



# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



## Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Collection This Week  
APF World Missions**

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### Psalm Response

**'May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you'.**

## He loves us every day...

I was once showing some children from the reception classes around church. Showing them the Ambo, the Altar and the Stations of the Cross, asking them to repeat the words in the hope that they would remember the names of the sacred things in their church.

The statues are a good teaching tool, the children know who Mary and Joseph are from the Christmas story, so they pass with an easy explanation. All was going well, I was holding that attention of very small children, I was home and dry! But I came a cropper when I came to the statue of the Sacred Heart. The image of the Sacred Heart is so familiar to us, it is an image of Jesus that we have grown up with, that I suggest we don't really see it. The Sacred Heart is just there! Yet the fresh eyes of five-year-olds see something quite different!

*"euggghhhh, what is that on his chest"?*

*"His heart"*

*"Why is his heart outside of his body? Euggghhhh"*

I had to think very quickly! The teachers and the teaching assistants suddenly found the ceiling of the church very interesting! What shall I say as 60 pairs of eyes looked at me for an explanation? Think! Inspiration came from above... we had just celebrated Valentines Day and I said that we give cards with hearts on to show people that we love them very much, but we don't actually give them our hearts. Well, Jesus shows us His heart outside His body, to remind us that He loves us every day, not just on Valentines Day! He gives us His heart and His love every day! The children nodded and walked on! Phweee! Thank you Sacred Heart of Jesus!

So, remember, He does love us every day!

Fr. Mark

## **Mass Association Cards**

We are offering Mass Association Cards to the parish community. These large, padded cards can be given for a bereavement, anniversary, birthday or to mark a special occasion. Once enrolled, the person will share in a Mass, once a month for twelve months. The newsletter will state 'Mass Association' should you wish to attend the Mass. Individual names will not be advertised. Cards at the back of all the churches.

The script inside the card reads.

**St. Wilfrid's Mass Association**

**Joe Bloggs**

**Has been enrolled in the Mass Association for the next 12 months.**

**Requested by**

**Mary Bloggs**

**Those enrolled will share in a special Mass offered every month**

**Fr. Mark Moran Parish Priest**

**How to get a Mass Association Card** – At the back each church there are baskets with the Mass Association Cards in and at the front of the basket are small envelopes with 'Mass Association' on. The cards cost £10 each. Place your offering inside the envelope and on the back of the envelope write the name of the person you wish to be enrolled into the Association. Hand the envelope to the sacristan who will return it to the Parish Office for entry into the Mass Association Book for inclusion in the monthly Mass.

**Fr Mark**

## **'Assisted Suicide Bill'**

On Wednesday, a bill was introduced to Parliament, proposing a change to the law to permit assisted suicide. This proposal is contrary to the Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has asked us to consider three simple points. To firstly, "be careful what you wish for", as the pattern in other countries where this change has taken place, is one where the circumstances in which life can be taken are growing ever wider and wider. To secondly see "that a right to die can become a duty to die", for those who are ill and see themselves as a burden may feel pressured to opt for assisted suicide. To finally remember that "being forgetful of God belittles our humanity", because all human life is a gift from God the creator, who is the origin and end of human life. Our life is not our own possession, it is God's and no human being has the right to take it. Please pray that this change does not take place and equally write to your MP expressing your opposition. The Member of Parliament for Halewood and Widnes is Derek Twigg who can be contacted via email: [derek.twigg.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:derek.twigg.mp@parliament.uk) or via post: Derek Twigg MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Jesus wants us to stand up for the truth!

**Fr Peter**

## **Gospel of Luke**

In November, Saint Wilfrid's will be hosting a series of four sessions exploring the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel we will be hearing from on Sundays next year. These accessible sessions will take place each Wednesday evening in November. As we prepare for the new translation of the scripture readings at Mass from Advent onwards, we are all presented with an opportune chance to discover the scriptures afresh.

**First Talk – 7pm, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Fr. Andrew Robinson will introduce us afresh to St. Luke's Gospel at the Parish Hall at St. John Fisher. Benediction at 8pm.**

Please come along and bring a friend!

**Fr Peter**

## Readers and the Revised Lectionary

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The revised Lectionary will be used in all parishes across England and Wales from the first Sunday in Advent. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. These changes are intended to make the texts a more proclaim able and, where appropriate, more inclusive.

To help understand these changes we strongly encourage *all readers* in our parish to come to a formation session on **Monday 11th November** in **St John Fisher's Hall**. Led by Deacon Paul, the evening will start at **7.00pm** with light refreshments and then the formation session from **7.30pm** until **9.00pm**. It is hoped that all our readers would attend but this is open to everyone in the parish.

The revised Lectionary is an important development in our liturgical celebrations, one that is of particular significance for our Readers. Please make every effort to attend. For catering and handout purposes, **please pass your name into the parish office asap.**

## St. Basil's Church

The tabernacle 'shell' has been taken away for repair and to be revarnished, it was split in many places and needs a bit of TLC! The tabernacle has been placed in the centre of the sanctuary now and will remain there. Once the 'shell' has been repaired the tabernacle will be mounted on the wall once more and the crucifix will be raised slightly.

Thank you to Steve Warburton and Peter Golson for their kindness and generosity in caring for our beautiful church.

## St. Michael's Church Heating

We are looking into arranging temporary heating in St. Michael's Church. As you can imagine we need specialist advice to heat such a large building with such specific needs. We await a decision from the Trustees about the future of the heating system at St. Michael's. Fr. Mark met with the Pastoral Organisation Subcommittee last Monday and presented the case of our current situation here in the parish of St. Wilfrid. Their recommendation will be presented to the Trustees.

Fr. Mark is being as proactive as he can be, with the support of the Vision Group and the Buildings and Finance Committee. Instead of reminding him that '*it is cold*', say a prayer instead – he knows it is cold and he needs the prayers!

## Deanery Mass – Warrington and Widnes

On **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** we shall gather at Holy Family Church in Cronton for our monthly Deanery Mass. The Mass will begin at **12 noon**, and it is wonderful time of prayer and an opportunity to gather with the people and priests of the deanery.

Please make every effort to join us for Mass.

## Medjugorje 2025

All invoices should have been received from JW Tours; they are a little confusing! The dates they show for the final balance is Feb 2025. However, if you wish to take advantage of the £100 discount you need to pay your balance in full by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Thank You.

# Parish Liturgy

Please check where Holy Mass is each day as everything is subject to change!

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Stephen O'Connor & Norah Phillips
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Parishioners
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Jim Riley
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Irene Pickering
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>		
09.30	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	St Basil	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>		
<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>Patricia Campbell</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>		
<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>John Davies</b>
14.00	Holy Mass	Ferndale Court Nursing Home	Residents of Ferndale
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
11.30	Exposition & Rosary		
12 Noon	Holy Mass	St Basil	John Buckley
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
12 Noon	<b>Deanery Mass</b>	Holy Family, Cronton	The Carmon Family Mary & Joseph Hyland
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Steven Bate
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Mary Rath
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Harry Taylor
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	S.V.P
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Brian Morris

## Sanctuary Lamp

*The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.*

<b>St Bede</b>	Ellen Cooke
<b>St Basil</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>St John Fisher</b>	Joan, Eileen & Joe Skilky
<b>St Michael</b>	Brian Quinn

## Requiescant in pace

Brian Quinn, Margaret Mason,  
Mary Taylor, Teresa Alderton &  
Francis (Frank) Richards

**May the Angels lead them into Paradise!**