

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

## Third Sunday of Lent Next weekend – Second Collection for Nugent Care

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### Responsorial Psalm

**'You, Lord have the message of eternal life'.**

### How strong is your faith?

Many of us may have read of the atrocity which took place last Sunday in Burkina Faso. Many may have not, as it did not receive much coverage in this country. Last weekend, while we were celebrating Mass across our parish here in Widnes, gunmen opened fire on people who were gathering like us in their parish church. Fifteen parishioners were murdered.

The Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Dori has asked that we *'pray for the souls of those murdered, for the healing of the wounded and for the conversion of those who continue to sow death and desolation in that country'*.

This is not an isolated incident, with attacks taking place on a regular basis in that country. Churchgoers murdered and their priests abducted.

Take a moment as you read this to not only pray, but to ask yourself if this happened in this country how would you feel about going to Mass next Sunday with your family and friends knowing that this could happen again? Is your faith strong enough for you to say my need to celebrate my faith and encounter the Mass and the sacraments overcomes my fear of what may happen as I bear witness for my belief?

Pope Francis said during the Angelus on St Stephens day *'Let us ask ourselves do I care about and pray for those who, in various parts of the world, still suffer and die for their faith today? Do I bear witness to the Gospel consistently, with gentleness and confidence?'*

How strong is your faith?

**Fr. Mark**

### LGBTQ+ Mass

The next gathering for Holy Mass for those who are, and those who are supporting members of the LGBTQ+ community will take place at;

**All Saints' Church, Oakfield Road, L4 2QG on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm**

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather to support one another in journeying towards Christ within the Roman Catholic Church. All are welcome! Further information from: Canon Stephen Maloney.

### Lenten Journey

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Early Riser Mass at St. Bede at 7am**

*Come and hear His voice in the stillness of the morning, calling you into holiness and healing.*

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Scripture Group, 12.30pm at St. Bede's Presbytery**

*John 3:14-21 "not a judge but a Saviour"*

### Stations of the Cross

On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** at St. Bede Church you are invited to walk with Jesus to Calvary. We shall use light and dark, candle and different voices to experience that horrendous journey that Jesus took out of love for you and me.

**'We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world!'**

### Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of priests, deacons and lay faithful. Altar Servers are encouraged to attend and wear their albs and sit with other altar servers from across the Archdiocese.

*A coach will be available to take St. Wilfrid's parishioners to the Chrism Mass. We shall leave outside St. Bede Church at 6pm and return around 9.30pm. If you would like to come on the coach, please pass your name and offering of £5 into the Parish Office marked, 'CHRISM MASS' and we shall reserve you a place on the coach.*

### Mary's Meal News

**Advent Appeal** – The total amount raised by St. Bede, St. John Fisher and St. Michael came to £1323.55, this amount was doubled thanks to a group of generous supporters to £2647.10. This will feed **138 children** for one whole year! Thank you all!

**Ethiopia** – Mary's Meals has launched an emergency appeal to raise funds for children in Ethiopia, a combination of drought, displacement and brutal conflict has left the whole country in crisis. More information can be found at the Mary's Meals website. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/crisis-in-ethiopia>

**Nina and Elaine (Mary's Meals Reps for the Parish of St. Wilfrid)**

### CAFOD – Prayer, Sharing and Soup

On **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** at St. John Fisher Hall, you are invited to come and fulfil one of the disciplines of Lent, '*giving alms to the poor*'. We do this in a beautiful way! We are asked to forgo our evening meal that day and then come together to pray with one another and then share a bowl of soup and some bread and give what we have saved in our fasting that people in another part of the world might eat. If you have never been to one of these evenings, then please do think about coming, it is always a joyous time together, it helps others and builds community.

Can you please email: [stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stwilfridswidnes@rcaol.org.uk) to confirm your wish to attend, so that we have enough soup for everyone.

<p><b>Requiescant in pace</b></p> <p>Christine Margaret Wilson, Sheila Ackerley &amp; Ellen Jones</p> <p><b>May the Angels lead them into Paradise!</b></p>	<p><b>Sanctuary Lamp</b></p> <p><i>The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.</i></p> <p><b>St Bede</b>                      Matthew Fairhurst  <b>St Michael</b>                      Fr Vin Burrows  <b>St John Fisher</b>                      James Fay  <b>St Basil</b>                      Children of the parish</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Lily for Easter</b></p> <p>There are envelopes at the back of all churches, with a form inside for you to list the names of your loved ones that you wish to be remembered. The envelopes should be returned to the office by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The cost of each lily is £5 per stem.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stamps</b></p> <p>Thank you to everyone who donates their used postage stamps. Please continue to do this, your stamps are much needed and appreciated.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Fr Bill</b></p>
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**Confirmed Mass Schedule – Parish of St. Wilfrid, Widnes**

After much discussion, reflection and further consideration, the Vision Group and the Clergy Team have discerned the way forward for the next chapter of our parish’s journey.

From the **7<sup>th</sup> of April 2024**, the weekend Mass Schedule in St. Wilfrid’s Parish will be.

**2 priest model**

**Saturday**

10.00am            Holy Mass and Confession (*first Saturday of the month*)  
4.30pm             Vigil Mass at St. Basil  
6.00pm             Vigil Mass at St. John Fisher

**Sunday**

9.00am             Holy Mass at St. Bede  
10.15am            Holy Mass at St. Michael  
11.30am            Holy Mass at St. Bede  
12.30pm            Baptisms  
4.00pm             Holy Mass at Holy Family (*from 1<sup>st</sup> September, this Mass will return to St. Bede’s Church*)

**1 priest model** (*when one priest is away, and we cannot get a supply priest*)

**Saturday**

4.30pm             Vigil Mass at St. Basil  
6.00pm             Vigil Mass at St. John Fisher

**Sunday**

10.15am            Holy Mass at St. Michael  
11.15am            Holy Mass at St. Bede

**Easter Raffle**

At the back of all the churches there are books of raffle tickets for our annual Easter Raffle. The prizes are amazing as always and are donated by very kind and generous parishioners! Please take as many books as you can and return them to the parish office as soon as you can. All money will go to the upkeep of all our church buildings, so please, sell, sell, sell! Raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday.

**Firewood**

As part of our garden refurbishment, we now have some logs, which after reducing in size and drying out, will be suitable anyone who has a log burning fire, to burn next winter.

The logs will be available for anyone to collect, in exchange for a donation to parish funds, on Saturday.

**9<sup>th</sup> March** 09.00 - 12.00 or by appointment.

Please note the logs are large and heavy so will need cutting and splitting before use by the person collecting; they are not pre-packaged in a convenient size.

## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Ken Gibbins (5 <sup>th</sup> Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Margaret & Philip Fallon (Golden Wed)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Parishioners
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Carol Ann Randall (B'day Rem)
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Robert Warren (B'day Rem)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Tony Grimes (LD)
<b>19.30</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross at St. Bede</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Catherine Ashton (LD)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
07.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Cynthia Richards (Sick)
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Irene & Roy Robinson (Ann)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>George David Billington</b>
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Marese Hudson (Ann)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Doreen Kenny (LD)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Ryan O'Malley (LD)
10.30	Confessions		
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Frank Broome (Ann)
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Kenneth Bate (B'day Rem)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Marie Bonnon (7 <sup>th</sup> Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Pat Conlon (LD)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Honor Evans
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Jean & Domingo Bernard (Rem)

