

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

30th May 2021

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)

**“Listen!
I am standing
at the door
knocking.”**
Rev 3:20



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Reflection

This weekend we celebrate the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, and it certainly is a mystery to most people, it's not a concept that is explained easily. How then can we make the Trinity real in our own lives and how can our families reflect the Trinity in day-to-day life?

Pope Francis says that families don't drop down from heaven perfectly made, rather families live in many different situations and face many different challenges and struggles every day.

So, just how can families be a reflection of God in the Trinity?

Usually, when we try to understand how God can be three and one at the same time, our thoughts can become muddled and the Trinity can become more of a mathematical problem rather than a blessing. Or sometimes it can seem that the Trinity is a complete mystery – something that we shy away from because we really don't understand. But, as Pope Francis reminds us, God is not a series of abstract ideas. Rather, God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is a community of love, each loving the other with a love that is perfect. This life-giving flow of love in the Trinity has sometimes been described as a divine dance.

We too can be part of this dance, because we are made to love, and be loved. So, it's God's will that we follow the same dance within our families, where we hopefully find unconditional love.

But of course, we live in the real world, with daily challenges that can put a stress on all of us. But if we remain in this flow of love despite the challenges, we all face, then our families can even be strengthened through these daily challenges.

It's when the love stops. When we don't let go or forgive each other than relationships can quickly fall apart and the family can begin to disintegrate. This can happen even over the smallest of things.

Pope Francis shows us that to find the joy of love we all need, then the simple practice of forgiving daily and letting go is enough.

If we end our day with forgiveness, even with the simplest of gestures, a hug, a kiss or just a kind word, then any worries or arguments can be healed and that dance begins again.

That's why, even in all our messiness, we can be a living reflection of the Trinity.

Fr Carl

We pray for those who have died,

Joan Broome Margaret Fazackerley

Those whose funerals are next week. *Charles Moss Brenda Myler*



MASS INTENTIONS.

The following Masses have been said by the priests this month:

Residents of all our care homes x4	Ann-Marie Watts LD
Samantha Barter	Joyce Morana LD x 2
Paula McCabe LD	Sheila Faulkner
Tess Conway RIP	Olwynne Waller LD
James Bebbington LD	A Private Intention (JC)
Ted Wright LD	William Cullerton – B'day Ann
Parishioners of the parish x 4	John Biggs Ann.
Francis Fenlon LD	Josephine Cleary LD
Maureen Bowers RIP	Hugh Brennan (Jnr) 1 st Ann
Veronica McDonnell LD	Elizabeth Glenys Hammond LD
Uday Lakhani – successful operation	Brian & Mary Darwin B'day & Ann
Edward Dourley LD	Norman Corlett LD
Annie Humphries LD	Margaret Smith LD
Margaret Skardon LD	James Finn LD
Mary Reardon LD	Cath Cain LD x 2
Peter John Moran LD	Susan Carson LD
John Heaton LD	Peggy Heaton - B'day Ann.
Alan Smith x 4	Peter Percival - Ann.
Colin Martin LD	A Special Intention (JC)
Susan Carson LD	Margaret Smythe - 1 st Ann.
Doris Cox - 21 st Ann	Anthony & George Stevenson –
Aoife Dolan	Ann. & B'day remb.
Hugh Brennan SNR & Ann Brennan	Mary Reardon LD
B'day remb.	Thomas Walsh
John McGrath LD	The family of Mary Reardon LD
The Holy Souls	Edward & Liam Carter LD
Stewart Elliott LD	Edward Wilson
Thomas Bowles LD	Florence Reid 1 st Ann.
Janet Wilcox LD	John & Maureen Hyland LD
Mark Hurst	Christopher Ruth 4 th Ann.
Elizabeth Davidson	Colette Leake
Fr Peter Fox LD	
Margaret Caine LD	

Eucharistic Ministers



CALLING ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

As we slowly move into a new way of being 'normal' we need to get ourselves ready to ensure that we can minister at the Altar of the Lord and to serve our sick and housebound parishioners.

