

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



4th Sunday of Advent (C)

Holy Family

22nd & 29th December 2024

Christmas Day 2nd Collection – School Advent Appeal

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Psalm Response – (21/22nd Dec)

'Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved'.

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Psalm Response – (28/29th Dec)

'Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways'.

May God bless us...everyone!

I am sure I can speak for Fr. Peter and Dcn. Paul when I say how blessed I am to be a member of the clergy team here in the Parish of St. Wilfrid! Life here is never boring! It never stops! We wake up every day and we never know where the day will lead us! How wonderful and how exciting...if a little tiring at times! Yet to serve you all as your priests and your deacon, is a joy and a privilege – thank you for your faithfulness and love.

To all who give of their time so generously as volunteers, you amaze us with your kindness, willingness and service to the whole community. Thank you!

To Syl and Deb in the Parish Office who offer support and care to us all. Thank you!

The candles on the Advent wreath grow brighter each week, mirroring our desire as a parish community to grow stronger in radiating the love and forgiveness of Jesus in our community. May we continue to be a beacon of hope, love, compassion and kindness.

May the Christ Child bless you and bless all whom you love.

We remain at your service and in our daily prayers,

Fr. Mark, Fr. Peter and Dcn. Paul

Office Hours Over Christmas

Monday 23rd December– Office opens until 1.30pm.
Tuesday 24th December – Thursday 26th December – Office closed.
Friday 27th December – Office opens from 10am – 12 noon.
Monday 30th December - Office open from 10am – 12 noon.
Tuesday 31st December – Wednesday 1st January– Office closed.
Thursday 2nd January – Normal office hours resume.

Offerings at Christmas

In the past, the Easter and Christmas collections went straight to the clergy as their Christmas gift from the parish, this stopped a long time ago! Yet many people still think it is still the practice. Every penny of the collection goes into the parish coffers to pay for lights, heating and repairs and towards the mission of the community. If you wish to give a gift to the priests at Christmas the only way they can accept it, is if it is in an envelope with their name on it, otherwise it should go to the community. We write this to clear up any confusion regarding this practice, but did we tell you...

"You look lovely today!!"

Fr. Mark and Fr. Peter

Lourdes 2025 expressions of interest

Our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, in association with the annual Archdiocesan pilgrimage, will take place Thursday 24th July until Thursday 31st July 2025. The theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope', reflecting the Jubilee Year of 2025. It's also an important year for our Archdiocese as the case of John (Jack) Traynor has been declared a miracle. If you wish to join us in Lourdes in 2025, please pass your name into the parish office.

Raffle Winners

Thank you to all who supported the Parish raffle. An amazing **£1726.00** was raised. The winning raffle numbers yet to be claimed are:

1393, 1694, 2622.

Before coming to the office to collect your prize, please check office opening times.

For Anyone Who Needs Support

Calm: 0800585858 - **Mind:** 03001233393 - **No Panic:** 08449674848 – **Bereavement:** 08088081677 –
Papyrus: 08000684141- **Samaritans:** 116123 – **Shout:** Text SHOUT to 85258 – **Abuse:** 08082000247-
Refuge: 02073957700.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Peace

We listen to your word as it whispers in our hearts "Do not be afraid"

Come, Lord, prince of peace.

Be with all who suffer because of conflict and violence and strengthen those who seek peace.

Come, Lord, prince of peace.

Lead us in your ways as together we make a change and share your peace with all.

Come, Lord, prince of peace.

Christmas Day – Christ

We sing a new song of praise as we rejoice at the birth of Christ our Saviour.

Welcome, Lord, light of the world.

Help us to shine a light on all that is unjust and bring about a brighter future.

Welcome, Lord, light of the world.

Lead us in your ways as together we make a change and share the warmth of your love with all.

Welcome, Lord, light of the world.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	22nd December	4th Sunday of Advent (C)	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Ron & Stuart O'Tool
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Frank Smith
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	George Grace
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Elsie Riley
Monday	23rd December		
11.00	Requiem Mass	St Charles Borromeo, Aigburth	Aidan Carney
12.15	Requiem Mass	St John Fisher	John (Jack) O'Neill
Tuesday	24th December	Christmas Eve	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Eileen Cooke
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Margaret & Ken Bate
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	William (Les) Dean
18.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Kenny & Case Family
Midnight	Holy Mass	St Bede	Hilary King
Wednesday	25th December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Timperley Family
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Jim Norris
11.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary & Philip Keane
Thursday	26th December	Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr	
12noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Bobby & Nina Spofforth A Sick Person
Friday	27^h December	Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist	
No Mass			
Saturday	28th December	Feast of the Holy Innocent	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Carmel Carolan
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Sr. Eileen Moore
Sunday	29th December	Feast of the Holy Family	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	George O'Grady
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Parishioners
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Billy Moran
(Please note, no 4pm Mass)			

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede:	Eileen Cooke
St Basil:	Sr. Margarita of Jesus
St John Fisher:	Sr. Eileen
St Michael:	John & Margaret McDermott

Requiescant in pace

Jim Norris, David Michael Crompton,
Margaret Houghton, Brian Patrick McKeown,
Martin Peter Hassett & Marie Keegan.

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	29th December	Feast of the Holy Family	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	George O'Grady
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Parishioners
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Billy Moran
(Please note, no 4pm Mass)			
Monday	30th December		
11.00	Funeral Service	St Michael	John Joseph Sullivan
Tuesday	31st December		
11.30	Exposition & Rosary		
12noon	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	James Smyth
Wednesday	1st January	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary Reilly
Thursday	2nd January	Memorial of St Basil the Great	
12noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Madeline Dwyer
Friday	3rd January		
No Mass			
Saturday	4th January	Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Bereavement Mass
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Parishioners
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	John Watt
Sunday	5th January	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mass Association Members
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Ken Gibbons
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Monica O'Mahoney
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Matilda & George Roberts

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St Bede:	Victims of social media
St Basil:	Special Intention (RC)
St John Fisher:	Davies & Glynn Families
St Michael:	Fr. Mark and Fr. Peter

"I'm so glad that Jesus was born in a stable. Because my soul is so much like a stable. It's poor and in an unsatisfactory condition – yet I believe that if Jesus can be born in a stable, maybe He can also be born in me"

Dorothy Day