



# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**Second Collection: CAFOD Family Fast Day**

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### **Psalm Response:**

**'The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart'.**

### **Mary Poppins...who?**

It was "up through the atmosphere, up where the air is clear" last Tuesday, when I ascended the scaffolding array to the top of Saint Bede's Church Tower. Clad in high visibility jacket and hard hat, I had a sneak peak of the progress of the Restoration Project thus far. Safe to say, things are moving ahead at good pace and no massive problems have been encountered as yet, thank God. Apart from the vantage point views of the Mersey Estuary, Fiddlers Ferry Power Station and indeed Saint Michael's Tower, I was also able to see the severely deteriorated state of the stonework and mortar all-round the Church. Saint Bede's is certainly in want of some TLC. Our Architect said to me "Fr Peter, we are intervening at the right time, before things begin to deteriorate rapidly".

While we are often and rightly reminded of the fact that 'we are the Church', we would do well to remember that human beings have consistently cooperated with God in building temples for his dwelling on earth. From David and Solomon, who lived thousands of years ago, right through to our work at Saint Bede's in Widnes, God has consistently chosen to dwell in buildings erected to his worship. Saint Bede's Church is a visible witness to God's abiding love for humanity, the God who pitched His tent among us.

Our work seeks to prolong that visible witness for generations to come. Each playing a part, no matter how great or small, at the end of this project, may we all be able to address the Lord, re-echoing Solomon; *"I have indeed made You an exalted house, a place for You to dwell forever"* (1 Kings 8:13).

Fr Peter

## **St. Wilfrid's Feast Day Dance**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm, St. Basil's Parish Centre**

At all Masses **this weekend** tickets are on sale for our feast day dance on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets are just £5 each which includes light refreshments, entertainment, stand up bingo, raffles and lots of fun together!

Please come and spend some time with your parish family and raise much needed funds for the upkeep of ALL our churches. If you are thinking, 'well, I don't go to things like that', well, please change your mind and come! If you haven't brought money to church this week, just take a ticket and pay on the night – I trust you!

St. Wilfrid – pray for us!

## **Blessing of Animals**

The annual Blessing of Animals will take place at St Benedict's, Warrington, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm. This short service provides an opportunity to thank God for our animal friends, to bless those who are poorly, remember our beloved pets who have died, and pray for the many animals that suffer across the world.

The service lasts about 25 minutes and is followed by some treats for pets and refreshments for their servants! Please let people know about the service, especially those who have pets. Every year, people turn up who never go to church but who have heard about the service from parishioners.

Canon Dave Heywood, Dean of Warrington and Widnes

## **Thank You – Union of Catholic Mothers**

St Wilfrid's U.C.M would like to thank those who supported their recent book sale, £89.50p was raised for the U.C.M. charities. Thank You.

## **Gift of Life for Zambia Trip to Southport - Wednesday, 23rd October**

Our next outing is a trip to Southport. It has lots of shops and eateries. The Atkinson provides a museum, theatre and café by Lord Street Gardens. You can visit Kings Gardens on the prom and its Victorian Tea Rooms, is a treat.

We leave St. Basil's Church at 9.30am and return at approximately 5pm. The cost is £16. To book put your money in an envelope marked with your name and telephone number and pass it either to Monica (424 8194) or Angela (424 8668). Or call them for further information and availability. Thank you for your continued support. All profits to our charity.

Thank You.

## **Parish Choir**

Everyone is always very welcome to come and sing in the Parish Choir. If you have not sung before, or not sung for years, or haven't been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally, it doesn't matter, you would be most welcome. Our next gatherings are on Tuesday 1st October, at 7pm in **St John Fisher Church**.

## Parish Liturgy

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret & Gerald Gornall
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Cyril Leslie Fallon
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	George, Mary & Gerard Dann
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Memorial of St Jerome</b>	
09.30	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	St Basil	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Fr Bill Murphy
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Memorial of the Guardian Angels</b>	
12 noon	Requiem Mass	St Michael	Barbara Flanagan
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>		
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Basil	Pauline Long
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi</b>	
09.00	Exposition & Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Sheila Milliard
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary Sadler
10.30	<b>Confessions</b>	St Bede	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Peter Rowlands
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
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

### Sanctuary Lamp

*The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.*

<b>St Bede</b>	Nancy Carter
<b>St Basil</b>	Anthony Austin
<b>St John Fisher</b>	AW
<b>St Michael</b>	Special Intention

### Requiescant in pace

John Gerrard Dyas, Trevor Worsley,  
John Smith & Donald Pearce

**May the Angels lead them into Paradise!**

## 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.

## Holy Mass in our Nursing Homes

In October, Fr. Peter will begin saying Mass in the nursing homes in our parish community, offering them the consolation of the Mass and Holy Communion and the healing touch of the Sacrament of the Sick. He will begin by going to St. Patrick's Nursing Home, Trewan House, Millbrow Home and Ferndale Court.

He will continue this ministry in the coming months to the other homes and places of care in our parish. We will advertise in the newsletter when and what time the Masses are so that if you have a family member who resides there, you can be with them for Mass.

Please pray for Fr. Peter in this ministry.

## St. Bede Church – Update

The Buildings Group met for our monthly meeting with the architects, contractors and the quantity surveyor last Tuesday to ensure the work at St. Bede is on schedule and I am thankful to tell you that it is! There are no issues to report, and the costs are keeping within the budget. It is good to know!

### Stained Glass

Next week the stained glass on the sanctuary will be removed from church and go to be repaired and cleaned. This is a massive job, but we are starting with the largest window as extensive work will have to be carried out on the windows and on the intricate stonework that surrounds the window. Church will look very different for a few months, as ever we ask for your understanding and prayers.

Fr. Mark and Buildings Team

## Walsingham 2024

The balance of payment for our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham is due by the end of September. If you have booked an ensuite room, the balance is £220 per person and if you have booked a standard room the balance is £180. If you could pass your cheque (payable to St. Wilfrid's Parish) or cash into the Parish Office with your name attached for the attention of Susan Warburton.

Our Lady of Walsingham – pray for us!