



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



17th November 2024

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Collection next week:
Animate Youth

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Psalm Response

'Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you'.

Don't stand still!

As my wife Jane, son Caolan (our daughter Niamh pops up occasionally, but she lives in Crosby), and I approach the anniversary of our first year serving in St Wilfrid; I am spending time reflecting on our experiences in this first year. In short, it has been overwhelmingly positive! St Wilfrid is a truly wonderful parish. There is so much good practice, warmth and welcome present. It's a great place to serve. Thank you.

Although there is much to commend in St Wilfrid's, it always unsafe to stand still as a parish. It seems that St Wilfrid's never 'stands still', and this is a good thing. There is a 'hunger' to improve, to do better, to adapt and reform according to the changing times. Thinking about these things, here are some points of reflection.

- **Welcome.** How effective are we at welcoming people of all races, abilities, ages etc., at welcoming new members and at encouraging each other to invite others to events?
- **Inclusivity.** How inclusive are we? Could we do better to create opportunities for all to participate in ministry and liturgical roles?
- **Support.** Could we do better and more to support the needs of our community, including the sick, homebound, and elderly?
- **Charity.** Are there new or urgent charitable causes that we should be supporting?
- **Evangelisation.** How well do we reach out to people who are not currently active in the church?
- **Unity and diversity.** We are enriched by the unity and diversity of our parish community, who each have different gifts to offer. How well do we engage this wealth of skills and talent?
- **Youth ministry.** How well are we engaging young people in the celebration of Mass and in other parish activities?

Every one of us has a role to play to keep our parish community vibrant. Might you action one of the points above this week?

Deacon Paul Rooney

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course church.

To highlight all that young people, do, and what we offer young people across the diocese, we are holding a time of prayer at **Lowe House, North Rd, St Helens, WA10 2BE on 24th November at 5pm**, with social time to follow. Please do come along. The service is for everyone and is a chance to pray for, and celebrate, young people in the church.

In order for us to continue to work with young people the second collection next week goes to support the ongoing work of Youth Ministry here in the diocese. Even in these difficult times any contributions you are able to give would be most welcomed.

Fr Simon Gore

The Gospel of St Luke

Thank you to all who attended Sr Ann Buckeridge's talk on Luke, the Gospel of the Outsider. Lovely to see you all and we received some great feedback. Our next talk is on 20th November at 19.00 in St John Fisher Hall, is "Luke, the Gospel of Prayer", given by Sr Louise Swanston, followed by Benediction at 20.00.

Everyone is welcome, please join us if you can.

Recommissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers

At all Masses next weekend after the homily all those who serve as Eucharistic Ministers will be called forth to rededicate themselves once more as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

This wonderful ministry should never be taken for granted and this commissioning affirms and challenges our ministers in their role; please pray for all those who serve in this way in our parish community. May God bless you all!

U.C.M. Christmas Bingo

Monday 25th November. St John Fisher Hall

Please join us. Only £1.00 admission, which includes cup of tea or coffee & mince pie. Doors open 1.00pm. Bingo starts 1.30pm. All monies will go to local charities.

We hope to see you there.

A Stocking Filler for Charity

We have been asked to sell some beautiful books which tell the Christmas Story to help children and their families. All proceeds go to helping local families with food vouchers, toys and pyjamas also a small gift for mum and dad too! The charity also reaches out to the homeless in our area and to residents in our parish care homes. The cost of the book is £5 (£2 of every book sold goes to the charity). The books are at the back of all churches, please leave your donation in the envelope, with the books or with the sacristan.

Many thanks on behalf of the charity, 'Taking a walk in their shoes'.

Thank you - Knitters

Thank you to all who knitted shawls for our baptism families who forget a shawl on the day! We now have an abundance! Put your knitting needles down! God bless you for your kindness!

Would you like to be part of our Parish History and sponsor a slate?

We are delighted to announce a unique opportunity for parishioners to support the renovation of St Bede's church and at the same time be a part of the history of this fine building. The re-slating of the roof is now well underway! Any parishioner can help by sponsoring their own individual slate.

The scheme will enable parishioners to remember loved ones or family members by having their name written on the slates that will be returned to the roof of St Bede's.

There are two options.

One is to have a family name written on the slate, for example:

The Smith Family

Alternatively, it could be the name of a person or persons (maximum 2 names)

John Smith

or

John and Mary Smith

The suggested donation for a slate is £30.

If you would like to take part in this unique project, which will have your loved ones remembered for the next century, then please print their names on a piece of paper and drop them off at the parish office in an envelope with your donation marked for the attention of **Peter McCann**.

Christmas Carol Concert at St Marie's, Lugsdale Road, WA8 6DB

Tuesday 10th December at 7pm

The St Marie's Heritage Group are delighted to welcome back the wonderful Parish Choir of St Wilfrid who will be leading attendees in a Christmas singalong on the night. There will be mince pies, mulled wine, hot drinks and our usual array of fabulous biscuits. There will be plenty of time to chat and catch up with old friends after the Carols have been sung

It's free to attend but places are limited so please book in advance. To reserve your place, please call (01928) 592 405 or e-mail heritage@haltonsthelensvca.org.uk

Walsingham Pilgrimage

For all those joining us on this year's pilgrimage please note that the coach will leave St Bede's on Thursday 28th November at 8am prompt. We need to avoid the school traffic! Our lunch stop will be at Newark and although there are many cafes etc. it may be advisable to take a sandwich and just buy a drink in Newark because the service in the cafes can be slow.

Don't forget to take your Christmas jumper (if you have one) as we have our Christmas meal the evening we arrive.

If you would like Fr. Mark to take a petition for you to the Slipper Chapel or light a candle for you at the shrine, please pass them into the Parish Office before we go!

Our Lady of Walsingham – pray for us!

Parish Liturgy

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

Sunday	17th November	Thirty–Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	William & Margaret Smith
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Agnes Kennedy
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Annie & Patrick Moran
16.00	Holy Mass	St Basil	Nancy Prendergast
<i>(Please note this is a Mass for the Faithful Departed and the change of venue)</i>			
Monday	18th November	Ferial	
09.00	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Margaret (Powie) Bate
Tuesday	19th November	Ferial	
12noon	Funeral Service	St Michael	Daniel Constantine
Wednesday	20th November	Ferial	
15.30	Holy Mass	Halton View Care Home	Residents of Nursing Homes
Thursday	21st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
12noon	Requiem Mass	St Michael	Mary Norris
13.30	Holy Mass with St. Basil's School	St Basil	Children of the Parish
Friday	22nd November	Memorial of St Cecilia	
09.00	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Fr Stan Baker
Saturday	23rd November	Solemnity of Christ the King	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Maria Toker
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	William Jones
Sunday	24th November	Solemnity of Christ the King	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Eileen Irving
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Michael & Winifred Butler
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Anne Henegan
<i>(Please note that all weekday Masses (apart from funerals!) at St. Michael's will be celebrated in the sacristy.)</i>			

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	David Hindle
St Basil	Special Intention
St John Fisher	The Cawley Family
St Michael	Joan Moran

Requiescant in pace

Donna Bewley-Smith, Willow McNulty,
Winifred McGraff, Richard Topping,
James John McCann, Michael Bennett,
David Hindle & Andrew McDonald.

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!