

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



16th June 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection: Day for Life



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Responsorial Psalm

R. 'It is good to give you thanks, O Lord'

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

I continue my reflection of the recent pilgrimage to Medjugorje...

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening, weather permitting, an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with prayer and reflection takes place on the outdoor altar following the Croatian Mass at 7pm.

This for me it is one of the highlights of the pilgrimage. Over the years I have taken part many times in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, but none have had such a profound spiritual effect upon my life as those that take place in Medjugorje.

The first thing you become aware of is the Silence, it's deafening. You can actually feel it which is incredible and hard to explain especially when you become aware that the number of pilgrims all around you, some 5,000 +, all of whom like you are deep in prayer with the Lord. Nothing distracts your inner peace from the moment the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar. Not even if, as sometimes happens, the rain comes down without warning, soaking everyone except the seasoned pilgrim, who never goes anywhere without a raincoat and umbrella. The time seems to stand still, and the hour is suddenly over as the priest intones the Tantum Ergo and the pilgrims stand and join in the singing of the hymn.

After the blessing an image of Mary is projected on two large screens either side of the altar for the singing of the Salve Regina. Then suddenly the place becomes alive with the sound of so many voices all speaking at once.

Fr Bill

Ordination Invitation

Rev Peter Ross, who, after his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood will join Fr. Mark as his Assistant on 1st September, has invited 48 people from St Wilfrid's Parish, to join him at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King to witness his ordination.

Rev Peter will be ordained with three other men, Rev James Finnegan, Rev Martin Fyles and Rev Lister Tonge – all being ordained for the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

What a wonderful day for the Church in Liverpool!

Itinerary	Saturday 13th July
10.30am	Coach to leave St Bede's Church
12noon	Ordination Mass
2pm	Leave Cathedral
3pm	Arrive at St Bede's Church

If you would like to attend the ordination, please pass your name and telephone number into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

The cost of the coach will be £5 per person; but we will collect that on the day, do not pass the offering into the office.

General Election 2024

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have produced a website which provides information and resources on key issues of importance to help inform how we vote.

Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Catholics. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest.

At the back of church there is a poster, and you can scan the QR Code for more information or visit the website of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Gift of Life for Zambia - Trip to Llandudno: Wednesday 17th July 2024

Our next trip needs no introduction - it's to lovely Llandudno - sea, sand, promenade, pier and with abundant eateries and lots of shopping!

We leave St. Basil and All Saints Church at 9.30am and return at approximately 6pm.

The cost is £23. To book, simply put your money in an envelope marked with your name and telephone number and pass to either Monica (424 8194) or Angela (424 8668) or call them for further information and availability.

All profits to our Joint Church Charity, Gift of Life for Zambia.

Thank You!

Requiescant in pace

Peter Farrell, Marie Boden, Brian Gornall,
George Yearsley, Frances Wycherley,
Linda Stafford, Mary Sadler,
Margaret Mercer & Eileen Lee

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede

John Watt

St Michael

Murphy & Gorman Family

St John Fisher

Special Intention

St Basil

Bob Douglas

Mobile Telephones

Please be sure to check that your mobile phones are switched to silent when in church to avoid distractions in the liturgy or in our private prayer. If your phone rings and you need to take the call, we should always leave church first and take the call outside to avoid talking in front of the Blessed Sacrament and disturbing the people around you.

Used Stamps

Fr Bill would like to express his gratitude to all who have collected used stamps over the years. As you are all aware, Fr Bill is retiring from active ministry at the end of August.

He is asking if anyone would kindly volunteer to take over this project? If so, he asks that you speak with him after Mass, and he will provide you with the details.

Newsletter Items

If you have any items of interest that you would like publishing in the parish newsletter, we ask that these are forwarded to the Parish Office, no later than 12 noon on a Wednesday. We will do our best to include it on the date you have asked. However, this may not always be possible.

Lourdes at Home

This is a date for your diary...

Next month, pilgrims from across the archdiocese will travel to Lourdes for the annual pilgrimage, some parishioners from St. Wilfrid's will be amongst them. Many of us are unable to go to Lourdes, for many different reasons, so during this time we will have a 'Lourdes at Home' day. We shall mirror a day in Lourdes and experience a pilgrimage day here in Widnes!

Thursday 25th July – St. John Fisher Church

7am – Mass of St. Bernadette

An early start, to begin our day with the Holy Mass. In the stillness of the morning, may we hear the call of Our Blessed Lady to prayer, penance and conversion of life.

12noon – Anointing of the Sick and Call to Conversion

Lourdes is a place of spiritual and physical healing. We shall all have to opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, forgiveness for our sins and the knowledge of God's healing presence in our lives. After the service, we shall share some lunch together in the Parish Hall.

7.30pm – Rosary and Torchlight Procession

Our Lady told St. Bernadette the importance of saying the rosary, so we shall heed the call and say the rosary together. Then we shall walk in procession with candles ablaze to the grotto, to seek Mary's intercession.

Please, make every effort to attend this time of prayer that we may grow in the likeness of Mary, and our 'YES' to Him be total and absolute!

Fr. Mark

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	16th June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Hayden Bradley
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Louise Hudson
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Shelagh Smith
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners
Monday	17th June	Ferial	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Kevin Higgins
Tuesday	18th June	Memorial of St John Rigby, Martyr	
12noon	Requiem Mass	St Bede	Martin Clifford
Wednesday	19th June	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	William Adrian Glynn
Thursday	20th June	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Elizabeth Davison
Friday	21st June	Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Ella Searle
<i>(St. John Fisher School to join us for Mass to celebrate their feast day tomorrow)</i>			
12noon	Funeral Service	St Michael	Harry Davies
Saturday	22nd June	Feast of Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	John Naughton
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Frances Walsh
Sunday	23rd June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Riley
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Margaret Jessica Duffy
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Harry Gregory
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	Honor Evans HF Parishioners