

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

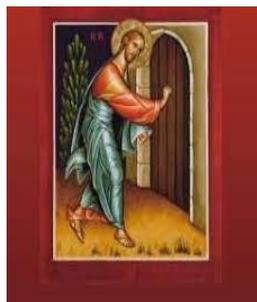
3rd April 2022

LENT WEEK 5

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

Rev 3:20



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Reflection by Fr Thomas Skeats

St. Thomas Aquinas taught that God made absolutely everything out of absolutely nothing. In the beginning there was nothing and no natural possibility of anything coming to be at all, there was not even a context in time and space for something to be. Everything that *is* owes its very being, its existence, to God: God is the explanation or cause of the whole of creation.

Nevertheless, this view that God is the primary explanation and source of everything is not incompatible with the idea that we might discover in nature secondary or natural causes that explain why the world is the way it is. Indeed, Aquinas suggests that this is the way that God ordinarily chooses to manifest his almighty power: God, the primary cause of everything, chooses to work through secondary causes. He chooses to work through the natural powers of the creatures that he has made. This means that God chooses to bring about his will in the world through non-living creatures such as the wind and rain and soil, through living creatures such as plants and animals, and even rational creatures such as human beings and angels. Aquinas is asking us to imagine a hierarchy of being in which God is holding all that he has made in existence and using what he has made as his instruments to bring about his will.

The Christian tradition is very clear that God wills good things for his creatures, and he directs his creatures towards goodness. All things come from God, and all things are on a journey back to God. There is a providential order and harmony to the world that has its source and fulfilment in the perfect goodness of God. Now within this providential ordering of creation human beings have been given the particular privilege of being able to participate and co-operate in God's providential governance of the world. We have been given freedom, and we can use that freedom for good or ill. We use our freedom well when, through obedience to the will of God, we enhance the order of goodness and harmony of his creation. We use that freedom badly when we rebel against God and create disorder, conflict and friction. We must not think, however, that we are only God's instruments when we choose good. God's power is so great that though we might ruin our own happiness by rebelling against his ordering of creation and his governance, we can never thwart his plan for the salvation of the world. In the end, even the evil we do and the evil we suffer can be turned to good, and the most powerful sign of God's power to draw goodness from evil is the cross. But that is a topic for next week.

An Evening with the Knights Choir for Ukrainian Relief Fund

St John Fisher Hall – Friday 8th April -8pm



Plus, out of retirement, for 1 night only IONA SOUND

Also

The Prospectors
The Secret Ukuleles
Candeler



Raffle & Bingo (All proceeds will go to the Ukrainian Relief Fund)

You are welcome to bring your own food and drink
Tickets £3.00 available from Brendon 420 0611 & Roy 424 1924
or any Choir Member.

Gift of Life for Zambia

We are delighted to tell you that through your unending loyalty we have been able to send £3,000 out to Sister Mary in Livingstone.

Sister Mary replied, "Just to say a big thanks for your very generous donation which arrived safely. It really is a lovely surprise to receive. We know how hard it is now with this Covid, but still, you remember our people here. May God bless your great generosity. Remembered in our prayers. A Prayerful Lent to all. Stay blessed." Mary Courtney

Unfortunately, we will not be doing the plants this year, but we are hoping to restart our trips very soon, so, please, watch this space. Thank you again for remembering our extended family in Zambia.

Thank You from Lepra

On behalf of Lepra a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful donation of £713.35 from the good people of St Wilfrid's parish.

The Support from St Wilfrid's is greatly respected and valued and is helping to cure 28 people from leprosy.

Thank You so much.

Parish Choir



The next gatherings of our Parish Choir are on Tuesday 5th April in St. Bede's Church at 7.00pm and Tuesday 12th April, also in St. Bede's Church at 7.00pm. Venue has changed from St Michael's

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.

Ukraine

"It is so good to feel that you are not alone, that so many people are with you.

We will never forget what you have done for us in Semir-Drohobych in this terrible situation.

May the All Holy God bless you."

**Bishop Hryhoriy Komar
Titular Bishop of Acci
Protosyncellus on
behalf of Sambir-
Drohobych- Ukraine**

LGBTQ+ MASS

This Sunday 3rd April at St. Bede's Church at 2pm there will be a Mass for the LGBTQ+ community.

All are welcome to attend, refreshments will be served after Mass in the Guild Hall.



Wednesday 13th April (Spy Wednesday)

Chrism Mass – Coach will depart outside St. Bede's at 6pm for the Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. 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.

(Please note there will not be a 7pm Mass in St. Bede's on this day)

Thursday 14th April (Maundy Thursday)

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm at St. Michael

Friday 15th April (Good Friday)

- 11am – Children's Good Friday Service – St. Basil
- 3pm – Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – St. Michael
- 3pm – Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – St. Bede
- 3pm – Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – St. John Fisher
- 7.30pm – 'At the foot of the Cross' Reflection' – St. Bede

Saturday 16th April (Holy Saturday)

8pm – Vigil of the Resurrection – St. Bede

Sunday 17th April (Easter Sunday)

- 9am – Holy Mass – St. Basil
- 9am – Holy Mass – St. Bede
- 10am – Holy Mass – St. Michael
- 10am – Holy Mass – St. John Fisher
- 11am – Holy Mass – St. Bede

MOVING ON...

Fr Thomas op has been invited by the Bishop of Clifton to take a new position as chaplain to the University of Bristol. He will be moving on to begin this new post in the coming months. Please keep Fr Thomas in your prayers as he enters this new period of service to the Church.



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 3rd April

- 09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Peter Ruth - Anniversary**
- 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – **Dot Davison – 91st Birthday**
- 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – **Fr Peter Fox - Anniversary**
- 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Neil Quinn**
- 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Annie & Patrick Moran**

MONDAY 4th April

- 09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
- 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
- 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – **John & Margaret McDonnell**

TUESDAY 5th April

- 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
- 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
- 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Letitia Larkin – Lately Dead**

WEDNESDAY 6th April

- 07:00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – **Philyss Salter**
- 18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
- 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
- 19.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Residents of Care Homes**

THURSDAY 7th April

- 11.30 am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
- 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
- 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – **Holy Souls**

FRIDAY 8th 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*) – **Kate Walsh**
- 13.00 pm Funeral Service (*St John Fisher*) – **Jessica Mc Dermott**
- 13.00 pm Stations of the Cross – Followed by a Decade of the Rosary (*St Michael*)
- 19:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*St Basil*)

SATURDAY 9th April

- 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Thomas Barr**
- 10.30 am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
- 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – **Michael & Winnie Burns - Anniversary**
- 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – **Parishioners**

St Basil:

St Bede:

St Michael:

St John Fisher:

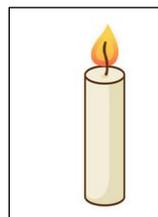
Sanctuary Lamp

Peace in the World

Children of the Parish

Bishop John

Holy Souls in Purgatory



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