

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

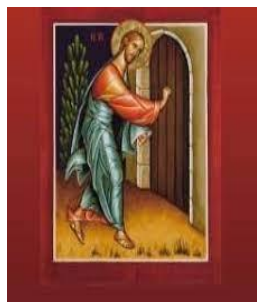
27th February 2022

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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***"Listen!
I am standing
at the door
knocking."***

Rev 3:20



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The other day I picked up my mobile to phone the treatment rooms to make an appointment to have my ears syringed and noticed that I needed to recharge the phone. The usual drama followed.... Where is the blessed charger? Where did I leave it? So, time out to give the old Gray Cells a boost!! Ah, I last used in my bedroom last night so that the phone would be fully charged this morning, perfect.!!

So up I trotted until I reached the landing and then, yes you've guessed, my mind went blank. Standing there thinking, what have I come up here for? I can hear you all shouting.... Been there, Done that Father... Don't you feel a right idiot!! Before I got myself into a real state I began to backtrack in my mind Bingo...!!! of course ...The Charger.

Is this the first step on the ladder to Dementia I asked myself.....

It's funny sometimes how the things you do have a habit of connecting without you planning it that way. For instance, last Thursday I went into Liverpool to meet up with a friend to go and watch the film ' Belfast ', (absolutely fantastic) after which we went down to Liverpool One to Waterstones. I had been given some book tokens for Christmas and had planned to catch up on a few John Grisham and Ken Follett novels that I'd missed out on during Covid. While browsing around my eyes caught sight of a book by Wendy Mitchell called ' What I wish People knew about Dementia ' (from someone who knows) so bought it, what a find.

I must confess I know nothing about Dementia and like the average person on the street I thought Dementia was a decrease of the memory. Well, it is but it's much more. The book is not just about someone living with the illness but it's about a plea to people like you and me through our reading to have a better understanding of the condition especially those who are engaged in the care for someone with Dementia. Wendy was diagnosed with early-onset Dementia at the age of 58 and has spent the last 8 years trying to help people to understand Dementia from the inside out, from someone who struggles with the disease every day.

Oh!! by the way, you might be interested in this great film to if you have Prime or Netflix 'Father' with Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Coleman.

Fr Bill

'In the stillness of the morning, come and hear His voice'

Lenten Retreat Day
Saturday 12th March
St. Joseph's House of Prayer, Freshfield, L37 1PH
9.30am – 5pm
Led by – Fr. Mark

A gentle retreat day that will help us look at the Mass and how we can develop our own sense of wonder and awe in His presence.

Cost of the day - £10
which will include the cost of a coach to and from the retreat centre.

Fr. Tony Reynolds
Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Reynolds who died on the 15th February.

He was 83 years of age and in the 67th year of his priesthood.

Vigil Mass: Fr. Reynolds' body will be received into **St. Michael's Church, Widnes**, for Mass on Monday 28th February.

Requiem Mass: Tuesday 1st March at **St. Mary's, Woolton** at 12 noon.

Burial at St. Mary's churchyard after Mass.

We need... Volunteers with **torches** to steward the Vigil Mass at St. Michael's, if you could be at church at **6.15pm** to ensure that Fr. Reynold's Mass goes without incident and parking does not become an issue. We expect lots of visiting clergy and friends to attend this Mass, so we need lots of help. If you can help just turn up and let **Chris Noon** know in the sacristy that you are there.

Fr. Mark

Liturgy Matters

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

- **Fast** from hurting words and say kind words.
- **Fast** from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- **Fast** from anger and be filled with patience.
- **Fast** from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- **Fast** from worries and have trust in God.
- **Fast** from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- **Fast** from pressures and be prayerful.
- **Fast** from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- **Fast** from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- **Fast** from grudges and be reconciled.
- **Fast** from words and be silent so you can listen.

Pietrafitness.com



**Please note the Parish Office will only be open
between
10:00 am – 13:30 pm – For the week commencing
28th February only.**

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.

Servers Training / Refresher Day

A reminder for all current Altar Servers and an invitation to any new servers wanting to join the team.

There will be a training day / refresher day at St Michaels Church
on
Sunday 13th March from 2pm



**"Invite everyone to make next March 2,
Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting for peace.
I encourage believers in a special way to devote themselves
intensely to prayer and fasting on that day.
May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the
madness of war" Pope Francis**

ASH WEDNESDAY NOTES...

Just a few notes and advice from the Archdiocese.

- Ashes will be offered in the traditional manner, but all recipients must wear a face covering.
- Priest and assistant must also wear a mask.
- At the 10am Masses across the parish the children from our schools will be in attendance so please leave the front rows of the Church empty for them.

'Remember that thou art dust and unto dust thou shall return.'



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 27th February

09.00 am Holy Mass (St Bede) - Betty Burgess - Lately Dead
10.00 am Holy Mass (St Michael) - Parishioners
10.00 am Holy Mass (St John Fisher) - James Burke - Lately Dead
11.00 am Holy Mass (St Bede) – Lena Manning - Lately Dead
16.00 pm Holy Mass (St Bede) – Olga Naughton - Lately Dead

MONDAY 28th February

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (St Basil)
09.10 am Morning Prayer (St Basil)
09.30 am Holy Mass (St Basil) – Moira Shipley – Birthday Remembrance
11.30 am Funeral Service – (St Michael) – Terence Doran

TUESDAY 1st March – Feast of St David, Patron of Wales

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (St Bede)
11.40 am Holy Rosary (St Bede)
12 Noon Holy Mass (St Bede) – Elsie Harrison

WEDNESDAY 2nd March – Ash Wednesday

07:00 am (St Bede's) – Lee Murnane – Lately Dead
10:00 am (St Michael) – Bishop John Rawsthorne
10:00 am (St John Fisher) – Joan Moran
10:00 am (St Basil) – Special Intention (JN)
10:00 am (St Bede) – Brenda Weir – Birthday Remembrance
18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (St Bede)
18.40 pm Evening Prayer (St Bede)
19.00 pm Holy Mass (St Bede) – Brenda Smith – Lately Dead

THURSDAY 3rd March

11:00 am Requiem (St Bede) – Frances Green
11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (St. Michael)
11.40 am Holy Rosary (St. Michael)
12 Noon Holy Mass (St. Michael) – Residents of Care Homes

FRIDAY 4th March

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (St John Fisher)
09.10am Morning Prayer (St John Fisher)
09.30am Holy Mass (St John Fisher) – Rita Hamilton – Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY 5th March

10.00 am Holy Mass (St Bede) – James Brodrick – Anniversary
10.30 am Confessions (St Bede)
17.00 pm Holy Mass (St Bede) – Baby Isiah Pender – 1st Birthday & 1st Anniversary
18.00 pm Holy Mass (St Basil) – June Clemson

Sanctuary Lamp

St Bede:	Michael O'Grady – 49 th Wedding Anniversary
St John Fisher:	Tony Rath
St Basil:	Special Intention
St Michael:	Family & Friends of Fr Tony Reynolds



St Bede will be open for private prayer Mon – Fri 10:30 am till 13:30pm