

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

13th March 2022

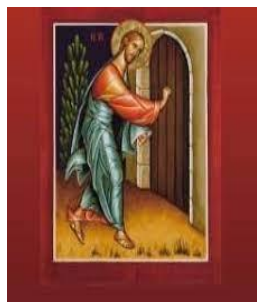
LENT WEEK 2

Year C

“Listen!

***I am standing
at the door
knocking.”***

Rev 3:20



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Reflection

It struck me only the other day that I have been resident in the parish now for nearly seven months and now we find ourselves busily preparing for Easter in just a few weeks from now. Where has all that time gone? *Tempus Fugit* (time flies) we may say!

Time is a precious commodity and seems to speed up the older we get but we can take consolation that even though our lives may be on fast forward and the worries and challenges may increase, God is eternally present to us Father, Son and Holy Spirit in an unending Communion of Divine Love.

God exists in eternity and yet becomes present to us through the incarnation of Jesus and the sending of the Spirit. Sometimes, enslaved to timetables and diaries as we are, we can forget the true depths of God's love for us and the simple truth that nothing else really matters.

Like every other aspect of our lives, the Liturgical Calendar is dictated by time. In this time of Lent, the temptation is to wish that time would fly, so that we can put aside our fasting, abstinence and alms giving in favour of the wonderful festivities that the Easter Season brings. But we are not there yet, and there are many graces to be taken from this time of penance and prayer. Let us dig deep and we will enjoy Easter all the more for it!

‘Sed fugit inreparabile tempus’

‘Time flies away and cannot be restored’

Virgil, *Georgics*, Book III, Line 284

Fr Thomas Clarke



We would like to thank everyone
who supported the
Book Sale.

We raised £91 for UCM Charities.

Thank you so much for your
kindness.

LOURDES DEPOSITS **PAYMENT**

*All those travelling with
St Wilfrid's Lourdes Group to
Lourdes on the 22nd July 2022,
deposits of £250
are now due.*

*Please leave your name,
telephone number and
email details with deposit.*

*Payment can be paid to the Parish
Office or to Ged Glover.*

***Cheques should be made payable
to St Wilfrid's Lourdes Group***

*Once deposit payment is paid it is
advised to that you purchase
your travel insurance.*



Parish Choir



The next gatherings of our Parish Choir are on Tuesdays to prepare for the Easter Liturgies (*please note the change of day*).

We will be meeting on Tuesday March 15th at 7.00pm in St. Bede's Church and then on Tuesday 29th March and Tuesday 5th April, both in St. Bede's Church at 7.00pm.

There will be an additional practice on Tuesday 12th April at 7.00pm in St. Michael's Church. As usual, 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.

CAFOD **Lenten Soup Supper**



Great news, our CAFOD Soup Suppers can now be restarted following our "pandemic break"!

Time to come together as a community...

As part of our parish 'Live Simply' commitment a group of parishioners have got together so that we can once again show our support to our global family by sharing prayer, reflection, and a simple meal...

When: **Monday March 28th**

Time: **7.00 - 9.00pm**

Place: **St John Fisher Hall**

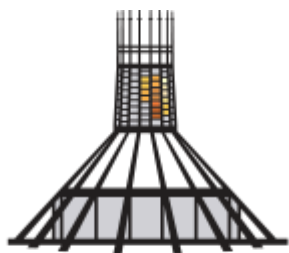
Please let the Parish Office know if you are coming along, to help with numbers for catering.

Fatima Pilgrimage 2022 cancelled

Unfortunately, we did not get enough interest to book the Fatima Pilgrimage this year so we will not be taking a group.

We do hope to be able to organise something for next year, people may be more confident about travelling then.

Thank you to those who put their names on the list, hope you are not too disappointed 😞. Please God, we will make it to Fatima one day!



Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool

Music at the Met Lent 2022

Join us throughout Lent for a special
programme of sacred music sung by our
Cathedral Choir
15.00

All are welcome

Sunday 13 March: *Crucifixus pro nobis* –
Leighton

Sunday 20 March: *Les Sept Paroles du
Christe en Croix* – Franck

Sunday 27 March: *Stabat Mater* – Pergolesi

Sunday 3 April: the Lamentations of
Jeremiah – Tallis

Sunday 10 April (at 19.30): the Office of
Tenebrae

Admission free (Retiring Collection)

News from our RCIA Group Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

Last weekend Andy, Anthony, Hannah, Helen F, Helen C, Jane, Katie, Rob and Sylvia were presented at our 9.00am Mass for the Rite of Sending, before journeying to the Cathedral with family, friends, catechists, priests and sponsors to celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion....

They said:

***"We were so overwhelmed; it was a stunning
experience"***

"Thank you for being there for us"

"I found it very moving"

"It was a beautiful service"

Let us continue to hold them in our prayers as they journey on to the Easter Vigil when they will be received and confirmed as full members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mass Intentions

If you wish to have a Mass offered for a specific date and in a particular Church within the parish, you must put that request in as soon as possible.

Please use the 'Mass Intention' sheets that are at the back of every Church and return it with your offering to the Parish Office.

We will then endeavour to have the Mass offered for you and your loved one.

Ursula and the family of the late Fr. Tony Reynolds wish to thank Fr. Mark Moran and all the parishioners for the beautiful Vigil Mass on the 28th February.

It brought us great comfort to experience how much he was loved and respected by you all.

Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Widnes Food Bank

Every item generously donated to our Food Bank will help save a life. This month we are asking if you could especially donate the following:
Long Grain Rice, UHT milk & Juice, sponge pudding, Jam, Tinned Vegetables, Biscuit/Treats & Cleaning Products. Please leave donations at Tesco, Morrisons or Asda.

Archdiocesan Ukraine Appeal

Please see the posters at the back of the Church for how you can donate via **TEXT** to the appeal to help our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. Please be as generous as you can. God bless you!



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 13th March

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Arthur & Nora Lethbridge
10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Elizabeth Geraghty - 18th Anniversary
10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Vira Smith - Anniversary
11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners
16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Thomas Fitzsimmons – Lately Dead

MONDAY 14th March

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Angela Ryan – Lately Dead

TUESDAY 15th March

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Magee – Lately Dead

WEDNESDAY 16th March

07:00 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – William Pye
18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Karl Bramwell – Lately Dead

THURSDAY 17th March – Feast of St Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland

10:00 am Requiem - Auriol McDonnell - (*St Bede*)
11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St. Michael*)
11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Connie Tracy

FRIDAY 18th March

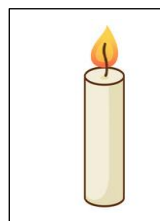
09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)
09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
09.30 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Norah Warren – Birthday Remembrance
13:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*St Michael*)
19:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*St Michael*)

SATURDAY 19th March – Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes
10.30 am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Audrey Galinsky - Lately Dead
18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Keith Downey

Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil: Peter Golson – 27th Anniversary
St Bede: Peace in Ukraine
St Michael: Fr. Tony Reynolds RIP
St John Fisher: Raymond Norris – 8th Anniversary



St Bede
is Opened
For private Prayer
Mon – Fri
10:30am – 13:30 pm