

# St. Wilfrid's Parish

## **St Wilfrid's Parish was established in 2015 on the first Sunday of Lent.**

Our parish, founded on the 1st Sunday of Lent 2015, was centred on the four churches of St Basil's, St Bede's, St Michael's and St John Fisher. This new dynamic approach to the changing environment that the Church found itself in led to the closure of the churches of St Marie, St Raphael, St Pius X and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

For more information about the history of the parishes of our town and the formation of St Wilfrid's please click on the link below.

<https://www.stwilfridswidnes.uk/about-us-/parishclubs.php>

### **Our Parish Schools:**

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic High School

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary School

St Basils Primary School

St Bede's Catholic Infant School

St Bede's Catholic Junior School

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

St Michael's Catholic Primary School



St Wilfrid is the patron saint of Ripon.

Feast day is 12th October

'St Wilfrid was born in Northumbria about 634, and died possibly at Oundle (Northamptonshire) in 709. He was educated in the Celtic tradition at Lindisfarne, but after a visit to Rome became a protagonist of Roman customs, which he successfully championed at the Synod of Whitby in 664. As bishop of York he was the first English bishop to appeal to the pope, after his diocese had been divided without reference to him. On his way to Rome, he spent a year preaching the Gospel in the Low Countries, and on his return went as a missionary to Sussex and the Isle of Wight. Although reinstated in York, he fell out again with the king and other bishops, and exercised his ministry then in the East Midlands and finally at Hexham. He is remembered for his forceful personality and apostolic spirit, as a founder of churches and monasteries, and as a patron of the arts.' (Liturgy Office)