

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

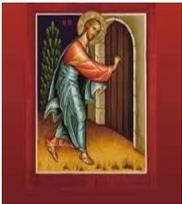
15th January 2023

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

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

Rev 3:20



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Psalm - Please join in the response: **'Here I am Lord! I come to do your will'**

Reflection

When we began having a weekly Reflection, and it seems a very long time ago, I don't think that there was a very clearly thought-out aim in mind. Just something fresh for the Newsletter to give it a bit of substance in the midst of all the notices. And if you were to ask the present priests what their aim was, I suspect that you would get four different answers. I must do that at our next meeting!

I began this Reflection in this way to try to sort out what my own aims are. I have not done that with myself but should have done so a while ago. The tendency is to suddenly realise that a text is needed for printing tomorrow and, after a moment of panic, to open the iPad and begin to type, hoping that something sensible will emerge.

But I think that subconsciously I do have certain aims. One would be, as with this reflection, to clarify my own thinking on something or other. Another would be the hope that I might begin conversations among parishioners on some topic that we as Catholics should be thinking seriously about with a Gospel, Catholic, attitude, and finally, for now, to trigger self-reflection about something that we tend to shy away from.

Again, I cannot speak for the other priests, but I don't get much feedback. And I could do with some. And that applies to Homilies as well. I don't mean: Didn't think much of that style of response, but what did it say to you. Did it nudge conversation or more thought, and what came out of that. I suppose it is what the Letter Pages in Newspapers are about!

Any thoughts?

+John

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of the Northern Saints

St. Cuthbert's Seminary, Lindisfarne (Holy Island) and Durham

Friday 21st April – Sunday 23rd April 2023

Friday 21st April

We shall leave the parish and head to the Northeast of England, stopping en route at Barnard Castle. You would need to either bring a packed lunch or buy some lunch when we stop. We shall arrive at St. Cuthbert's Seminary where we shall be staying for two nights.

On arrival and after we have settled in, we shall have a fully guided tour of the seminary. We shall then have our evening meal together and some social time as a parish family.

Saturday 22nd April

After breakfast we shall board the coach and travel to Holy Island. On the island we hopefully will celebrate Holy Mass together and have a chance to visit the castle and soak up the atmosphere in this awesome place of prayer and pilgrimage. You will be able to buy your lunch at the various shops and cafes on the island. After our time there we shall return to St. Cuthbert's Seminary for our evening meal and time together.

Sunday 23rd April

After breakfast we shall celebrate Holy Mass together in St. Cuthbert's Chapel and then spend some time having a last look around this beautiful place that is dear to the heart of so many of our priests who trained there. After a lovely Sunday lunch, we shall head into the City of Durham perhaps catching Evensong in the Cathedral before we board the bus to come home. Hopefully happy and a little tired after our adventures together.

To see more about these places Google – 'Ushaw, Historic House and Gardens', 'Lindisfarne, Holy Island' and 'Durham Cathedral' – to see images and a potted history of the places we are going to visit.

Cost £300pp for a single room

£230pp for a twin room.

If you would like to come, please fill in a booking form which at the back of all the churches and return to the Parish Office for the 'ATTENTION OF SUSAN WARBURTON' with £100 deposit per person by Friday 27th January.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

This year's Sacramental Programme is about to begin for our Year 4 children. We begin with meeting with parents/carers to explain the programme and the commitment needed.

St. Bede's RC School – Monday 30th January at either 2.30pm or 6.30pm in St. Bede's Church.

St. Gerard's RC School – Tuesday 31st January at 2.30pm in St. Gerard's School.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour RC School – Tuesday 31st January at 2.30pm in Our Lady's School.

St. John Fisher RC School – Tuesday 31st January at 6.30pm in St. John Fisher Church.

St. Michael's RC School – Wednesday 1st February at 2.30pm in St. Michael's Church.

St. Basil's RC School – Thursday 2nd February at 2.30pm in St. Basil's Church.

If you know of a child who is in Year 4 who is a RC but not attending a RC School, then please inform them to attend one of these meetings and make themselves known to either Pauline Rolt or myself.

