

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



## Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) Good Shepherd Sunday Second Collection: Priest Training Fund

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### Responsorial Psalm

**R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

### Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood

*"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.*

*He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.*

*Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."*

John Henry, Cardinal Newman

This week we are called to remember that each of us are called, each of us have a vocation to love and serve the Lord. By the lives that we live, the words that we speak, even the thoughts that we have, we proclaim who Jesus is in our lives. Live your vocation to the full!

This week we are called to pray for vocations to the priesthood, please, if you can this week do two things, pray for the priests that we have, who serve and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. That young people may hear and respond to the call of the Lord and say 'YES' with a generous heart!

Fr Mark

**ST BEDE'S CHURCH**  
**A LONG AWAITED RESTORATION**

The Parish Buildings and Finance Committee have the great pleasure of inviting you to a Presentation Evening, in which we will share our exciting plans to restore St Bede's Church, Widnes.

The fruit of thousands of hours of meticulous planning and prayer - informed at every stage by the expertise of nationally respected experts in ecclesiastical heritage and historic buildings maintenance - we have at long last secured the various permissions to proceed and the time has come to present this vision not just to the parish, but the town at large.

This will take place on **Wednesday 8th May at St Basil's Parish Club, WA8 4SZ at 19.30.**

Hot drinks will be available, and the bar will be open should you desire something a bit stronger! The presentation will last about an hour and a half, in which time we will hear from various stakeholders in the project, voices from the archdiocese and further afield and some of the dedicated parishioners that make up our committee. It is hoped that you will linger afterwards to meet with our speakers and enjoy some social time together.

Because of the importance of this restoration, not just to the Catholic community, but the broader town of Widnes, we would strongly encourage parishioners from across the parish and not just St Bede's Mass-goers to come along and share in this great event in the life of our parish.

Fr Thomas on behalf of the Buildings and Finance Committee

**Parish Choir**

The next gatherings of the Parish Choir will be on Monday 22nd April, Tuesday 14th May, Tuesday 4th June and Monday 8th July, all at 7pm in St. Bede'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.

All are welcome.

**Sunday Obligation**

As your Parish Priest, I feel it is my duty to remind you that watching Sunday Mass on the television does not fulfil your Sunday obligation and deliberately missing Mass on Sunday is sinful.

**If you are ill, working shifts that totally preclude your attendance, or housebound then this rule does NOT apply to you!**

Fr Mark

**Pastoral Letter on Vocations**

A copy of the latest Pastoral Letter on vocations from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP is available at back of church. Let us pray for Archbishop McMahon as he continues to lead us by example and turn our gaze to Christ in these challenging times.

### Requiescant in pace

Harry Gregory, Paul Swindley  
Teresa Grue, Veronica Daniels

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!

### Sanctuary Lamp

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

<b>St Bede</b>	Special Intention
<b>St Michael</b>	Private Thanksgiving
<b>St John Fisher</b>	Pilgrims in Knock
<b>St Basil</b>	Vocations to Priesthood

### Music Ministry Social Gathering

There will be a social gathering **at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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.**

### Parish Trip to St Mary's Seminary, Oscott

*Just a few places remaining*

*'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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Parish Liturgy

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Fouth Sunday of Easter</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Pauline & Ken Riley (60 <sup>th</sup> Wed Ann Rem)
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Pauline Noone
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Rita & Harold Dawson (Ann)
12.30	Baptisms	St Michael	
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
09.00	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
09.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	David Prescott (LD)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Solemnity of St George, Martyr</b>	
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>John Brian Shaw</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Bede	Tersea Topping (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</b>	
11.30	Exposition and Morning Prayer		
12 noon	Holy Mass	St Michael	Patricia Starkey (LD)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
12 noon	<b>Deanery Mass</b>	St Stephen's, Orford	Maureen Byrne (Grey) Joseph Houghton (B,day Rem)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Anne Marie Jones (LD)
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Vera Smith (Ann)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	Kim Enright (successful Op)
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Jean McCormick (Sick)
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Peter Glynn (LD)
16.00	Holy Mass	Holy Family	Parishioners John & Bridget Martin (Rem)