

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

7th September 2025

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Psalm Response

'O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.'

I Believe

Have you thought about the significance of the Creed that we recite during Sunday Mass after the Homily and before the Universal Prayer (aka bidding prayers)?

"Christianity is the only major religion to set such store by creeds and doctrines. Other religions have scriptures, others have their characteristic ways of worship, others have their own peculiar ethics and lifestyle; other religions also have philosophical, intellectual, or mystical forms as well as more popular manifestations. But except in response to Christianity, they have not developed creeds, statements of standard belief to which the orthodox are supposed to adhere."

Frances Young, (1993) *The making of the Creeds*. SCM Press, London. (Page 1).

1,700 years ago, Church leaders gathered and created the *Nicene Creed* at the Council of Nicaea in AD325. The Nicene Creed is important because it serves as a foundational, universally accepted statement of essential Christian beliefs. It settled major theological debates in the early church and continues to unite diverse Christian traditions.

Want to know more about this important statement of our Christian belief?

Come to a fascinating talk by Fr. Mark Drew, entitled:

"The Nicene Creed. Where does it come from, what does it mean, and why does it matter?" at 6.30pm on Thursday 18th September in St John Fisher Hall.

Deacon Paul

Mass of Thanksgiving – Archbishop Malcolm

On **Friday 3rd October at 7pm** at the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, we will celebrate Holy Mass in thanksgiving for Archbishop Malcolm's ministry as Metropolitan Archbishop of Liverpool. This will be followed by a drinks reception in the Cathedral Crypt. We are all invited to attend.

If you would like to attend this Mass, there will be a coach leaving St. Bede's Church at 6pm and returning at 10pm. If you would like a place on the coach please pass your name, telephone number and £10pp and we shall reserve you a place.

Lourdes HCPT, Group 180 - Quiz Night

On **Friday 12th September at 7.30pm** at Widnes Cricket Club there will be a wonderful and fun Quiz Night to raise funds to send children with additional needs to Lourdes with the HCPT Pilgrimage at Easter. It will be a wonderful night and only costs £5 per person to join in!

Follow on social media on HCPTGROUP180

Mass of Celebration – Mary's Meals – Sunday 21 September

All are invited to a special Mass of celebration for the work of Mary's Meals **on Sunday 21st September at 3pm**. This global charity providing school meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities, and a charity that is supported here in the Parish of St. Wilfrid.

Archbishop John Sherrington will preside at the Mass at St Teresa's Catholic Church, Church Road, Upholland, Wigan, WN8 0PY. Light refreshments will be served in the church hall after Mass.

Parish Choral Offering

We are delighted to inform you that at **6.30pm on Friday 26th September** at St Basil's Church our Metropolitan Cathedral Choir will be singing a selection of Choral Classics. Our special guests that evening will be Widnes Catholic Children's Choir.

Tickets are £2.50 and will be on sale at all Masses on Saturday 13th September and Sunday 14th September. After these dates tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office.

Please come to what will be a very enjoyable evening. Refreshments will be available.

Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Tuesday 9th September there will be a celebration of the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, at St. Joseph's Parish in Penketh, Warrington.

The event will begin at 6.30pm with an hour of faith-based discussion for young people aged 16-21 with a focus on living a Catholic life as a young person today amidst modern challenges, to which the lives of the aforementioned young men are of great inspiration. From 7.30pm until 8.30pm, there will then be an hour of Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament open to all. All are welcome to join this celebration of the canonisation and to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Widnes Catholic Children's Choir

Widnes Catholic Children's Choir will be starting their rehearsals again after the summer break on **Monday 8th September 4-5pm** at St John Fisher Church Hall.

We are currently looking for lots of new members from Years 2-8 who love singing and want to join our amazing group! There are many exciting concerts and events planned for the coming year both in Widnes and beyond, so if you know of someone who is interested, please follow this link to sign up. <http://eepurl.com/i8AkqA>

Mass Intentions

The following Mass intentions have been received and will be offered outside the Parish.
God Bless You!

David Locket	Maureen Briers
Pat Gurney	Margaret Burke
Pat Gurney	Maureen Martin
Pat Gurney	Alan Golson
James Cassidy	Cath Condon
John Buckley	Private Intention
Gerald Martin	John Smith
John Prendergast	Alex Cannon
Joseph Edward Davies	John & Maureen Hyland
Mary & Joseph Davies	Claire Rainford
Mary Davies	George, Mary, Gerard Dann
Fr Tony Reynolds	Jean Jacobsen
Mary & Joseph Freeman	Barbara Thistlethwaite
Olwyn Shipman	Philip Denham
Mary Unwin	Thanksgiving
Bridget Catherine Loftus	Honor Evans
Msgr Charles Glass	Olwyn Shipman
Fr Bernard Wood	Moria Kelly
Fr Bernard Wood	

Accompaniment – Ministry of Reader

On **Wednesday 10th September** at **7pm** at the Parish Hall at St. John Fisher all readers are invited and encouraged to attend a time of prayer, reflection and discussion surrounding their ministry amongst us. This time is important and will be led by members of the Vision Group. Please make every effort to attend.

End of Life Bill

Ahead of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill having its second reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12th September, Archbishop John Sherrington is calling for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action. Catholics can write to a Peer ahead of the reading to make their opposition known. More details about how to contact, how to address them and suggested points to include in your letter can be found in the news section of the Archdiocese of Liverpool website (<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/how-to-make-your-voice-heard-in-opposing-the-assisted-suicide-bill>)

We're also asking people to join together in prayer:

Father, as we consider this deeply sensitive and sad issue may we hold Your grace and truth close to our hearts. We pray for vulnerable people facing the prospect of pain and fear of death and dying. May everyone in need receive comfort and support through the gift of medical skill and the ministry of those who care. We are a people of hope, and we pray to the Holy Spirit for help. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday 7th September

09.00 Holy Mass

10.15 Holy Mass

11.30 Holy Mass

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Bede

Parishioners

St Michael

Joseph Edward Davies

St Bede

George Grace

Monday 8th September

No Mass or Service

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 9th September

12noon Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Ferial

St Bede

Wednesday 10th September

No Mass or Service

Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow

Thursday 11th September

10.00 **Funeral Service**

12noon Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

Ferial

St Michael

Kathleen Burke

St Michael

Friday 12th September

12noon **Funeral Service**

Ferial

St John Fisher

Beryl Connolly

Saturday 13th September

13.00 **Wedding Service**

St Michael

Michael & Ellie

16.30 Lourdes Holy Mass with Youth

18.00 Holy Mass

Vigil of the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Basil

George Sadler (Snr)

St John Fisher

Jimmy Fay

Sunday 14th September

09.00 Holy Mass

10.15 Holy Mass

11.30 Holy Mass

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Bede

Elizabeth Morris

Anastasia Bryan

St Michael

Kathleen Glackin

St Bede

Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede: Albert Timperley

St Basil: Special Intention

St John Fisher: Barbara Thistlethwaite

St Michael: Joseph Davies

Rest in Peace

John Hill, Agnes Eunice Higgins, Jennifer Settle,
Peter Sunderland, Terence Karalius,
Stephen Webster & Denise Brown

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!