Any questions or queries please contact me via e mail m.moran@rcaol.org.uk

Many thanks as ever to our catechists who give do much time and energy to our sacramental programme each year.

Fr. Mark

CONFIRMATION

As a new year beckons so does the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people of year 8 age.

Any young people who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer are asked to register online

at: <https://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation/>, after which we will be in touch with you regarding preparation for this beautiful sacrament later in the year.

Registration is open 16th January 2023 to 17th March 2023

If there are any questions, please direct them to Animate Youth Ministries, on 01744 740641 as Fr Thomas is now away for several weeks as part of his canonical studies.

Widnes Food Bank

Every item generously donated to our Food Bank will help save a life. This month we are asking if you could especially donate the following:

Top Three Items: - Rice, Desserts & Coffee

Pasta Sauce, Tinned potatoes, custard, Rice Pudding, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

Without the support from our donators, we would not be able to continue the good work that Widnes foodbank does to combat food poverty within our community. Thank you!

Opening Hours for **receiving donations** at the former St Bede's Club are:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am – 11.30am
Closed. Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday



Mass Intentions

If you wish to have a Mass offered for a specific date and in a particular Church within the parish, please make that request as soon as possible; we are always working months ahead!

Please use the 'Mass Intention' sheets that are at the back of every Church and return it with your offering to the Parish Office.

We will try our best to have the Mass offered for you on the day requested.

Emergency Sick Calls

Spiritual care of the sick and dying is a major part of priestly ministry. Should you or a loved one ever require the sacrament of the sick or prayers for the dying, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience and the first available priest will make arrangements to visit. If you require a priest out of hours in an emergency, do not attempt to contact the parish office as messages may not be picked up in time, but please telephone the presbytery landlines at the top of the parish newsletter until you have successfully reached one of our priests. In such circumstances, calm but swift action will ensure that any parishioner who finds themselves in such need will be fortified by the Sacraments of the Church.

Thank You



Safe Spaces provides support for victims of church-based abuse.

The Church of England, The Church in Wales and The Catholic Church in England and Wales are pleased to announce ongoing support for victims and survivors of church-related abuse, through the Safe Spaces project, with newly appointed, independent provider First Light.

Safe Spaces is a free national support service which offers a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, The Church in Wales or The Catholic Church in England and Wales, regardless of age, gender or sexual orientation.

First Light is an independent organisation with extensive experience in supporting those who have experienced or are experiencing sexual abuse or domestic violence, including survivors and victims of church-related abuse.

First Light have been appointed by the Board of Trustees of Safe Spaces England and Wales (SSEW) after a rigorous and highly competitive tender process.

Safe Spaces can be contacted at <https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk> or by phone on 0300 303 1056.

The helpline is open 09:00 – 21:00 Monday to Friday. 09:00 – 13.00 Saturday & 13.00 -17:00 Sunday

LITURGY MEETING

There is a meeting of the Liturgy Group on Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm in St. Bede's Presbytery. If there is anything you would like to add to the agenda or anything that you would like us to discuss as a group then please email Fr. Mark and he will add it to the agenda, m.moran@rcaol.org.uk

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY AT 7PM

ST. BASIL AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We are in such a unique position here in Widnes in that we share one of our churches with the Anglican Community. So, we have an added responsibility, with joy, to pray for unity amongst every Christian Community.

Please come along on the 25th to pray for unity and peace!

Indoor Bowls & Curling – St John Fisher Hall

Wednesday afternoon 1.00pm -3.00pm

All welcome

WARM AND COSY CENTRES

St. Basil's Parish Centre, Hough Green Road, WA8 4PE

will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm - 3.30pm to offer a warm place to enjoy a hot drink, biscuits, TV and WI - FI as well as meeting new friends.

Please come along and enjoy time in your parish centre, you will be made most welcome!

