

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

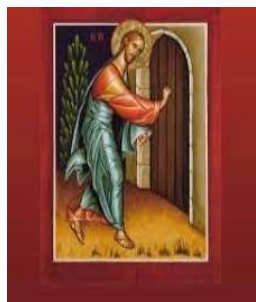
27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

LENT WEEK 4

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**“Listen!  
I am standing  
at the door  
knocking.”**

Rev 3:20



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**This week there will be a Retiring Collection for Nugent**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Pope Francis consecrated the Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The pope has written “This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace.”

O, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end, and peace spread throughout the world. The “Fiat” that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “Fiat,” on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope,” water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

*Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer...*

*Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war. Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation. Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world. Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness. Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons. Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love. Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.*

*Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world!*

# LGBTQ+ MASS



On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm at St. Bede's Church** there will be Holy Mass celebrated with the LGBTQ+ community in the Archdiocese. Everyone will be made very welcome.

## CAN YOU HELP?

I need two volunteers to help with making tea and coffee after Mass in the Guild Hall, if you are free on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, from 1.30pm – 4pm then please contact the parish office and leave your name and number and Fr. Mark will be in contact with you. Thank you!

## **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 17 – 24 May 2022 Led by Fr Bill Murphy**



For further information please see posters at back of church.

Booking forms available from the Parish Office.

## **Halton's Heritage**

Celebrate Halton's Heritage at St Marie's, Lugsdale Road, Widnes.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 10am till 4pm. There will be exhibitions, family history displays and family friendly activities. Free entry for all.

For further information please visit: [www.heritagehq.org](http://www.heritagehq.org) or email: [haltonheritagehq@gmail.com](mailto:haltonheritagehq@gmail.com)

## RESURRECTION CANDLES

If you would like to remember a loved one, who we pray is now in heaven or you have a special intention that you would like remembered over Easter, then please think about lighting a Resurrection Candle.

These candles will be lit in all the churches over Easter and all names and intentions will be listed in the porch of each church.

If you would like a Resurrection Candle, then please put your intention and £5 offering through the door of the Parish Office.

Last date to do this is **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL**, so that the lists can be prepared.

### Parish Choir

We will be meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, both in St. Bede's Church at 7.00pm.

There will be an additional practice on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in St. Michael's Church.

As usual, everyone is very welcome, even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally.

### Mass of Chrism Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

*Come and be a part of the wonderful Mass of Chrism as we gather with the Archbishop, our bishops, priests and deacons to begin the Sacred Triduum.*

The Coach will leave **St. Bede's** at 6pm and we should return by 9.30pm. Offering towards the cost of the coach is £5 per person.

If you would like to reserve a place on the coach, then please pass your name and telephone number together with your £5 offering to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

# Could you serve the Church and our Parish as a Foundation Governor in one of our Schools?

## What are foundation governors?

Foundation Governors are **appointed in the name of the Archbishop and form the majority of the governing body of a Catholic school**. They have a legal duty to preserve, and develop the Catholic character of the school and to ensure that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed.

Service as a foundation governor in a Catholic school is one of the most significant and important ways members of the Catholic Faith community can support the Church's divine mission of helping all to arrive at the fullness of Christian life.

There are few specific requirements. A Foundation Governor must:

- Be a Catholic who attends Sunday Mass regularly and gives true witness to the teachings of the Church
- Be prepared to work with discretion as a member of the full governing body and attend training events to help build up a body of knowledge and expertise
- Bring a wider skill set to enhance the wider Governing Body in undertaking its collective duties to lead the school and meet the contemporary requirements of the Department for Education and Ofsted.

We need Foundation Governors across all our parish schools, do you have skills that you could bring to the Governing Body of the school.

If you want to know more, please contact Fr. Mark either in person or e mail him on [m.moran@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.moran@rcaol.org.uk)

More information can be found on the Archdiocesan website.

## Grand Easter Raffle



In your newsletter this week you will find a book of raffle tickets that you are asked to try and sell, there are also books of tickets at the back of Church if you feel you might be able to sell a few more!!

All proceeds from the raffle will go directly to our own parish funds, so please try and sell them and return the money and the stubs to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Many thanks!

## EASTER BINGO



St Wilfrid's UCM invite you to join them for EASTER BINGO on MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 at 1:30pm - Entrance Fee £1

Raffle; Refreshments.  
At St John Fisher Church Hall

All proceeds to UCM charities



# The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March – Laetare Sunday of Lent

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Jean Finn - Anniversary  
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – John Heaton – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Dennis Heaton - Anniversary  
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Peter Foy  
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Mary Worthington – Lately Dead  
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Thomas Jackson – Birthday remembrance

## MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)  
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)  
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Mary Tollet – Anniversary

## TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March

11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)  
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)  
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Ruth Bibby – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

## WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March

07:00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes  
 18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)  
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)  
 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Kevin McCarthy – Birthday Remembrance

## THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March

10:30 am Funeral Service (*St Bede*) Marie Davies  
 11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)  
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)  
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Special Intention

## FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)  
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)  
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Peter Fredrick (Fred) Topping – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 13:00 am Time of Prayer (*St Michael*)  
 19:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*St John Fisher*)

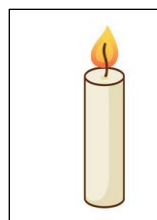
## SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Joan Carroll – 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary Remembrance  
 10.30 am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)  
 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners  
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Auriol McDonnell- Lately Dead

**St Basil:**  
**St Bede:**  
**St Michael:**  
**St John Fisher:**

### Sanctuary Lamp

**Peace in Ukraine**  
**Kate Walsh**  
**Vocations to the Priesthood**  
**RCIA Candidates**



St Bede  
 is Opened  
 For private Prayer  
 Mon – Fri  
 10:30am – 13:30 pm