

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



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Responsorial Psalm

'Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord'.

Kindness is all around us!

On Monday afternoon, I was sitting in the Parish Office working away and the doorbell rang. I went to the door to be greeted by 6 children from Willowdene Nursery with two big bags of food that they had collected for the Foodbank. Two of the children were in the season of Ramadan and they told me that as part of their faith, they must share what they have with the poor and hungry. We had our picture taken and away they went, and I thought, *'how kind people are and how wonderful that the church is seen as a place where people can come for help'*.

In our community I see kindness and generosity every day. It is my privilege to share in people's lives and in that sharing I see incredible kindness, care and love all around me. In our schools, I see generosity, compassion and sharing as the children live out their Christian call to share and help others. Every Sunday, I see material generosity as we strive to pay to keep our churches open and thriving.

But kindness is not just about material giving; no, it is far more than that! I see kindness in a smile that brightens and cheers. I see kindness in a generous comment that builds up instead of words that can cut and can be hurtful and demoralising. I see kindness in the visits that we make to people's homes, the phone call to someone having a hard time, a text that can brighten another person's day...so many small things that can show kindness and love.

For us as Christians, being kind is not just an act in itself, as we are constantly trying to imitate the person of Jesus Christ. Not just being kind to those whom we know and like, we are called to be compassionate and kind and even loving to those we do not like, those whom we find difficult. So let us add to the kindness all around us!

Fr Mark PP

Parish Trip to St Mary's Seminary, Oscott

'A seminary is more than a building; it is a community of formation.'

We have been offered a wonderful opportunity, to go to St Mary's Seminary, Oscott, for a guided tour, an opportunity to celebrate Evening Prayer with the community and meet the seminarians who are training for mission in our land. We have been invited to go on **Sunday 5th May**, the timetable will be as follows.

1pm	Leave St Bede's Church on a coach to travel to the Midlands.
3pm	Arrive at the Seminary
3.30pm	Guided tour of the College
4.30pm	Afternoon Tea
5.30pm	Evening Prayer and a look around the gift shop.
6.10pm	Depart the Seminary
8pm	Arrive home

Cost per person - £20 (this includes a donation to the seminarians' charity)

St Mary's College has existed as a formation community for 228 years. It has been in its present location for the last 184 of those years. What a wonderful afternoon and evening it will be!

Places are limited, so if you would like to come on this trip, please pass your name, telephone and money into the Parish Office marked '**OSCOTT**' as soon as possible.

Sacramental Programme

The children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion continue their preparations this week by learning more about the Holy Mass and how it is central to strengthening and encouraging our faith. In this parish, our catechists go into the schools to catechise and instruct the children and we are very grateful to them for their generosity and skill. Please continue to pray for our children as they get nearer to the wonderful day when they will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

Liturgy Meeting

There will be a meeting for all members of the Liturgy Group on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm at St Bede's Presbytery. Please make every attempt to attend as we shall be reviewing the past few months and planning for the future.

Knock Pilgrims

Would all pilgrims please gather at **9.10am outside St Bede's Church on Tuesday 23rd April** to embark the coach to take us to the airport. Please do not arrive before 9.10am as it is very busy with the school drop off! We will leave around 9.30am, when we are all ready to go! Please ensure you have your boarding passes and passport in your hand luggage!

If you would like Fr Mark to light a candle for you or take a petition to the Shrine, please pass it into the Parish Office with your offering asap.

Requiescant in pace

John Shaw, Harry Gregory and Theresa Grue

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede

St Michael

St John Fisher

St Basil

Vladimir Potopayev

Fr John Johnson RIP

Fr Barry Mc Allister RIP

Billy Moran

Music Ministries News

A message from Pope Francis about singing in choir:

“What you do is important because your voices can help communities to pray, to open their hearts to the Lord, and this is fundamental for the life of the Church.

It is an act of love; when we sing, we pray with words and music, with heart and voice, with devotion and art. Singing is all the more humble because it is at the service of God: while it helps others to encounter the Lord, it is also able to step aside at the right moment, to leave room for silence, so that everyone can listen quietly to the words that only Jesus wants to say to each one of us.

By singing and praying together, in harmony, listening to one another, waiting for one another, adding your own voice to those of everyone else, you help the larger community to do the same. You teach how good it is to walk together. Singing can express true friendship, with God and with one another. How much do we learn from music! And even more so, sacred music, whose soul is the word of God”.

To sing or play an instrument at Mass or a service is a ministry within the Church; none of the groups that sing/play are closed shops, they are open to everyone, (that can hold a tune!). If you would like to join any of the music makers, please just go up and ask to join. You will be made very welcome!

Music Ministries in St Wilfrid's Parish

Saturday Evening

16.30 at St Basil's Choir

18.00 at St John Fisher Choir

Sunday

09.00 at St Bede Guitar/Keyboard

10.15 at St Michael Choir

11.30 at St Bede Keyboard

16.00 at Holy Family/St Bede Guitar/Keyboard

Knights Choir – provide an important ministry by singing at funerals; this is a massive support to grieving families and the clergy team. If you would like to join this group or simply find out more, then please call Roy on 424 1924.

Social Gathering There will be a social gathering **at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th April** at St John Fisher Parish Hall for **EVERYONE** involved in making music in our parish. There will be some refreshments and some food. This is not a meeting, just a way to come together with all other music makers and who knows we might have a song or two! Please come!

Rota's

We understand that life happens! Yet, if you are down on the rota to read or minister at Mass and cannot be there, can all ministers try and find a replacement and failing that let the sacristan know asap, and they will find a replacement for you. We are very grateful to all of you for your generosity in serving the parish as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, so thank you!

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	14th April	Third Sunday of Easter	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Edward 'Ted' Jones (Ann)
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Sr Agnes Dobson (90 th B'day)
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	Morris Family and HF Parishioners
Monday	15th April	Weekday of Easter	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Sean Karalius (12 th Ann)
Tuesday	16th April	Weekday of Easter	
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Derek & Pat Heyes (Ann)
12.30	Requiem	St Basil	Francis Molloy
Wednesday	17th April	Weekday of Easter	
12 noon	Requiem Mass	St Bede	Ann Rosalind Hindley
Thursday	18th April	Weekday of Easter	
10.00	Funeral Service	St Bede	Peter Gleave
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Elizabeth Kane (LD)
Friday	19th April	Weekday of Easter	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Marion Byrne (LD)
13.00	Funeral Service	St Bede	Mary Julie Bowles
13.15	Funeral Service	St Michael	Rachel Anne Le-Carpentier
Saturday	20th April	Weekday of Easter	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Kenneth & Margaret Bate (Ann)
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Billy Moran (Ann)
Sunday	21st April	Fouth Sunday of Easter	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Pauline & Ken Riley (60 th Wed Ann Rem)
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Pauline Noone
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Rita & Harold Dawson (Ann)
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	Parishioners