Could all who intend to serve St. Wilfrid's Parish Community as a Eucharistic Minister please attend **one** of the following meetings;

Wednesday 9th June after 7pm Mass in St. Michael's Church

or

Sunday 13th June after the 4pm Mass in St. Bede's Church

At this meeting we will endeavour to;

- * see who wishes to minister at the altar and those who are able to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.
- * ensure our list of sick and housebound parishioners is up to date.
- * look at Safeguarding Procedures and DBS checks.
- * answer any concerns that you might have.

Please make every effort to attend.



*Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion*

This week the Blessed Sacrament Candle burns for:

St Basil's In memory of Richard & Ann Holian
St Bede's
St John Fisher In memory of Billy Moran
St Michael's (1)
St Michael's (2)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS!

Over the next two months the children in Year 4 and those children in Year 5 who have not celebrated yet will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. What a wonderful time!

The children have worked hard over the past month preparing for this special day, supported by the parish and their school communities. Thank you to all who have given time and energy so that these celebrations can happen in very different times. May it be a day that they will remember forever.

Please pray for the children and their families at this special time.



Foodbank is continuing to operate in these difficult times and would like to thank everybody for their generous support.

Widnes Foodbank gratefully receives donations of any food items but would particularly welcome donations of the following food items:

Sponge Puddings	Tinned Custard	UHT Milk	Tinned Fruit
UHT 1Lt Juice	Hand Wash	Unisex Deodorant	

Crossing Point centre will now be able to accept donations on Mondays (11am – 2pm), Thursdays (11am – 1pm) and Fridays (11am – 2pm). Items can also be left at the Widnes Foodbank collection points at the main Widnes stores of ASDA, Morrison's and Tesco and various drop off points in Halton.

Any additional information can be found at: www.widnesfoodbank.org.uk

Thank you to anyone who can make a donation.

Catholic Pictorial

The latest edition is available digitally at:

<https://bit.ly/36fUh2V>

<http://www.catholicpic.co.uk/> updated daily
with news from around the Archdiocese.

Wednesday Word

This could be a very helpful way of accessing
the Sunday readings.

<http://wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please remember that due to social distancing and Health & Safety measures we have to adhere to strict numbers in church. Please show courtesy and understanding to the stewards if they have to tell you that the church has reached capacity.

ST BASIL'S	60	ST BEDE'S	68
ST JOHN FISHER	50	ST MICHAEL'S	110

The Neocatechumenal Way

Every Saturday evening at St Basil's, a small community meets for the Eucharistic celebration. This small community belong to the Neocatechumenal Way, a new movement recognised by the church as a special gift inspired by the Holy Spirit. The founder of the Neocatechumenal Way, Kiko Arguello, has dedicated his life to Christ and proclaiming the good news of salvation. He and another lay missionary Carmen Hernandez began building small communities among the poor in the outskirts of Madrid in the 1960s. Their method of transmitting faith in Jesus and building small Christian communities became their evangelisation model. Approved by the Vatican, the Neocatechumenal Way has spread to cities and towns worldwide, including Widnes.

The small community here in Widnes have been present in the town since 1992, having been looked after by Fr Frank Calderbank, who was parish priest at St Patrick's and St Marie's. Over the years, they have met in various places, including St Patrick's, St Marie's, St John Fisher, St Michael's and latterly at St Basil's.

If you would like to meet this community and find out more about them, their weekly Eucharistic Celebration is at **7.30 pm** at **St Basil's**. You're more than welcome.





100th Anniversary of The Knights of St Columba in Widnes

In 1921 a group of Widnes Catholic gentlemen applied to the Supreme Knight of the Knights of St Columba for permission to form a Council in Widnes.

The application was made by Mr. P. Caldwell together with 13 other gentlemen, following the first Supreme Council meeting to be held in England at St Georges Hall Liverpool. The Supreme Council discussed the application and decided that a new council could be formed in Widnes and would join the other newly formed English Councils (9,12,13 and 14) in the newly formed Province 2 (Liverpool). The council was named a Council No 18. (Widnes) and on **29 May 1921** a Charter was signed and issued with the names of the new Council's Chaplin Rev. Fr. F. Mulholland and the Officers and the positions they would hold within the Council.

