



# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



## Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

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### Psalm Response

**'I love you, Lord, my strength'**

## Cycles of Change

It's that time of year when cycles of change are particularly obvious. The leaves fall from the trees. Day length gets shorter with dark evenings drawing in. The temperature starts to drop. It's time to get your winter jumpers out!

Although some of these changes may not be to our taste, for instance not liking the dark evenings or the colder weather, they are all part of natural and necessary cycles of change.

We are reassured that these changes are part of the rhythms of the natural world. These rhythms, these changes, are necessary for renewal and new growth. As spring approaches, the day lengths will get longer again, the weather will get warmer, and the trees will burst forth with new leaves.

Thinking in timescale longer than just one year, these changes are part of what we call evolution. Evolution enables adaptations that make species in the natural world fitter and better able to thrive in an ever-changing environment.

As you kick through the leaves and wrap up against the cold at this time of year you might reflect on how times of change can build a better future.

Deacon Paul

## Mass Association Cards

We are offering Mass Association Cards to the parish community. These large, padded cards can be given for a bereavement, anniversary, birthday or to mark a special occasion. Once enrolled, the person will share in a Mass, once a month for twelve months. The newsletter will state 'Mass Association' should you wish to attend the Mass. Individual names will not be advertised.

They are available at the back each church there are baskets with the Mass Association Cards in and at the front of the basket are small envelopes with 'Mass Association' on. The cards cost £10 each. Place your offering inside the envelope and on the back of the envelope write the name of the person you wish to be enrolled into the Association. Hand the envelope to the sacristan who will return it to the Parish Office for entry into the Mass Association Book for inclusion in the monthly Mass.

## Parish Choir

The Parish Choir meet on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm at St. John Fisher Church. Sadly, at this time all members of the choir must be over 18 due to safeguarding guidance Yet, we are looking to forming a 'Young Persons Choir' which will give voice to the younger members of our community.

## St. Michael's Church

Just to keep you up to date... Fr. Mark has presented the case for a new heating system to the Pastoral Organisation Committee, and they will make a recommendation to the Archdiocesan Trustees when they meet in the new year. Whilst we await their decision the Buildings Committee have investigated different affordable options for heating the church in the winter months. We have ordered 6 heaters which will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. We shall see if these are sufficient for our needs. We might need to huddle up and sit closer together at Mass so that we can heat a specific area rather than the whole area of church, as this seems to be unmanageable with the restraints of cost and safety. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr. Mark and Buildings and Finance Committee

## Month of the Holy Souls - Pious Envelopes

Please return all your envelopes with the name of those you wish to be included in our parish November Pious List asap. These names will be placed before the altar and be remembered in a special way at each Mass during this month dedicated to remembrance of those who, we pray, have already entered the Kingdom of God.

*"May the choirs of angels, come to greet you, may they speed you to Paradise"*

## Readers and the Revised Lectionary

To help understand these changes we strongly encourage *all readers* in our parish to come to a formation session on **Monday 11th November** in **St John Fisher's Hall**. Led by Deacon Paul, the evening will start at **7.00pm** with light refreshments and then the formation session from **7.30pm** until **9.00pm**. It is hoped that all our readers would attend but this is open to everyone in the parish. The revised Lectionary is an important development in our liturgical celebrations, one that is of particular significance for our Readers.

Please make every effort to attend. For catering and handout purposes, **please pass your name into the parish office asap.**

## Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

I am writing to you as recipients of our grants under the Culture Recovery Fund. As many of you are aware, the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme – by which it is possible to reclaim VAT on works to listed churches – is up for renewal in March 2025, and an extension has not yet been announced. If not renewed, this will have a massive negative financial impact on our churches.

It is vital that we communicate to government the importance of this scheme. To this end, we have set up an e-campaign so that people can easily send a (pre-written) letter to their local MPs in support of continuing the LPWGS. We have very little time to mobilise this before the government announces the autumn budget, and we need to get as many people as possible to send letters, so please send this out to as many of your contacts as you can think of. We need EVERYONE to send a letter, so that we raise the issue with MPs, and they in turn forward this to the Minister, Lisa Nandy. The more submissions the better. The link is here, and you will see the text of the email before you hit send, but if you choose to use this text to send in a personalised letter (to your local MP and/or the Minister), please copy me in or forward it to me so we know that you have sent one:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme/>

If you could help us share this as widely as possible – parishioners, clergy, contractors - we will all benefit. Please share this even if you have already written to your MP or to the Minister. We're not aiming for one submission per diocese – the more people who send this in the better!

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of the community. If you have any concern, it is your responsibility to make it known to the appointed officers in the parish.

**Safeguarding Lead – Fr. Mark Moran**

**Safeguarding Representatives – Pauline Ruth, Carol Murray and Pauline Rolt.**

*'Safeguarding relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and to protect them from harm'.*

## November – Month of the Holy Souls

November is when we as a Church remember and pray in a special way the dead, those we have known and loved and those, who in charity, who have no one to pray for them. At every Mass the faithful departed are remembered but during this special month certain opportunities are offered to draw together as a community to pray, remember and support one another in faith.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Mass for all who have died from our parish in the past 12 months, St. Basil's, 4pm.** At these two Masses the names of all who have died in our parish community in the past 12 months will be read aloud, to call them to mind, to pray and to thank God for them.

*"In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die...they are in peace." Book of Wisdom*

# Parish Liturgy

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Ken Gibbons
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Joan Mulroy
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Margaret Jean Rimmer
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b>	
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>	<b>Mary Taylor</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>12 Noon</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	St John Fisher	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>Francis (Frank) Richards</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Rosary	St Basil	
12 Noon	Holy Mass		Charlie Stevens
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Parishioners
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Jimmy Fay
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thirty–First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Brian Holding
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Winnie Conway
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Brian Morris & Florence Reid
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Bob Milliard

### Sanctuary Lamp

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

<b>St Bede</b>	Albert Timperley & Jean Handley
<b>St Basil</b>	Fr. Peter
<b>St John Fisher</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>St Michael</b>	Fr. Mark

### Requiescant in pace

Mary (Teresa) Alderton, William Bloomfield  
Michael Stevenson, Michael Hegarty,  
Danile John Constantine, John Francis Donovan  
Jim McCann & Mary Norris

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