrimage. Details of pick-up time will be given nearer the date.

Susan

Thank you to all the people who knitted hats for new born babies. I am bringing this appeal to an end.

We have knitted nearly 3000 hats between us; our parish of St Wilfrid, St Ambrose, and The Foundry Group. If you have any completed hats, would you please leave them at the back of the church for me to collect.

Sincerely, Margaret R



SEASON OF CREATION

Newsletter Item for 5 September 2021

Caring for our Common Home

During the Season of Creation, you might like to dip into Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*. The title is taken from the first line of the encyclical, "Laudato si', mi Signore" ("Praise be to you, my Lord"). These words come from the beautiful *Canticle of the Creatures* by St Francis of Assisi. The subtitle of the encyclical, 'On Care for our Common Home', explains what the letter is about.

Pope Francis urgently appeals "for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affects us all" (14). He challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us. Quoting Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Francis reminds us that, as Christians, we are called to be responsible custodians of creation: "Christians in their turn 'realise that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith' " (64).

Although quite long, the encyclical is easy to read and can be downloaded from CAFOD's website which has lots of helpful resources exploring the encyclical:

www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical

THIS WEEK		23 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	
Saturday 4 th Sept	11am – 12pm	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Confession & Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 5 th Sept	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 3	
Monday 6 th Sept	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 7 th Sept	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Wed 8 th Sept	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 9 th Sept	12noon*	St Bede's	Mass
	1:30	St Bede's	Funeral Service-Warren Keenan
Friday 10 th Sept	9.30am*	St John Fisher	Mass
*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass			