

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

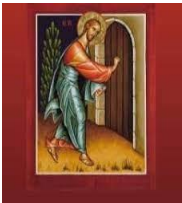
12th February 2023

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

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

Rev 3:20



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Psalm - Please join in the response: **'They are happy those you follow God's Law'**

Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Wednesday morning.

'Love is in the air...'

I always dread St. Valentine's Day as my thumb gets so sore opening all the cards and parcels that arrive from near and far from secret admirers!

St. Valentine's Day always reminds me of when I was showing a group of Reception children around church and I was showing them the altar and the ambo, the tabernacle, and the various statues around the Church. They were aware who Mary and Joseph were from the Christmas story, they understood the 'special' table that is the altar and where we read the 'special' stories about Jesus. (I use the word special a lot when I go into reception classes!)

All was going well.

Then as I was getting the pens and paper ready for them to draw a 'special' picture of anything they chose in church, and I could have a catch up and a little gossip with the staff a little boy piped up. "Who's that?" "That's Jesus as a grown up" (The child was pointing at the statue of the Sacred Heart) "Euuuggghhhh" "What do you mean, Euuuggghhhh" "His heart is outside his body Euuuggghhhh"

I looked desperately around the staff as children looked up at me expectantly, nothing of any help showed in their faces....

"Father Mark, why is his heart outside his body?"

"Well..... well.....well.... it's not really outside his body, you know on St. Valentine's Day we give each other cards with hearts on it saying, 'I love you so much I give you my heart', well we don't really give the hearts in our body to each other, do we?" "No" was the reply. "Well, Jesus shows us his heart to remind us that he loves us every day not just on St. Valentine's Day" "Ohhhh, OK".

I looked up and saw the staff giving me the thumbs up for my quick thinking whilst I gave them a hard stare for leaving me to it!

He does though, Jesus, loves us every day!

Fr. Mark

Deanery of Widnes and Warrington

Marriage and Family Life

To pray for married life in our community and for the grace to be people of love and kindness.

Renewal of Vows Mass

Bishop Tom Neylon



Tuesday 14th February 2023, 7pm, St. Valentine's Day

If you would like to renew your marriage vows, then please contact the administrator at St. Joseph's. on 01925 722105

There will be a second collection today for the work of the SVP in the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your prayers & good wishes, I received during my recent illness. I truly appreciate every prayer and believe without any doubt it was the payer of prayer that got me through...

God bless.

Debs x

Debs will return to the office this Monday on a phased return to work over the next month, we look forward to having her back within the family of St. Wilfrid!

St. Wilfrid's Lourdes Group
To raise funds to assist people in going to Lourdes.

Friday 24th February 2023

Widnes R.A.O.B. Social Club, Sayce Street
Entertainment from Marc Saint
and Christine Edge

Tickets - £4 each and are available from.

R.A.O.B. Club

St. Wilfrid's Parish Office

George Sadler 0151 424 6201

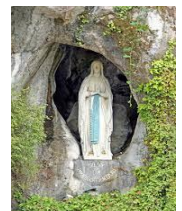
Liverpool Archdiocesan 100th Pilgrimage to Lourdes

21st - 28th July 2023

If you are interested in travelling to Lourdes with the parish there will be a meeting on **Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm** (after the 7pm Mass) in St. Bede's Church.

We will be able to give you as much information as possible at this meeting, costings, insurance and safeguarding requirements and hotel options. Come along and find out more!

Our Lady of Lourdes – pray for us!
St. Bernadette – pray for us!



LGBTQ+ MASS

To offer support to this community and their families as they live out their Catholic Faith. All Are Welcome!

ST. BEDE'S CHURCH, APPLETON VILLAGE, WA8 6EL
SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AT 2PM

If you require any further information, please contact:
Canon Stephen Maloney on s.maloney@rcaol.org.uk

LENTEN RETREAT DAY

LED BY BISHOP JOHN

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

LEAVE ST. BEDE AT 9.30AM AND RETURN AT 4.30PM

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE, FORMBY

OFFERING PER PERSON £10

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS RETREAT THEN PLEASE PASS YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND OFFERING INTO THE PARISH OFFICE MARKED 'LENTEN RETREAT DAY'

PAINTING VOLUNTEERS

I may be asking a lot, but if you don't ask you don't get!

We are hopeful that the Stations of the Cross will be returned to St. Michael's before Easter. They will look beautiful, but the walls that they will be rehung on do not! They need a lick of paint, well, maybe two?!

Are there any volunteers who could help do this, or at least give me some advice?

Could I ask that **ANYONE** across the whole parish who could help to meet at **St. Michael's Church** on

Monday 20th February at 7pm

Please come along and at least see what you could offer to help!

Fr. Mark

LENT 2023

Inside your newsletter this week please make sure there is a copy of the timetable for Lent. So many things are being offered throughout this season so that we can truly be ready for the greatest feast of the Church's year, please come and be part of it and commit yourself as part of your Lenten observance.

Yes, you can give up sweets and biscuits and you might be a bit thinner,
give up the beer or the wine and you may be a bit healthier...

but will you be any holier?

To be **HOLY** is the call of Lent!



Mass Times

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Mon-Thurs 10am-13:00pm

Sunday 12th February

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Jean & Jimmy Finn, Birthday Remembrance
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Julia King, Birthday Remembrance
10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Joan Griffiths, Birthday Remembrance
11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners
16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Eileen Leatherbarrow

Monday 13th February

9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St. Basil*)
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Bob Kitts
11.30am Requiem (*St Basil*) – Patricia Tomlinson

Tuesday 14th February

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret Cummings, Birthday Remembrance
12 Noon Funeral Service (*St Michael*) – Daniel Smith

Wednesday 15th February

18.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer
19.00pm Holy Mass - (*St Bede*) – Fr. Tony Reynolds, 1st Anniversary

Thursday 16th February

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) – Joan & Arthur Wilcox, Wedding Anniversary

Friday 17th February

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)
09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Monsignor Charles Glass
11.45am Requiem (*St Michael*) – Eileen (Ellen) Fenlon

Saturday 18th February

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes
10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Mary Frances Myler, Lately Dead
17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Joanna Durska, Lately Dead

Sunday 20th February

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Leo Taylor, Lately Dead
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Bill Maher, Lately Dead
10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – James Coffey, Lately Dead
11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret Mather, Lately Dead
16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede: Fr Tony Reynolds
St Basil: Margaret Priestley
St John Fisher: James Fay
St Michael: Joan & Arthur Wilcox

Please pray for those who have recently died...

**David McKeown, Eileen Roberts (née Finegan),
Philip Potter, Peter John Lyons, Edith Cooney,
Robert Fyldes, Josephine Dallman,
Norman (Ginger) Hunt, Philip Mede, Edward Casey, James
Duckett & Dominic Murray**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!