

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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

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Corpus Christi

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Responsorial Psalm

'O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!'

'Love, exciting and new...'

The next line of this song is, *'come aboard, we're expecting you'* from the great TV program, 'The Love Boat' – absolutely loved that show! Sometimes we have to get 'on board' to love, as showing love, real love, is never easy. Yet we as Christians should find it easier (not easy) but easier to get on board in being people of love. Why? Because Jesus loved us first, and He invites us and He is expecting each one of us, for He knows your name.

The love that we show to others has to imitate and be a reflection of His love. His love is not all sunshine and rainbows; rather it was rooted in forgiveness and sacrifice and selflessness.

Today's feast of **Corpus Christi** highlights this. It was at the moment of His betrayal by those closest to Him that He gave us the gift of Himself for all eternity. He gave us his own Body and His own Blood to feed and strengthen us in our vocation of love.

Sometimes we can all feel that the call to love is too great, too much, too big – yet that is exactly when we need the Church, the boat, that is filled with love and forgiveness and mercy and peace. We need each other for support and encouragement in our Christian lives and we never forget that here we receive Jesus totally in Holy Communion. *'Do this in memory of me'*.

Fr. Mark

Key Holders/Alarm Code

Can I ask that if you have a key to any of the church buildings, presbytery or the Parish Hall can you please pass your name and address and telephone number into the Parish office as soon as possible. This is to enable us to comply with our insurance policy, as we must have an up-to-date list of all key holders.

Also, a reminder that if there is an alarm on a building, please ensure that it is always activated when you leave the building.

Private Prayer

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday from 10.00am until 13.00pm, except for funerals.

You are encouraged to come in and spend some time in prayer for your own needs, the needs of the Church and the world.

Garden of Hope at St. Basil and All Saints

Sadly, the parish can no longer arrange for the inscriptions of names on behalf of those wishing to have the remains of their loved ones interred in the Garden of Hope.

We will still inter ashes in the Garden and a priest will offer a service if requested, but if you wish to have a name inscribed then you will have to arrange that for yourselves.

Names already waiting to be inscribed will be honored. There is still plenty of room for inscriptions if a family desires it, but they must arrange it for their loved ones themselves.

Gift of Life for Zambia: Trip to Lytham and Lytham Hall: Wednesday 5th July.

The coach leaves St. Basil and All Saints at 9.30am. We start the morning in Lytham where you can stroll along the prom, browse the individual shops. At 1.30pm we make the short trip to Lytham Hall where you can then explore the Georgian Hall (ground floor only), Visiting the surrounding attractions. We return at approx. 6pm. The cost is £25. Please Contact Monica (424 8194) or Angela (424 8668).

Parish Choir

The next gathering of our Parish Choir is on **Monday 26th June 7.00pm in St. Basil's church.**

As usual, everyone is very welcome, even if you have not sung before, or been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally.

St. Michael's Church and Grounds

Once more our church is besieged with young men and women who are causing damage to our church and grounds. As a clergy team we are at our wits end and the only thing we can do to is follow the advice from the police and appeal to the whole community to do something if they see anything. The advice from the police is...

'Police have asked that we communicate to residents that if anyone sees or/hears any further incidents to contact the police immediately quoting a new Incident Number: 1559730. This number will be linked to previous reports.'

We must pull together to protect our church. If anyone has any thoughts on what we can do, please speak up. Is it worth going to the local press? The cost of CCTV is exorbitant; this has been investigated. We have taken advice about railings on top of the wall, but again, we have been advised it will not work as they will find another way in. Our church and grounds must be protected.

Please do not look away; if you see anything, report it.

The Clergy Team.

Requiescant in pace

Edward Marr, Margaret Parr,
Ann Rose & Jimmy Hodgkinson

May the Angels lead them into paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede	Phyllis, Winnie, Anne & Tom
St Michael	Mary Davies
St John Fisher	Private Intention
St Basil	Norman David Neilson

Lourdes 2023 – Moment of Remembrance Centenary Year

As part of the pilgrimage week there will be an opportunity for us to commemorate those who have travelled to Lourdes over the years and have since died. As a simple act of remembrance, we will present the box of names to Our Lady at the Grotto.

