

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

**Second Collection - APF World Missions  
Next Week – S.V.P.**

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. 'Give the Lord glory and power'**

## **Pilgrims of Hope**

Holy Years, or Jubilee Years, are usually held every twenty-five years. However, Pope Francis instigated a special Holy Year of Mercy in 2015; so, having a Holy Year in 2025, brings us back to normal.

Being Pope Francis, he wants us to begin our preparation now! And there will be two parts to our preparation. The first part will emphasise Francis' powerful focus on the fact that we are all children of the Second Vatican Council and that his time as Pope should bring about a deeper understanding of what Vatican II was about and how it should affect our lives. So, he wants us all to go back to the four great documents of the Council and study them over and over. For many people today, the Council is history, but it should be living history. It is said that the effects of any Council take decades to really take hold on the life of the Church. Vatican II was truly radical, about our life in the Trinity and about the way we live that life in the Church, both as individuals and as community in the world in which we live. Many of the ways in which Pope Francis startles us are coming from a deeper understanding of Scripture and of the Teaching of the Church, especially in Vatican II.

So, just to remind us, the four pre-eminent documents of the Council are:

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium)

The Dogmatic Constitution on The Church (Lumen Gentium)

The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation ( Dei Verbum)

The Pastoral Constitution of The Church in the modern World. ( Gaudium et Spes )

I include the Latin names, which are the first words of each document, because they are usually, if not very helpfully for most of us, known by these titles. And there will be announcements of helps in looking at them and discussing them. The second part of our preparation, for next year, will focus on private and community prayer and very especially on the Lord's Prayer

So, these are the riches ahead.

May God bless us all.

**Bishop John**

**St Wilfrid's UCM  
Foundation**

Invite you to a BOOK SALE, to be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023, after 10.30am Mass in St John Fisher Hall.  
All proceeds to UCM charities.

**Deanery of Warrington and Widnes Mass**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon there will be a gathering of the priests and people of our deanery to celebrate Mass together. This time the Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Penketh, WA5 2BB. It is a bit further to travel and please ask for a lift from fellow parishioners if you would like to attend, but it is so important that we as a deanery meet to pray together for the work that we are all engaged in to build the Kingdom of God here in this place. Please make the effort and come.

**Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land**

*Could we commit ourselves to pray this prayer each day for peace?*

Father of peace, as war devastates lives in the Middle East at this time, we cry out to you for shelter and protection for those involved. Shine your light of hope into the darkness for those who are afraid.

*In your mercy, hear our prayers.*

Prince of peace, where your footsteps once fell and the lands around, let your steps to peace be revealed to the leaders, bringing a speedy and Godly end to this war. Strengthen the hands of those helping and caring for others affected.

*In your love, hear our prayers.*

Spirit of peace, spread out your wings of comfort covering all those who mourn, Israelis and Palestinians. Bring healing in your wings for all those who are injured.

*In your grace, hear our prayers.*

God of Peace, rest in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank we pray. Let your tender mercy, strong love and amazing grace be the water that soaks the land for all in these days.

*In your faithfulness, hear our prayers.*

Your Kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

In Jesus' name, we trust and pray.

Amen.

**FAMILIES OF PARISHES' ROADSHOWS**

The Pastoral Plan outlines a path forward for the Church in our Archdiocese. It envisions the creation of "Families of Parishes" as the next step in strengthening our faith community. To provide a comprehensive understanding of this concept, the Archdiocese has scheduled three informative roadshows, open to everyone interested in the future of the Church.

The roadshows will take place at the following locations and times: Saturday 4 November, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Sefton Park, Liverpool; Tuesday 7 November, 7.00 – 9.00 pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk; and Wednesday 8 November, 7.00 – 9.00 pm at St Julie's Eccleston, St Helens. If you have questions or would like further clarification about this emerging strategy, please do attend one of the upcoming open meetings.

*Fr Dave (Dean)*

### Requiescant in pace

Brenda Thistlewaite,  
Martin Wynn, Patrica Conlon,  
Maria Atherton & Valerie Fanning

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

### Sanctuary Lamp

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

St Bede	Veronica and James Glynn
St Michael	Peace in Holy Land
St John Fisher	Seminarians
St Basil	Synodal Council

### Walsingham Christmas Meal

For all those joining us on our Pilgrimage to Walsingham, you need to choose what you would like from the Christmas menu. Please find your menu choice at the back of church.

Please only take a menu if you are booked on to our pilgrimage.

Please put your choice of starter, main and dessert, along with any allergies or dietary needs you have in an envelope with your name and pass into the parish office ASAP. Many Thanks

**Susan Warburton**

### Bene Merenti

Thank you very much to Fr Mark for the nomination, for organising last Wednesday evening's Mass and the refreshments afterwards, and to Bishop Tom, Bishop John, Fr Bill, and Fr Mark for concelebrating it, on the presentation of the Bene Merenti medal from Pope Francis to me. I feel very honoured to receive this. I would also like to thank family, friends and the large number of parishioners who celebrated with us. It was a beautiful Mass with an overwhelming feeling of love and encouragement from the community of St Wilfrid's. With grateful thanks for making it so special.

**Pauline Ruth**

### November – Month of the Holy Souls

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

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Feast of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation – Masses; 7am, St. John Fisher, 9.30am, St. Michael, 12 noon, St. Bede and 7pm, St. Basil.

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Mass for all the Faithful Departed, St. Bede, 10am.

At this Mass we pray for all who have died, and everyone will be offered a bottle of holy water and a prayer to take to graves or places of remembrance to bless and pray.

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Masses for all who have died from our parish in the past 12 months, St. Michael'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*

Pious List envelopes at the back of church for you to place the names of your loved ones so that they can be added to the November Pious List. A donation is welcomed. Return them to the Parish Office asap.

## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Tracey McNamara (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	Peter Hartles (80 <sup>th</sup> B'day)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Joan Eileen & Joe Skilky (Rem)
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Carol Ann Randle (Ann)
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>09.00</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>St Basil</b>	Steven Bate (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann)
<i>(Please note change of time)</i>			
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>Veronica Walsh</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
18.30	Exposition and Evening Prayer		
19.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Joan Kelly
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12.00	Holy Mass	St Michael	Robert William Warren (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Deanery Mass</b>	<b>St Joseph's, Penketh</b>	Dorothy Fox (B'day Rem)
<i>(Please note change of time and venue)</i>			
			Margaret Mc Dermott (LD)
			Mary Catherine Cosgrove (Ann)
			Deceased Priests of the Parish
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Feast Day of Apostles Simon &amp; Jude</b>	
10.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Tommy Weaver (LD)
10.30	Confessions		
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Barbara Attwood
17.00	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Clemson Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Harry Taylor (Ann)
09.30	Holy Mass	St Michael	William Hickey (45 <sup>th</sup> Ann)
10.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Parishioners
11.15	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary Florence Reid (B'day Rem)
16.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	John Buckley (Speedy Rec)