

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



Pentecost Sunday Second Collection: SVP

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Responsorial Psalm

R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

The month of May is traditionally set aside to venerate Our Blessed Lady, to give thanks to God for her unique role in salvation history and to strive to be like her as we discern the will of God in our lives. In the coming days, our churches and schools will adorn images of Our Blessed Lady with crowns, as generations of Catholics have done before.

Those of you who attended the recent trip to Oscott Seminary, will recall the large alabaster statue of Mary just beyond the confines of the seminary chapel. For nearly two hundred years, seminarians have prayed before this image under the title 'Our Lady Seat of Wisdom' and consecrated their working day to her heavenly intercession.

The source of wisdom is not Mary herself, but the infant Jesus who is enthroned in her lap. It is for this reason that we venerate Mary above all others. In her humility and her openness to the will of God, she leads us into ever deeper relationship with Jesus, the eternal Word of God and the source of all wisdom.

I share my favourite Marian prayer, the *Memorare*:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Fr Thomas

Quarant'ore – Feast of the Sacred Heart

Signing up sheets for Quarant'ore – There are sheets at the back of ALL our churches so that people can sign up to spend some time in adoration during Quarant'ore. Every time slot must be covered so that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. It does not matter where you usually attend Mass, this time of prayer is for our parish and is the responsibility of every parishioner to come and adore Him. Can you commit to spending time with Jesus?

Could you buy a candle for Quarant'ore? The reason why many parishes do not hold this devotion in their parish is because of the exorbitant cost of candles. Could you buy a candle to burn? You could dedicate the candle for a loved one or for a specific intention. The cost of each candle is £20, and all intentions will be placed in a prominent position on the sanctuary. Please pass your intention and offering into the parish office marked 'Candle'. All intentions should be passed in by Sunday 2nd June so that they can be included for the full time of prayer.

Receiving Holy Communion with Reverence

Just a gentle reminder to our Extraordinary Ministers that the faithful are entitled to receive Holy Communion on the tongue if they so desire and this observance should never be refused.

If it is your practice to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, we would kindly ask that you present for Holy Communion at the end of the line.

If it is your practice to receive Holy Communion in the hand, please ensure you present flat, outstretched hands so the Sacred Host can be safely deposited into your palm and mitigate the risk of it falling onto the floor.

When the Sacred Host is deposited in our hands, we respond with an audible AMEN, consume the Blessed Sacrament straight away and return to our pew to offer a prayer of silent thanksgiving.

The Clergy Team

Mass Intentions

When submitting Mass intentions, please be aware that the intention should be offered for an individual or a family and not all the individual members of a family. The submission of multiple names amounts to a request for multiple Masses, which we do not have the capacity to meet.

Also, please be aware that due to lack of space, we advertise the name of the intention in the newsletter, but not necessarily all the particulars. The priest knows the particular circumstances, as do the angels and saints in heaven, so there is no need to worry.

The Clergy Team

Parish Safeguarding Team

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Moran

Safeguarding Representative: Pauline Ruth

Safeguarding Assistants: Carol Murray, Pauline Rolt

'Safeguarding in our parish community is the responsibility of everyone'

Requiescant in pace

Fr Sandy Brown, Kevin Butler, Ann (Nancy)
Carter, Denis O'Brien, David Hughes,
Eileen Blood, Mary Stott, David Tirrell,
John Murphy & Harry Davies

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Special Intention
St Michael	The Taylor Family
St John Fisher	Sick & Housebound
St Basil	Oscott Seminarians

Presentation Mass for Year 3 Children

This Sunday at either the 9am or the 11.30am Mass the children from St Bede's RC Junior School who are preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion will be presented to the parish community. They will ask for our prayers and support as they start this time of preparation.

We give our prayers gladly!

Parish Choir

The next gatherings of the Parish Choir will be on Tuesday 4th June and Monday 8th July, at 7pm in St Bede's Church.

As usual, everyone is very welcome, even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally.

First Reconciliation

We pray for the 24 children from St Bede's RC Junior School who are celebrating their First Reconciliation this coming week.

May they always know the power of forgiveness in their lives.

Corpus Christi Procession

We have all been invited to take part in this procession on Sunday 2nd June, commencing at 2pm, walking from St Mary's Shrine, WA1 2NS to St Alban's, WA2 7JQ, as has been the custom over the years. Apparently, back in the day, there used to be a Warrington Church Band which would accompany processions, and we are hoping to find a few brass musicians who can do that now.

The procession will conclude with Benediction following the usual customary form.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Thank you to those parishioners that have signed up for the Lourdes 2024 pilgrimage. We will hold a short meeting for the group to make sure we know each other, decide on local transport arrangements and to listen to your suggestions and ideas for our 2024 pilgrimage.

The meeting is at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 28th May** in St Bede's presbytery.

If you haven't signed up already for the pilgrimage, but are interested, please contact the parish office, and come along to the meeting.

Deacon Paul

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	19th May	Pentecost Sunday	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Joe Houghton
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Mary Ward
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Charlie Stevens
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners, Hugh Brennan Jnr
Monday	20^h May	Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of the Church	
NO MASS			
Tuesday	21st May	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Billy Durbin
Wednesday	22nd May	Ferial	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	John O'Brien
18.00	First Reconciliation	St Bede	Year 3
Thursday	23rd May	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	
11.00	Funeral Service	St Bede	Bridget Freel
11.30	Exposition and Rosary		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Anne Noon
Friday	24th May	Ferial	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Linda Pierce
14.00	Wedding Service	St Michael	David & Karen
Saturday	25th May	Feast of St Bede, the Venerable, Priest and Doctor	
15.30	Wedding Service	St John Fisher	Declan & Hayley
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Christine Wilson
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Marie Bonnon
Sunday	26th May	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Andrew Barrow
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Esme Mitchell
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Julie Bowles
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	HF Parishioners, Stephen Rossiter