



Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

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



15th June 2025

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year C)

Collection – Day for Life

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Psalm Response

'O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!'

What has happened in your week?

In our busy lives we often 'live in the present' and spend time worrying about what is to come. I encourage you to move beyond these and benefit from the gift of reflection. Catholics can reflect on their week through various practices like prayer, reading scripture and examining their actions. These can be powerful healing, strengthening and guiding practices.

I try to use the 'Examen' at the end of each day, unless I nod off in my chair after a full day which is, unfortunately, a frequent happening. The Examen is a prayerful reflection practice developed by St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. It involves reviewing the day's events and seeking God's presence in those moments. The goal is to recognize God's guidance and love, as well as areas where one's actions or thoughts might have fallen short.

You might try the Examen as an easy and effective means of daily reflection. Just spend a little time reflecting, praying, on these five points:

- 1. Become aware of God's presence.**
- 2. Review the day with gratitude.**
- 3. Pay attention to your emotions.**
- 4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.**
- 5. Look toward tomorrow.**

Using such spiritual reflection practices can reveal amazing things. Things that you sometimes don't realise are happening and moving in your life. They can help you to be better aware of the influence of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Deacon Paul Rooney

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

A Catholic novena is a devotional practice that consists of prayer repeated for nine consecutive days. The word *novena* comes from the Latin *novem*, meaning "nine." It's a form of petition or intercession and is often associated with specific intentions such as healing, guidance, or a special favour.

This Wednesday we begin our novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which will reach its end on the Feast of the Sacred Heart on the 27th June. Will you come and be a part of this novena? It will take commitment and devotion, but the rewards are great! So, think about joining our novena this year. The Novena Prayer is given below so that if you are unable to get to every Novena Mass you can still join in with the novena prayer each day.

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O my Jesus, you have said: *"Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you."* Behold I knock, I seek and ask for your help in my need that you may hear my petition. Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you. O my Jesus, you have said: *"Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name he will give it to you."* Behold, in your name, I ask the Father to hear my petition.

(In silence mention your personal petition)

Sacred Heart of Jesus - I place all my trust in you!

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Pray for me now and at the hour of my death.

Exciting News for Parents of Two-Year-Olds!

St Gerard's Catholic Primary and Nursery School currently has places available for two-year-olds starting this September. From **September 2025**, all working parents of two-year-old children will be entitled to **30 hours of free childcare provision**.

To find out more or to secure a place for your child, please contact our school office at **0151 424 2879**.

Sacramental Programme – Catechists Meeting

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 25th June** at **12noon** to 'debrief' and reflect upon the Sacramental Programme this year. We shall meet at St. Bede's Presbytery and a light lunch will be served. Please make every effort to attend!

Our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Last week, many of our Eucharistic ministers met with members of the Parish Vision Group to pray together, reflect on the Sacred Scriptures, and share the many joys and some of the challenges of this wonderful ministry. Accompaniment is a key of the Synodal Process that the whole church is called to be engaged in, to walk with one another and share the hopes and dreams of our fellow pilgrims as we journey together.

In the coming months other groups in the parish will be invited to gather to engage in the same process, please be open and receptive to that invitation. We are stronger together and we are all valued, respected and honoured for who we are as followers of Jesus within the Body of His Holy Church.

Notice – 4pm Mass

Please note, that due to clergy holidays there will not be a 4pm Sunday Mass at St. Bede on **Sunday 15th June** or **Sunday 22nd June**. Please make a note in your diaries.

