

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Collection Next Week: Animate Youth**

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. 'O blessed are those who fear the Lord'**

### **'To Live is to Change, and to be Perfect is to Have Changed Often.'**

Few of us like change... we are creatures of routine and prefer to tread the well-worn path of convention, rather than the riskier path of novelty and surprise. But to not change is to become stagnant, to become stagnant is to be standing still, and for those of us caught up in the great Christian pilgrimage, standing still is never an option.

Here in Widnes, we are no strangers to change! The makeup of our parish community has changed drastically in recent years, and it is important from time to time that we take stock and appreciate just how far we have come. In trying to come to terms with change, we can find comfort in the lessons of church history.

This is but the latest chapter in a two-millennium long adventure, and change... ever was it thus! The Catholic Church has survived war, persecution, revolution, and myriad other challenges besides, and the only possible explanation for this miraculous survival, against the odds, is that the Church is both human and divine and her strength is in her uncompromising fidelity to Christ, throughout the ages.

As we look to the future, which will inevitably bring with it further change, let us keep Christ as our anchor, ensuring that any such change is both loyal to that which came before, and loyal to God's sovereign plan for what should come next.

**"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."**

Saint John Henry, Cardinal Newman CO

**Fr Thomas**

<p><b>Warrington and Widnes Deanery</b> On <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b> at 12 noon there will be our monthly Deanery Mass at St. John Fisher Church. You are all encouraged to make a special effort attend this Mass and pray with other members of our deanery family.</p>	<p><b>Christmas Cards</b> Are now available in all our piety stalls.</p>	<p><b>Note for Readers</b> If you are reading the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, you should move from your place during the words of the Creed, <i>'I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church'</i>, so that you are at the ambo at the end of the Creed, and we can move into the prayers seamlessly. Thank you for your ministry amongst us.</p>
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### **All Volunteers – Safeguarding**

All volunteers who have *hold a current* DBS Certificate (*Eucharistic Ministers, Baptism Catechists, Sacramental Program Catechists, Altar Servers who are over 16, Sacristans*), need to action the following instructions.

#### *Code of Conduct and Volunteer Written Agreement*

In the sacristy of the church that you usually attend, there will be an envelope with your name on it, inside there will be *two* copies of the above documents. You need to *read and sign* both copies of each document. Then please *keep* one copy of each document and *return* one copy of each document to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. This is to comply with Archdiocesan and National Safeguarding directives and we as a parish are committed to always following best practice.

If you do hold a *current* DBS Certificate and your envelope is not at the back of church, there are some envelopes without names on, with the label 'SPARE' on, please take one of these and follow the same process.

*Just to reiterate that no Eucharistic Minister should ever go out to the Sick or the housebound alone. If your partner is ill, if you cannot find another authorised person, you should not go under any circumstance.* Thank you for your ministry amongst the most vulnerable in our community.

**This process MUST be completed by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November !**

**Fr Mark**

### **Can you volunteer?**

We need your help! Currently, we are struggling to populate our Eucharistic Ministers and Readers Rota – the same people are being called upon to read and minister at Mass each weekend. We need Readers and Eucharistic Ministers (to either just serve at Mass or at Mass and take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound) for all Masses across the parish.

We should be giving people the opportunity to receive from the chalice at Mass and at present this is impossible. We are the largest parish in the Archdiocese, we should be able to offer a liturgy with all ministries easily covered each week.

#### **What to do next...**

- i. If you would like to volunteer, pass your name, address and telephone number into the parish office saying which Mass and which ministry you would be willing to serve at.
- ii. Pauline Ruth, our Safeguarding Representative will contact you to fill in the necessary forms.
- iii. Once they are completed, training will be given by Pauline Rolt and Fr. Mark and then you will be placed upon the rota.

Please think about this, we are all called to serve one another in our community.

**Fr Mark**

### Requiescant in pace

John Watt  
John McGillicuddy  
Francis Kavanagh

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

### Sanctuary Lamp

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

<b>St Bede</b>	The Wynn Family
<b>St Michael</b>	The Parish Clergy
<b>St John Fisher</b>	Holy Souls
<b>St Basil</b>	Pious List

### Welcome to Widnes Rotary Club

We welcome members of Widnes Rotary Club to the 9.30am Mass at St. Michael's Church, this Sunday for their, 'Rotary Sunday' celebration. We also welcome the Mayor and her Consort to this Mass. Widnes Rotary Club is a place of fundraising and friendship and is committed to the service of others. The club is involved in many fund-raising projects, with money raised going back to the local community, and to humanitarian need further afield. You are very welcome to our parish community!

### Parish Advent Dance

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December you are invited to our parish dance and social at St Basil's Parish Club. Bingo! Dancing! Fun! Laughter! Tickets are on sale at the parish office and all money raised will go to the restoration fund for all our churches. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 each which includes a light buffet. Come and socialise and make new friends with fellow parishioners!

### Walsingham Pilgrimage

For all those joining us on the Pilgrimage this year the coach will leave St Bede's (opposite the Village Club) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

We will stop for lunch at Newark, so you can take sandwiches or alternatively there are plenty of cafe's where you can buy a lunch.

Don't forget your Christmas jumpers for Saturday evening!

Our Lady of Walsingham Pray for us!

### Archdiocesan Synodal Council

The inaugural meeting of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council (ASC) takes place next Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. This is an important moment in our commitment to embed synodality in every aspect of Archdiocesan life. The task of the ASC is to monitor the development and progress of the Pastoral Plan, and to identify the priorities for the work of the Archdiocese during the next twelve months. In addition, those deaneries that have been able to identify 'Families of Parishes' will also be announced. There will be a live link to the ASC which anyone can join from home on the homepage of the Archdiocesan website: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

*Fr Dave Heywood, Dean*

### Prayer for Priests

'Most gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for our faithful priests whose spiritual fatherhood and example of fidelity, self-sacrifice and devotion is so vital to the faith of your people. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in times of trouble and sorrow and steadfast love for you, their families, and for all your people throughout the world. May the light of your truth shine through their lives and their good works. Assist all spiritual fathers, that through your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Please remember to pray for your priests.

## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>h</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	90 <sup>th</sup> B'day Thanksgiving
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Terry Delaney (LD)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Sick Person
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Teresa Campbell
16.00	Holy Mass	<b>St Michael</b>	Susan Murty (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann)
		<i>(Please note this is a Mass for the Faithful Departed and the change of venue)</i>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Julie Hatton (LD)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Memorial of St Cecilla, Virgin and Martyr</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Emily & Michael O'Grady
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>St Basil</b>	<b>Joan Frances McGowan</b>
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Thomas & Margaret McCann (Ann & B'day)
		<i>(Mass will be celebrated in the sacristy)</i>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest &amp; Companions</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Deanery Mass</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>	Terence Hewitt
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Irene Dempster (LD)
10.30	Confessions		
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Mr & Mrs. Bebington (B'day Rem)
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Carmen Carolan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	George O'Grady (3 <sup>rd</sup> B'day Rem)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Edward Mulroy (Ann)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Parishioners
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	David Lynn Syers
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Jean Ardrey