If you would like a past pilgrim to Lourdes to be remembered, please email the Parish Office with the name or pop it through the letter box marked 'LOURDES REMEMBRANCE' and we will forward it to the Archdiocesan Lourdes Group.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise to the Sacred Heart

My dear Lord Jesus, you deserve all honour and praise, because your love is perfect and your heart divine. My Heart is filled with gratitude for the many blessings and graces that you have bestowed on me and my loved ones. Forever undeserving, may I always be attentive and never take for granted your gifts of mercy and love, that flow so freely from your Sacred Heart.

Oh, Sacred Heart of Jesus, I adore you!

Oh, Sacred Heart of Jesus, I praise you!

Oh, Sacred Heart of Jesus, I thank you!

Oh, Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love you!

Amen

'Bless the Lord my soul...'

On **Saturday 24th June** after the 5pm Mass at St. Basil's Church there will be a Taize style time of prayer and reflection offered to you all. Taize prayer is reflective and extremely calming, so if you need 45 minutes of calm, peace and to know that the Lord does bless you with His peace then please think about coming to this time at St. Basil's Church. It will begin at **6pm** and conclude at **6.45pm**.

Celebrating Refugee

'Celebrating Refugee' week at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD on Tuesday 20th June at 12 noon. Time of Creative Prayer then Guest Speaker Fr Peter Morgan. Followed by soup and a roll. EVERYONE VERY WELCOME. Contact The Irenaeus Project on 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Lourdes Mass - Past and Present

On Sunday 25th June at 5pm there will be a special Mass to mark 100 years of the Archdiocese of Liverpool travelling to Lourdes as a pilgrimage group. The Mass will be a celebration of our faith in Jesus and in Mary, who appeared to St. Bernadette at the Grotto of Massabielle and gave us Lourdes as a place of healing and love. **ALL** are invited to this Mass, especially if you have ever been to Lourdes in 'Liverpool Week'. It is a time to thank God for the time that we have spent there, whenever that was.

There will be a coach leaving St. Bede's Church at 4pm on Sunday afternoon to take us to the Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and we should return home by 7pm. An offering of £5 towards the cost of the coach would be very welcome. If you would like to come to this wonderful Mass, then please pass your name and telephone number with £5 marked '**LOURDES MASS**' and we shall reserve you a place on the coach. Our Lady of Lourdes - pray for us! St Bernadette – Pray for us!

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	11th June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	
9.00am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Thomas & Mary Burke, B'day Rem
9.30am	Holy Mass	St Michael	Dennis Martin, 1 st Anniversary
10.30am	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	John Richard Cuckson, Lately Dead
11.15am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mark Allen, Lately Dead
4.00pm	Holy Mass	St Bede	Terry Mahoney, Lately Dead
Monday	12th June	Ferial Day	
11:00am	Funeral Service	St Bede	David Lamb
7:00pm	Novena Mass	St Basil	Fr James Moore
Tuesday	13th June	Memorial of St Anthony of Padua	
7:00pm	Novena Mass	St Bede	Sarah Loftus, 1 st Anniversary
Wednesday	14th June	Ferial Day	
10:00am	Requiem Mass	St Bede	Sandra Mullarkey
7.00pm	Novena Mass	St Bede	Margaret Connolly
Thursday	15th June	Ferial Day	
7.00pm	Novena Mass	St Michael	Clair Rainford, Anniversary
Friday	16th June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
7.00pm	Novena Mass	St John Fisher	Deacon John Williams, Anniversary
Saturday	17th June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
10:00am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Mary Dowling
10:30am	Confessions	St Bede	
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	St Bede	Elizabeth Morris, Birthday Remembrance
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	St Basil	Martyn Rigby, Lately Dead
Sunday	18th June	Ferial Day	
9.00am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
9.30am	Holy Mass	St Michael	Declan Smith, Lately Dead
10.30am	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	George Brady, Anniversary
11.15am	Holy Mass	St Bede	Stuart O'Toole, 1 st Anniversary
4.00pm	Holy Mass	St Bede	Terence Morton, 2 nd Anniversary