Be Vigilant and Pray for Tortured Souls

Our Dean, Mgr. Dave Heywood shared that there was an incident at St Mary's Shrine in Warrington last week. Fr Miklos shares the following:

"A man, entered the church in the early afternoon yesterday, entered the sanctuary by simply stepping over the altar rails, heading straight to the high altar and to the tabernacle, fiddling around a bit as he was looking for something (a key maybe?), then going to the side chapel he turned the altar cross around, and then in the confessional he turned a crucifix upside-down and the card with the rite of confession also upside-down, then he went towards the exit, blew out the votive candles at Our Lady's statue, and then in the narthex he tore some devotional brochures and left. In the end, he did not accomplish much, and there is no significant material damage either, nevertheless his behaviour seemed quite nefarious. He may have stolen or desecrated the Blessed Sacrament if it had not been kept safe enough.

The incident has been reported to the Police, who have visited St Mary's, and to the Archdiocese. I share this with you in case the person decides to visit other churches in the area."

We pray for the community at St. Mary's and for all those who are tortured in mind or spirit.

Parish Office

Please note the Parish office will close at **1.30pm** on **18/19/20/23** June, due to staff holidays.

Mass Intentions

Every effort to respond to requests for Masses to be said on a specific date and in a specific church is made. Yet, please understand that Requiem Masses and availability of the priests often make these requests impossible. If we have to change the date requested and you include your phone number on the form, we shall contact you to discuss an alternative date. The Mass requested will be celebrated at the nearest opportunity to the date requested. Your understanding is sought on this issue.

Mass requests should be made as early as possible and passed into the Parish Office.

Widnes Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who supported us during May! Please would you continue your support during June to help those in our community who are in need. If you can donate food to us are current most needed items are: UHT milk, UHT juice, tinned potatoes, tinned soup, tinned fruit, and all toiletries.

Parish Choir

If you have not sung before, or not sung for years, or haven't been part of this group previously, or are only able to come along occasionally, it doesn't matter, you would be most welcome. Sadly though, at this time, all members of the choir must be over 18 due to safeguarding guidance.

Our next practices are on Monday 30th June and Tuesday 22nd July, all at 7pm in St. John Fisher Church.

Parish Liturgy

Sunday	15th June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	SVP
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Gerard McCann & Family
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
No 4pm Mass this week or next.			
Monday	16th June	Ferial	
No Mass/Service today.			
Tuesday	17th June	Ferial	
11.30	St Michael	Funeral Service	Peter Comerford
12noon	St Basil	Funeral Service	Robert (Bob) Tollet
Wednesday	18th June	Memorial of St John Rigby	
10.00	St Michael	Requiem Mass	Michael Francis Hardman
11.00	St John Fisher	Funeral Service	Winifred & William Gill
13.45	St John Fisher	Funeral Service	John (Eric) Swift
19.00	St John Fisher	Novena Mass	John Cotman
Thursday	19th June	Ferial	
10.00	St Michael	Requiem Mass	Nicholas Gerard Cook
19.00	St Basil	Novena Mass	James Meaden & Christine Connor
Friday	20th June	Ferial	
10.00	St Michael	Requiem Mass	Catherine Patricia Condron
12noon	St John Fisher	SJF School Mass	Margaret Riley
19.00	St Michael	Novena Mass	Anne Conroy & Eric Smith
Saturday	21st June	Vigil of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi	
10.00	Novena Mass	St Bede	Dee McPartland
12.30	Nuptial Wedding Mass	St Michael	Barton and Molloy
16.30	Holy Mass	St Basil	Terence Morton
18.00	Holy Mass	St John Fisher	Honor Evans
Sunday	22nd June	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi	
09.00	Holy Mass	St Bede	David Byrne
10.15	Holy Mass	St Michael	Christine Ratcliffe & Gladys Holland
11.30	Holy Mass	St Bede	Parishioners
No 4pm Mass this week.			

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp burns for 7 days for your intentions.

St Bede:	Special Intention
St Basil:	Rev'd Canon Neil Crayford-Jones
St John Fisher:	Joan Moran
St Michael:	Michael Hardman

Rest in Peace

Sharon Doyle, John McCann,
Thomas Lyons, Marie Thompson,
Gerald Martin & Peter McGrath

May the Angels lead them into Paradise!