

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

17th January 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

“Listen!

I am standing at
the door
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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Reflection.

From Monday of last week, the Church's Liturgical Calendar moved into 'Ordinary Time'. The high point of the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and his revelation as the 'Light of the Nations', gives way to the ordinariness of human life. The next peak will be the journey we make following the Lord through Lent, to Easter and to Pentecost. None of us could say that we are living in ordinary times! The reality of the presence of the corona virus means that this is no 'ordinary time'. We are called to be alert and to be on our guard to protect ourselves and others from contagion.

The scripture readings today are an invitation to us to be on the alert to the voice of the Lord in the time and the place we find ourselves. If someone had said to me 12 months ago that I would be living in St Wilfrid's Parish, working with Bishop John, Fr Bill, Fr Carl, and Fr Mark, I think I would be forgiven for doubting them. Samuel was only a boy when he heard the Lord calling him to be a prophet to the people of Israel. John the Baptist points the way to the Lord, to two of his disciples. They become followers of Christ after spending the late afternoon and evening hours with him.

As each day in this extraordinary time unfolds may we have an ear for the Lord, who is present within us, and be alert to the signs inviting us to follow in him.

Fr Tom

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 18-25 January, 2021.

Each year we are encouraged to pray for the unity of Christians throughout the world. In our lifetime the animosity between the various Christian traditions has, in the main, disappeared. Often, we find ourselves praying, working, or volunteering alongside children, women, and men, from the rich variety of Christian traditions, or of other faiths and religions. The focus of our prayer this coming week is 'Abiding in Christ.' There are helpful resources available on the CTBI website. [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)



We pray for those who have died:

Joan Williams Michael McKewen Elizabeth Monica Sant James O'Connor

Those who's funerals take place this week:

John McGrath Roszanne McCabe Frances Brown Elizabeth (Glengs) Hammond
Carl Lenzhan Margaret Naglor Kevin Pybus Christine Flaherty

Those who's funerals took place last week:

Jean Bernard Joan Fenny Christopher Topping

May they Rest in Peace.

How to access Mass

St Wilfrid's Widnes

YouTube videos are being prepared so that you can participate in Mass.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC52-K27EaYwySzRmeP3f3eA>

Mass from St Wilfrid's will be available Sunday morning.

Across the Archdiocese:

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (also available as an audio download).
- [Sunday readings](#).
- [Weeks 18 and 19 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)

You may also like to look at:

Echoes of God

A 7 week look at Old and New Testament Scripture on Mondays at 7-8pm on Zoom starting on 18 January 2021. Using David McLoughlin's scripture sessions that start with Exodus and end with St Paul's Letters, an opportunity to read, reflect and share facilitated by Pastoral Associates. Registration and materials (free) at www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk The sessions should take us beyond this lockdown...! (Advert attached.)

Fish with Mark

God Speaks in our Time – reflections on our journey through Mark's Gospel are available to view at www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk. Voices from the Archdiocese share what has struck them in the Gospel of Mark as we follow the Lectionary for Year B, and prompt us to delve deeper.

Archdiocese of Liverpool J&P Commission Annual Memorial Lecture Sunday January 17th at 2pm (on Zoom)

This year's Memorial Lecture will be given by Mary Colwell, an award-winning writer and producer specialising in natural history, environment, religion and human stories; she is also a Feature Writer for the Tablet. The title of the lecture will be: **'To Prepare a Future Full of Hope Amid Chaos and Uncertainty'** To register your place please go to the J&P website jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk or use the link

<http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/2021/01/05/memorial-lecture-registration-17-january-2021/>

Also, a reminder of the Zoom Retreat on **Living Laudato Si' Your Parish and Your Planet** led by Sr Margaret Atkins, 22-25 January. (Advert attached.)