A New Serenity Prayer

By Fr. James Martin, SJ

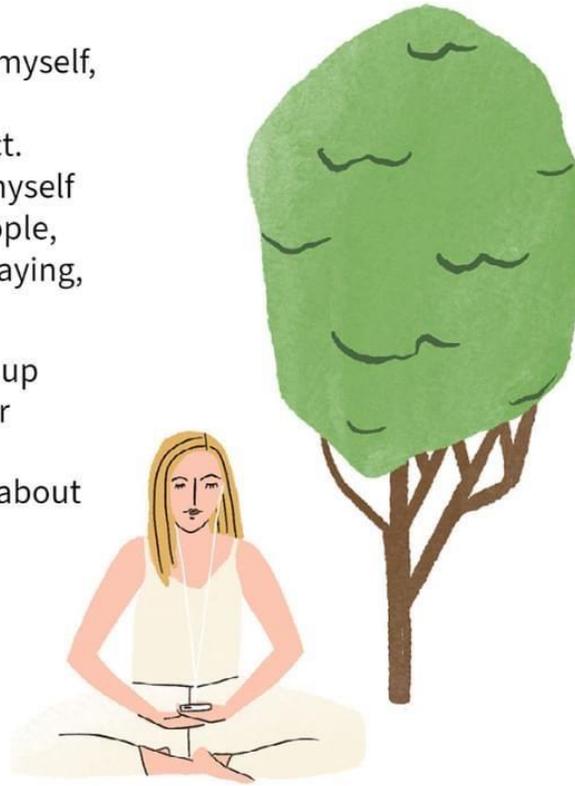


God, grant me the serenity
to accept the people I cannot change,
which is pretty much everyone,
since I'm clearly not you, God.
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,
please give me the courage
to change what I need to change about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.
It's better for me to focus on changing myself
than to worry about changing other people,
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
than everyone else in the room,
that no one knows what they're talking about
except me,
or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,
grant me the wisdom
to remember that I'm
not you.
Amen.



USED STAMPS

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

Office Hours - this week!

Monday 16 th	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday 17 th	9.30am - 4.30pm
Wednesday 18 th	9.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday 19 th	9.30am - 4.30pm
Friday 20 th	9.30am - 4.30pm

PARISH LITURGY

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

Sunday 15th January

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Monica O'Mahoney (3rd Anniversary)
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Joan Wilcox (Birthday Remembrance)
10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – James O'Brien (24th Anniversary)
11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Parishioners
16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Bridget Donaghy (91st Birthday)

Monday 16th January

9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St. Basil*)
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Eileen Brennan
10.30am Requiem (*St Bede*) – Katherine Edge

Tuesday 17th January

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Residents of Care Homes

Wednesday 18th January

10.00am Requiem (*St Bede*) – George Grace
19.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Gillian Tyghe (Lately Dead)

Thursday 19th January

11.30am Exposition the Blessed Sacrament (*St Michael*)
11.40am Holy Rosary (*St. Michael*)
12 Noon Holy Mass (*St. Michael*) - Sarah Loftus (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday 20th January

09.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St. John Fisher*)
09.10am Morning Prayer (*St. John Fisher*)
09.30am Holy Mass (*St. John Fisher*) – Nancy Prendergast (Anniversary)
11.00am Requiem (*St Bede*) – Elizabeth (Betty) Russell

Saturday 21st January

10.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John Richardson (Anniversary)
10.30am Confessions and Rosary (*St Bede*)
17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret & Ted Riley
17.00pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Parishioners

Sunday 22nd January

9.00am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – William & Margaret Smith (Remembrance)
9.30am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Therese Ambrose (Anniversary)
10.30am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Renee Glynn & Doris Platt (Anniversary)
11.15am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – John Richards (Birthday Remembrance)
16:00pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Elizabeth Yvonne Lightfoot

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede: Nancy Prendergast
St Basil: Mrs Carr
St John Fisher: Honor Evans
St Michael: Joan Wilcox

Please pray for those who haverecently died...

**Mary Hampton, Mary Kelleher, Teresa Mitchell,
Marilyn Whitfield, Anthony Comiskey,
Ellen (Eileen) Cooke, Peter Jones, Gerald McCann,
Marie Hankey, Bridget Martin, Baby George O'Grady,
Brian McGeiver, Kevin Conway, Gaynor Meredith, Patricia
Tomlinson, David McKeown, Victor (Bernard) Standen,
Mrs Carr.**

May they rest in peace & rise in glory!