

# Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

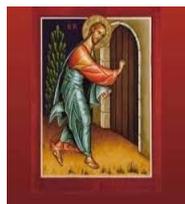
27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Year A

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

Rev 3:20



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**Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

## ‘Emptied Himself and took on our human nature...’

Last Sunday we celebrated the great Solemnity of Christ the King, which marked the close of another liturgical year. Much has happened in the last twelve months locally, nationally and on the international stage, but amidst all the joys and sorrows, the church continues her age-old mission of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in season and out of season.

And now we begin the great Season of Advent, a time of hopeful expectation as we look forward to the celebration of Christmas in a few weeks' time. For the first couple of weeks of advent, the liturgy of the church invites us to reflect on and anticipate in our hearts, the ultimate return of the Lord on the last day. It is only in the final week or so of advent that we turn our minds to the mystery of our Lord's incarnation in Bethlehem; the beginning of the great Christian adventure of which we are all a part.

As the winter nights draw in, let us take comfort in the friendship of the Lord, who did not cling to equality with God, but emptied Himself and took on our human nature, so that one day we may be like Him in heaven.

Fr Thomas



## St. Wilfrid's Advent Appeal 2022

'Trinity Safe Space Charity provides for refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants in the Borough of Halton, catering for their needs by giving them material goods, food, clothing as well as information, care, and support with their physical and mental health'.

This year we are appealing again for you to buy an extra Christmas present for someone who really needs it.

All items must be new, unwrapped and left at the back of Church where they shall be collected and delivered to our brothers and sisters in need.

Items needed...

Men's boxer shorts (underwear) sizes small, medium, large and XL

Women's underwear sizes 10, 12, 14 and a few 16s

Men's T-shirts size 34 - 38 chest

Jeans for men in a variety of sizes and leg length

Winter coats for men and women in a variety of sizes

Warm gloves, hats and scarves for men and women

Socks for men and women size 6 up to size 12

Children's warm hats, scarves, socks, and gloves in a variety of sizes

Frying pans, toasties makers, stock pot pans, electric kettles, electric toasters, hand blenders/juicers/choppers, small cafetières

Toiletries for men and women, (preferably single items rather than sets) e.g., shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Single duvets or warm blankets

All items need to be at Church before the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Please be as generous as you always are in seeing Jesus in the often forgotten in our community.

Thank You

## Weekday Mass Schedule from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

### Monday

9.30am – St. Basil

### Tuesday

12 noon – St. Bede

### Wednesday

7pm – St. Bede

### Thursday

12 noon – St. Michael

### Friday

9.30am – St. John Fisher

### Saturday

10am – St. Bede (with confessions)

After an assessment of the numbers attending, need and availability, it is felt that the following schedule will fit the needs of the community at this time. This can and will change as we change and move as a community.

Thank you as ever to the sacristans and those who work so hard in all of our churches to keep them as places of prayer in our community.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve

6pm – St John Fisher

6pm – St Bede

6pm – St Basil

8pm – St Michael

Midnight – St Bede

### Christmas Day

9am – St Basil

10am – St Bede

10am – St John Fisher

10am – St Michael

### Boxing Day

10am – St Basil

Mass with Altar Servers

**And they shall call Him Emmanuel  
God is with us!**

### Upcoming Meetings...

**Social Group Meeting** – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm at St. Bede

**Synodal Council** – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am at St. Benedict, Warrington

### USED STAMPS

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

Thank You

### Widnes Floral Art Group present

Christmas flower demonstration  
'Sparkles and Sprouts'

By Kate Russell

Wednesday, December 7  
7.30pm

Farnworth Methodist Church Hall, Derby  
Road, Widnes WA8 9JX  
Tickets priced £12 available on the door

## FIRST CANDLE SIGNIFIES HOPE

### "PROPHECY CANDLE"

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



