



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

6th October 2024

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Psalm Response

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Time flies...

I cannot believe that we are in October already, the month of the Holy Souls looms, slots in the diary are filling up with Advent Services and Nativity plays, and suddenly we are looking toward the end of the year! Time indeed does fly!

The danger with looking forward is that we can miss today. We can spend so much time planning and thinking about tomorrow that we can miss the touch of God in what we are doing here and now!

Last Tuesday we celebrated the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. She entered Carmel at the age of 15 and died at the age of 24 and from her hidden life in Carmel she has influenced millions across the world to learn from her 'Little Way'. She taught that it is in doing the little things well, every day, that we can give glory to God. In the smallest acts offered to Him, we can be missionaries for Jesus, a smile, a kind word, a small act of charity, an encouraging thought, we can come closer to Jesus.

Instead of thinking and sometimes worrying about tomorrow let us live today, with our eyes fixed on Jesus, that all that we do may give glory to Him! Let us follow the 'Little Way' and do small things well for the love of Jesus and His Church!

*'Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love'
St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face.*

Fr Mark

Trip to the Theatre – St. Dunstan’s AOS

We have booked 36 tickets to go to see Fr. Philip’s show in Manchester, the show is called ‘Masquerade’ and is a celebration of songs from the shows! It promises to be a wonderful evening together, it boasts a 16-piece orchestra and many very talented singers. The seating is around tables, and you can frequent the bar during the show! An old-fashioned cabaret night out!

Included in the £25 ticket, it’s all in the price!

1. Coach travel to and from the venue.
2. Premium seats
3. Refreshments served at your table, sandwiches, crisps and chocolates.
4. Fun!
5. The coach will leave St. Bede’s on **Wednesday 30th October** at 6pm and return around 11pm.
6. If you wish to come with us, please pass in your name and telephone number and your ticket money for the attention of Susan Warburton.

‘Come to the Cabaret!’

Fr. Mark

Music

Each week we gather to give praise to God by coming together with our fellow parishioners to celebrate Mass. One of the greatest prayers that we say/sing together is the ‘Gloria’ in which we praise God for his goodness to us! We have been singing the New Celtic Liturgy for a few weeks now and some people have asked for the words to be in the newsletter, so your wish is my command!

Fr Mark

Gloria

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

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and on earth peace, and on earth peace, peace to peo - ple of good will.

Ecumenical Service for Peace in the Holy Land

Wed 6th Nov 7pm. Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Hedgefield Rd, Gateacre, L25 2RW

“Let us pray with one heart and one soul –grant us peace, teach us peace, guide our steps in the way of peace” **Pope Francis**

Archbishop McMahon will lead a time of prayer for peace at this time of increased violence, hatred, fear and mistrust in the Holy Land. Canon Mark Madden will preach. Through the Word of God, stillness, reflection, and song we are invited to be united in our cry for peace. All are welcome!

<https://theholylan.org.uk/home/50faces/>

St. Wilfrid's Parish Dance – Sold Out!

The Parish Dance, to celebrate our patronal feast, is on 18th October at St. Basil's Parish Centre. All tickets have now been **SOLD**, what a wonderful response!

If you would like to put your name on a waiting list, please phone the parish office and Syl and Deb will contact you if anyone returns a ticket. If you bought a ticket and are unable to attend, please return your ticket to the Parish Office and we can resell it!

Thank you all for supporting this wonderful event in the life of the parish!

Facilitation Day

Next Friday, the Parish Vision Group are spending the day away with Fr. Matthew Nunes to continue in our discernment of how the Vision Group best serve the whole parish community. Please pray for the Vision Group as they serve us all and keep all that we do rooted in the Synodal way. Parish Vision Group is made up of; Denise Roberts, Dcn. Paul Rooney, Susan Warburton, Peter McCann, Pauline Rolt, Fr. Peter and Fr. Mark.

Feast of St. Wilfrid

The feast of St. Wilfrid is on **Saturday 12th October**, we shall have Mass on Saturday morning at **10am** at **St. Bede's Church** to celebrate our patronal feast day and ask for the intercession of our holy patron. Please make every effort to attend Mass and pray for our parish community!

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2025 - July 23rd - August 1st, 2025

Applications to join next year's "yellow t-shirts" are available online from Monday 7th October (liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk). **Young people from Warrington and Widnes parishes and schools, aged between 15 and 22 at the time of travel, are invited to travel with Coach 6.** Deposit is £100, paid at the time of application. Email Dan Antonio, Coach Leader, for more information - lourdescoach6@gmail.com, and follow the coach on Facebook, X (formally Twitter) - @lourdescoach6, and Instagram - coach6lourdes.

4th. Widnes St. Bedes Scout Group

Many thanks to all who supported us. We raised £360 at the coffee morning in the Scout Hut.

50 Faces of the Holy Land Photographic Exhibition: 31st Oct-12th Nov.

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Hedgefield Rd, Gateacre, L25 2RW is hosting a photographic and audio exhibition of lives of people in Israel, Gaza and the Occupied Territories. Come and light a candle for peace. Open 8.30am-1.30pm each day. All welcome. <https://theholylan.org.uk/home/50faces/>

Special Award for Sister Mary

Twenty-four years ago, our joint churches came together for a project to welcome the new Millennium, and **GIFT OF LIFE FOR ZAMBIA** was conceived. Throughout Sister Mary Courtney, a Franciscan Missionary Sister of Africa, has been our inspiration. Sister Mary has spent 30 years in Livingstone, serving the sick, especially HIV patients and their families, supporting orphans and education, formulating clinics which serve 700 mental health patients, and much more! Some of us were lucky enough to visit her at St. Francis Home Based Care. Many of us welcomed her when she spent a week with us in Widnes. At 83 she has received an Award for Meritus Achievement from the President of Zambia himself. Humble as ever she states, *"I thank all my friends and overseas donors. Without all these people I couldn't have done anything. We can all take pride we have received this award!"*

Thank you for all your generosity. You can all take pride in this award".

Angela

Parish Liturgy

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

Sunday	6th October	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	John Prendergast
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Margaret Mary Mulroy
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Bobby Lloyd
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Frances & John Fearon
Monday	7th October	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	
09.00	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Thanksgiving (DR)
Tuesday	8th October		
12 noon	Requiem Mass	St John Fisher	John Gerrard Dyas
Wednesday	9th October	Feast of St John Henry Newman	
14.00	Holy Mass	Trewan House	Residents of Nursing Homes
Thursday	10th October		
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Kevin Johnson
Friday	11th October		
09.30	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		
Saturday	12th October		
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Nancy Carter
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Paul Swindley
Sunday	13th October	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Martin & Mary Forkin
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Carol Ann Randall
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary Atherton

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Special Intention
St Basil	Ruby Cullen
St John Fisher	Peace in the Holy Land
St Michael	Declan Smith

Requiescant in pace

Trevor Worsley, Patricia Campbell
& Brian Quinn

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!