

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

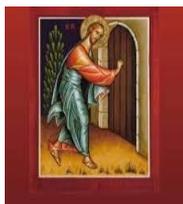
11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Year A

“Listen!
I am standing
at the door
knocking.”

Rev 3:20



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There will be a second collection next Sunday for the SVP – Thank you for your generosity

My road to the Priesthood

The letter from the superior of Campion House Osterley arrived a week after my 23rd Birthday. It contained a long list of things I would need for collage but most importantly it gave me a detailed outline of my journey from Liverpool-Euston-Victoria underground-Osterley. A week later I was on my way.

Coming out of the station I was met by two second year students who took hold of my suitcases and walked me down the Great West Road to the college. That short journey broke the ice of my apprehension as I listened to the chatter of my welcome party. The superior Fr Alan Robinson was standing on the doorstep to greet me and handed me over to the head student who gave a quick tour of the collage.

That first 24 hours I felt like a fish out of water but soon made new friends and from that moment I never looked back. Although everything was new that sense of belonging to my new home was electrifying. I soon fitted right into the day-to-day routine although I found it difficult to rise at 6.30am.

There were 140 students from all walks of life ranging from 18-60, from all over the British Isles, USA, South Africa, and the Caribbean. The students besides studying, going to lectures in the morning had chores every afternoon and were responsible for all the housekeeping.

The timetable kept us busy, English Grammar, English Literature, Church History, French, Latin, Music, and Liturgy. Of all the subjects we studied Latin was my downfall but, in the end, I managed to scrape through with an O Level, and so on to seminary. I have many happy memories of my time in Osterley, made many new friends, some of whom have become lifelong friends.

Fr. Bill

Grand Advent Raffle Winners

Thank you to all who bought a ticket for the raffle, the winners are below!

Christine Syers – Champagne, Wine, and Christmas Cake

Bernard Mc Keown – Champagne, Wine, and Biscuits

Betty Eaton – Champagne, Wine, and Chocolates

A Higginson – Christmas Floral Arrangement

Derek Noone – Christmas Diffuser

B Glynn – Chocolates

Please collect your prizes from the Parish Office!

Thankyou...

To everyone who worked so hard to ensure our **Parish Advent Dance** was such a success, to Linda and her staff at St. Basil's Parish Centre who provided such excellent service, a wonderful welcome and delicious food. The wonderful thespians who gave everyone a laugh performing the pantomime, wonderful entertainment was provided for us all night with Christine and a disco that got us all up dancing. Final thanks must go to the Social Group who work so hard behind the scenes enduring everything is prepared and the community spirit is alive and well in St. Wilfrid's Parish!

The Dance and the Raffle raised **£2518.60p** for the Restoration Fund! Thank you!

The Deanery of Warrington and Widnes

As you may know, we are part of Warrington and Widnes Deanery, and we are called to work together for the building of the Kingdom of God in this part of God's world.

The Deanery of Warrington and Widnes consists of 8 Parishes, covering 14 churches.

The parishes within the Deanery are: ● Holy Family, Cronton, Widnes ● St Wilfrid, Widnes (the churches of St Bede, St Basil, St Michael, St John Fisher) ● Sacred Heart And St Alban, Warrington ● Blessed James Bell, Warrington (the churches of St Benedict's & St Oswald's and the former parish of St Mary's) ● St Joseph, Penketh, Warrington ● St Paul Of The Cross, Burtonwood Warrington ● St Stephen, First Martyr, Orford, and St Bridget's Warrington ● St Peter And St Michael, Woolston, Warrington.

The Dean of this area is Canon Dave Heywood and his contact details are.

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'A Christmas Carol'

Wednesday 14th December

If you got a ticket for the show at the Shakespeare Theatre, the coach will leave St. Bede's Church at 6pm as the show begins at 7pm. We suggest you bring a pillow to sit on!

'Bah Humbug!'

