



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



1st September 2024

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Next weekend, 2nd Collection – Catholic Education

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Responsorial Psalm

'The just will live in the presence of the Lord'

Happy to be at home with you in Widnes!

I am thoroughly overjoyed to be joining the community here in Widnes. Saint Wilfrid's has a reputation for being a diverse, creative, active and deeply spiritual parish. So naturally, when Archbishop Malcolm asked me to come here as your new assistant priest, I jumped at the opportunity. I am very happy to be at home with you in Widnes!

I am a 'brand new' priest from Saint Margaret Mary's in Knotty Ash, which is incidentally one of Father Mark's former parishes. Back in Knotty Ash, I have my Mum, Dad and my two younger brothers. We are close knit, and I value them immensely. I've felt drawn to the priesthood since I was a little boy. However, it was during my teenage years that I began to discern a calling to the priesthood. Upon completing my time at University, I applied for seminary and was sent to Valladolid, Spain, for an introductory year of formation. After my year in Spain, I was then sent to Oscott College, Birmingham, where I remained for six years of formation, culminating in my priestly ordination just a few weeks ago.

That's a little bit about me anyway and I'll say a bit more during my first Masses in the parish over the next few weeks. I do hope to get to know you all, so please introduce yourselves at the end of Mass and I'll try my very best to remember names. I am so happy to be here.

May God bless us all and may Saint Wilfrid pray for us.

Fr Peter

Service to Commission Lay Leaders

A group of parishioners responded to an invitation to discern whether they could lead Services of the Word for their fellow parishioners in the months that lie ahead. Led by Dcn. Paul, they went away for days of study and discussion to understand the ministry within a parish setting. They have completed their training and have already begun their ministry amongst us. Bless them! We ask your prayers for, Linda Mellor, Ann Kenwright, Elaine Davies, Wayne Murray, Frances Atherton, Andy West. On **Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm at St. John Fisher Church**, they will be commissioned by the whole parish, for their ministry is one of service to us all. You are encouraged to come and support them by attending this Service of Commissioning and praying for them.

Fundraising Group

The work at St. Bede's Church is well under way and though the money is secure for the building and reordering work there will be lots that we could do if we had the money to do it? Stained Glass in the side windows? Stations of the Cross restored? These things rely on the generosity of you, the people of the parish. But could we think of new and engaging ways to raise money? Do you have any ideas? If you do and would like to become part of a small coordinating group to raise funds, then please pass your name and telephone number into the parish office and the Buildings and Finance Group will assemble the group to explain what we hope to have within the restoration of St. Bede's Church!

Welcome Back Children and Staff!

How quickly the summer holidays pass and this week our staff and children return to school! We hope that they have all had a good break and return to us refreshed and ready for another year of learning. I believe that the schools are central to the whole parish community, they are our point of contact for many in our parish who perhaps don't join us at the weekend.

Our schools are our pride and our joy! Wherever you look in any of our schools you come face to face with the person of Jesus Christ and the respect and kindness that is shown to all who enter our schools is wonderful to see and experience. As we begin a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our schools for all that they do, day in and day out to bring a deeper knowledge of God and His Church to the children of the parish of St. Wilfrid.

Parish Choir

Everyone is always very welcome to come and sing in the Parish Choir. If you have not sung before, or not sung for years, or haven't been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally, it doesn't matter, you would be most welcome. Our next gatherings are on Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 1st October, Monday 4th November and Tuesday 3rd December, all at 7pm in **St John Fisher Church**. Please note the change of venue, due to the continuing renovation work at St. Bede's Church.

R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Would you like to become a Roman Catholic?

Would you like to know more about your faith and have the time to talk to others about big questions? The RCIA programme is a discerning programme for adults who wish to learn more, and after a time of prayer and contemplation, may wish to become Roman Catholics. The programme runs from late September till May and requires a weekly commitment.

If you would like to know more, please leave your contact details at the Parish Office and Pauline Rolt will contact you.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	1st September	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Eileen Lee
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Alice McLarney
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Private Intention
16.00	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Parishioners
Monday	2nd September		
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Carmel Carolan
Tuesday	3rd September	Feast of St Gregory the Great	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Brian Gornall
13.00	Requiem Mass	St Michael	Veronica (Rhona) Kenrick
19.00	Service of Commissioning of Lay Leaders, St John Fisher Church		
Wednesday	4th September		
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Ann & Martin Maloney
Thursday	5th September		
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Fr Bill Murphy
Friday	6th September		
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Mary Atherton
Saturday	7th September		
10.00	Bereavement Mass	St Bede	Holy Souls
10.30	Confessions		
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	James Michael O'Brien
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Anne Evans
Sunday	8th September	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Albert Timperley
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Bridget Catherine Loftus
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	George Grace
16.00	Holy Mass	St. Bede	Parishioners

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

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Brian Morris
St Basil	Children of the Parish
St John Fisher	Fr. Peter Ross
St Michael	Special Intention

Requiescant in pace

Marie Bold, John Mitchell,
Michael Hindley, Thomas McDermott,
Ruth McLoughlin & John Edward Atherton

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Medugorje 2025

Just to remind everyone that booking forms and deposits need to be returned to the Parish Office for the attention of Susan Warburton this week, so that we can secure our booking for this pilgrimage.

Appeal for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We need more Eucharistic Ministers. We need more ministers to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound and we need more ministers to serve at Holy Mass, offering the Body and Blood of Jesus to our fellow parishioners. We are literally at capacity, any new requests for Holy Communion at home will have to be placed on a waiting list as we have no one to offer them the sacrament at home. To be clear, Holy Communion can be taken to the sick on any day and the sick are so grateful to receive Jesus and know that they are not forgotten by the community. In October, Fr. Peter will begin to celebrate Mass in the nursing homes in the parish and will offer the Sacrament of the Sick to those who require it. Also Fr. Mark and Fr. Peter cover Whiston Hospital overnight to offer spiritual comfort to the dying and the bereaved.

Could you help? Yes, you, not the person sitting next to you!

Could you volunteer for this wonderful ministry in our community?

If you would like to know the commitment that is required for either role, please pass your name and telephone number into the Parish Office and Pauline Rolt will contact you. All necessary safeguarding procedures will be followed before your appointment is made as a minister and training will be given. Please think about it.

Fr. Mark

Liturgy Notes

Readers

1. End each of the readings with 'THE WORD OF THE LORD' not 'This is the Word of the Lord'.
2. At the psalm, after a pause, simply read the response without introduction.
3. Move into your place for the intercessions at the line, 'I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church', in the Creed.

Eucharistic Ministers

1. When approaching the altar, come up *together* at the Sign of Peace, bow to the altar *together* and then move to your places. Take your time, there is no rush.
2. Once *all* ministers have received the host from the priest, move and take either the bowl or the chalice without receiving from the chalice, and move into your place without delay. If there is any Precious Blood over at the end, you shall receive then.
3. Do not purify the sacred vessels during Mass, simply leave them covered with the purificator on the credence table and immediately after Mass come back up on the altar and purify. If you are going out with Holy Communion to the sick, the minister who is available should purify the vessels. The purification of the vessels is the responsibility of the Eucharistic Minister not the sacristan.
4. Then please, come to the front of the altar, wait until all ministers are there, bow to the altar *together* and then return to your place.

Thank you for your ministry amongst us.

Fr. Mark