The names of successive Council 18 Grand Knights are listed on the Charter Surround.

Representative from the Knights of St Columba will be attending the Mass at St Basil's on Saturday 29th May to celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

*The **Knights of St Columba** is a Catholic fraternal service order. Founded in Glasgow in 1919.*

It is named in honour of Saint Columba, a Christian missionary from Ireland who helped to introduce Christianity to some of the people in the north of Britain. The organisation describes itself as being dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. There are more than 4,300 members of the KSC, in over 240 councils across Great Britain — it features in England, Scotland and Wales. Membership is limited to Catholic men aged 16 and over, and promotes the social doctrine of the Catholic Church.

The organisation is non-political and essentially democratic, does not admit women, and exists to support the mission of the Catholic Church. The KSC organisation is a member of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights. Founder of the Knights and first Supreme Knight was P J O'Callaghan.

Baptism

Please welcome these children who we have baptised this month and pray for them.

Annie Orla Whitfield

Violet Pierce

Bobby George Leslie

Lennon George Quinn

Luis Joseph Keowski

Macey Elizabeth Hughes

William Anthony Bailey

Eboney-Leigh Herley

Esmae Sofia Smith

Ellis Jack Cheshire

Brady Underwood

Lilliana Theresa Dutton

Cody Michael Fox

Henrietta Elizabeth Poppy Ainsworth

Jack Martin Allan Gamble

Delilah Grace O'Keefe Ruane

Luke Kayden Couzens

Kingsley Jules Sant

Mason Clegg

Patsy Ferreira

Lucy Annabelle Kearney

Everly Rose Hughes

Bethany Mae Bailey

Monty James McKay

Jacob James Smith

Esther Lilith Carlin

Ellis Alexander Niven-Goble

Luis Ray Dutton

Alfie James Clark

Julia Jane Gregson

Lily-Rose Gamble

Harry Paul Helliwell

Amelia-Rose Liu

Thomas Zak Henson

Adderly Nora Hughes

Charlie Joe Evans

Sofia Ellen McPake

Arthur James Metcalf

Max Joseph Meadows

Theo Middleton-Jones

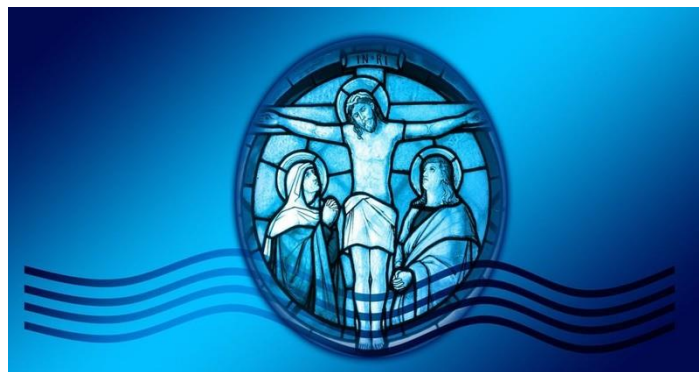
Frankie Fox

Nellie Mae McKenzie

Callum Paul Vincent Topping

Albie James Pendleton-Sinclair

Alexander James Kavanagh



THIS WEEKEND

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)

Saturday 29th May	11am	St Bede's	Confession
	5pm	St Michael's	Mass
	6pm	St Basil's	Mass
Sunday 30th May	9am	St Michael's	Mass
	9am	St Bede's	Mass
	10am	St John Fisher	Mass
	11am	St Bede's	Mass
	4pm	St Bede's	Mass

WEEKDAYS

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1

Monday 31st May	9:30am*	St Basil's	Mass
Tuesday 1st June	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Wed 2nd June	7pm*	St Michael's	Mass
Thursday 3rd June	12 noon*	St Bede's	Mass
Friday 4th June	9:30am*	St John Fisher	Mass

*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 30 minutes before each Mass

