

Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

22nd May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year C

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

Rev 3:20



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There will be a retiring collection next weekend for World Communications

Both in this Diocese and in Hallam, ecumenical friendships at church leader level, have been really very important in the relationships between the Churches.

In Hallam, I joined a group of church leaders, who met each year in December for three days of prayer and retreat, as well as joining each other once a month for morning prayer and breakfast. We have always met at Hying Hall convent, just north of Carnforth, where the sisters pray the full Office together in chapel. We have met now for well over twenty years, but COVID put an end to it for the time being, but we met this week, at Whalley Abbey Retreat Centre, after a lapse of three years. It was wonderful, and the weather glorious.

In a general chit chat at one of our meals, an Anglican bishop mentioned that there is now research that says that when a church has to be closed down, if it is a Catholic Church, the number of parishioners who continue to practise their faith is very significantly higher than it is with others. He made an interesting point: Catholics tend to speak of going to Mass, rather than going to church. The Mass is the Mass whatever church you are in. As a youngster I was very conscious of what parish I belonged to, altar server, youth club, and so on. But for one reason or another, I had been to Mass in all the local churches and in some much further away.

Behind that is an awareness that the Mass not only holds our parish together, it holds the whole Church together. That is certainly the experience here in Widnes. I will never forget the first Sunday of Lent in 2015 when eight parishes and four churches closed, and we were one parish with four churches. And people who had attended the four closed churches had to decide where they would attend Mass. Some, I have no idea how many, went outside Widnes. Most went to one of the four remaining churches, and most, though regretfully not all, received a very warm welcome.

Post COVID, welcome back to wherever you go to Mass.

Bishop John

Quarant' Ore Time-Table



Monday 13th June

7pm – Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist
7.30pm – 9pm - Adoration
9pm – Benediction

Tuesday 14th June

12noon – Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist
12.30pm – 7pm – Adoration
7pm – Holy Mass
7.30pm – 9pm – Adoration
9pm – Benediction

Wednesday 15th June

12noon – Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist
12.30pm – 7pm – Adoration
7pm – Holy Mass
7.30pm – 9pm – Adoration
9pm – Benediction

Thursday 16th June

12noon – Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist
12.30pm – 7pm – Adoration
7pm – Holy Mass and close of *Quarant' Ore*

Sign up for *Quarant' Ore*

Sign-up sheets will be available for you to sign next week to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is watched at all times.

Please think about what time you give to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Buy a candle for

If you would like to buy a candle to burn before the Blessed Sacrament in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, then please pass your intention and an offering (suggested offering £15) into the Parish Office.

Donate flowers for *Quarant' Ore*

One of the reasons that many parishes do not hold *Quarant' Ore* anymore is the cost of adorning the altar with candles and flowers, could you donate something towards the flowers?

Please pass your donations into the Parish Office marked '*Quarant' Ore* Flowers'.

Sunday Obligation Returns

The Roman Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement saying that from **Pentecost Sunday**, 5th June, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is reinstated. It is clear though in the statement that anyone who does not feel safe because of **ill health** is not committing a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.'

Face Covering – wearing of face covering is now up to each individual.

Precious Blood – at this time we are not allowed to offer the chalice to the faithful.

Holy Communion on the tongue – if you desire to receive Holy Communion on the tongue you should present yourself to the priest or minister once everyone else has received.

May procession and Crowning of Our Lady.

On Sunday the 29th, the last Sunday of May, our parish will honour Our Blessed Lady with the crowning of her statue and the traditional May procession at 2.30pm at St Bedes.

Many of us will remember the May processions as we were growing up walking along behind Our Lady in our Holy communion dresses and suits. This year we hope that many of the children who have made their First Communion these past few weeks will join us in giving honour to Mary Queen of the May.

An open invitation is extended to all our parishioners to join us.



It will be great to see you all.

Gift of Life for Zambia Trip to Trentham Gardens and Shopping Village, Monday 4th July

We are delighted to resume our trips after such a difficult period and hope that you will enjoy the delights of Trentham Gardens and the Shopping Village. The Trentham Estate is a great place for all with award winning Italian gardens, rose borders and a beautiful lake. If you prefer some retail therapy there is a wide variety of shops and cafes, plus a massive Garden Centre.

The cost is £24 per person to cover the coach and entrance. We leave St. Basil and All Saints Church at 10.30.am and return at approximately 6.30pm. To book a place simply put your £24 in an envelope marked with your name, address and telephone number, and give it to any member of the Zambia Group, Sue Shellien, Monica Kelly, Terri Cloherty, Chris Lappine and Angela Kaye. You can also ring Monica on 424 8194 or Angela on 424 8668 to arrange collection.

All profits to St. Francis Community Integrated Care Centre (and our orphans) Zambia



The Parish of St Wilfrid's Liturgy



SUNDAY 22nd May

09.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Winifred Butler
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Marese Hudson – Lately Dead
 10.00 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Bill Cullerton
 11.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Mary Trick – Lately Dead
 16.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Pat McCormick

MONDAY 23rd May

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Basil*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St Basil*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Harry Taylor – 90th Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY 24th May

10.00 am Funeral Service (*St Bede*) – Mary Woolley
 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 11.40 am Holy Rosary (*St Bede*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Viv Fairhurst

WEDNESDAY 24th May – Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor

18.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St Bede*)
 18.40 pm Evening Prayer (*St Bede*)
 19.00 pm Holy Mass – Vigil of the Ascension of The Lord (*St Bede*) – Robert Ogden

THURSDAY 25th May – Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord

09:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
 09:30 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Michelle Livesley – Lately Dead
 09:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary (*St. Basil*)
 09:30 am Holy Mass (*St. Basil*) – Jean Hancock - Birthday Remembrance
 11:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary (*St Michael*)
 12 Noon Holy Mass (*St Michael*) – Residents of Care Homes

FRIDAY 26th May – Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury

09.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*St John Fisher*)
 09.10 am Morning Prayer (*St John Fisher*)
 09.30 am Holy Mass (*St John Fisher*) – Phyliss Salter Lately Dead

SATURDAY 27th May –

10.00 am Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Kelly Smyth – Lately Dead
 10.30 am Confessions (*St Bede*)
 17.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Bede*) – Margaret Smyth Anniversary
 18.00 pm Holy Mass (*St Basil*) – Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

St Basil: Jean Hancock
St Bede: Norman David Nielson 10th anniversary
St Michael: World Communications
St John Fisher: Private Intention

St Bede's
 is open
 For Private Prayer
 Mon – Fri
 10:30 – 13:30