St. Wilfrid's Advent Appeal 2022

Please think about donating to our Advent Appeal by bringing an item to Church before **Sunday 18th December**. All items will be donated to 'Trinity Safe Space Charity' which provides for refuges, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants in the Borough of Halton.

Posters are in the porch with a list of the items needed. Bless you all for your generosity of heart!

Office Hours - this week!

Monday 12 th	9.30am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 13 th	9.30am - 4.15pm
Wednesday 14 th	9.30am - 3.00pm
Thursday 15 th	9.30am - 2.15pm
Friday 16 th	10am - 4pm



St Basil's Catholic Primary School, Hough Green Road are holding Bingo for older people on Friday 16th December at 1.30pm - 2.30pm.

Advent Dates for Your Diary!

Please make a note of the following dates in your diary...

Monday 12th December - Advent Reconciliation Service

We shall gather to be reconciled to God and to one another through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We shall reflect and ponder on our lives and see our need of God's mercy and forgiveness in our lives.

St. Basil's Church at 7pm.

Come and hear the words, "Go in peace, you are forgiven"

Sunday 18th December - Advent Carol Service

Come and sing to the coming King with the children of our parish and with joy as we sing 'Gloria' to Jesus! Candles, Carols, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine...what more could you want to get into the Christmas Spirit!

St. Michael's Church at 4pm.

Come and celebrate the holy season of Advent!

USED STAMPS

Fr Bill has asked that we put all our used stamps in the boxes provided at back of church.

Thank You



St Wilfrid's UCM invite you to join them on Monday 12th December at St John Fisher Hall.

There will be a raffle & refreshments

Proceeds to UCM charities

Please come and join in the fun.

Everyone is welcome!

Mass Times

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Mon-Fri 10am-13:00pm

Sunday 11th December – Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Mass (St Bede) – Winnie Burns (Birthday Remembrance)
 9.30am Holy Mass (St Michael) – Michelle Spencer (42nd Birthday Remembrance)
 10.30am Holy Mass (St John Fisher) – Lois Davies (Anniversary)
 11.15am Holy Mass (St Bede) – Caroline Edwards (Anniversary)
 16:00pm Holy Mass (St Bede) – Parishioners

Monday 12th December - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (St. Basil)
 9.30am Holy Mass (St Basil) – Dorothy Moran (Lately Dead)

Tuesday 13th December – St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

10.30am – St Michael – Funeral Service – Sheila Clare
 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Pat & Terry Heneghan (Anniversary)
1.30pm – St John Fisher – Requiem – Gladys Owens

Wednesday 14th December – St John of the Cross – Priest & Doctor

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 7.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Kevin McCarthy

Thursday 15th December

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
 11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) –For the intentions of Fr Thomas
1.00pm – St Michael – Requiem – Linda Doran

Friday 16th December

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)
 09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
 09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Angela Milloy (Birthday Remembrance)
12 noon – St Bede – Requiem – Marion McDermid Tobin

Saturday 17th December

10.00am Holy Mass (St Bede) – Case & Kenny Families
 10.30am Confessions and Rosary (St Bede)
 17.00pm Holy Mass (St Bede) –Brian Johnson (Lately Dead)
 17.00pm Holy Mass (St Basil) – Joan Wilcox (4th Anniversary)

Sunday 18th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Mass (St Bede) – Thomas Jackson (6th Anniversary)
 9.30am Holy Mass (St Michael) – Elizabeth Lawler (Lately Dead))
 10.30am Holy Mass (St John Fisher) – Marie Cullerton (Anniversary)
 11.15am Holy Mass (St Bede) – James Goss (Birthday Remembrance)
 16:00pm Holy Mass (St Bede) – Fouad Mouarkach (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp

St Bede: Mary & Jim
St Basil: Deb Kenna
St John Fisher: Deceased Priests of the Parish
St Michael: Irene Heron

Please pray for those who have recently died...

Leo Taylor, Frances Treglown and
 Mary Ellen Leatherbarrow
May they rest in peace and rise in glory!