

Newsletter for the Parishes of **St John Vianney & St Thomas Becket**

CHRISTMAS DAY YR C 25th December 2021

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A RECORDED CHRISTMAS MASS ~ Is now available on line. Go to:
www.stjohnvianney.co.uk / What's On / Recorded Services.

A HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS ~ To you all! A big 'thank you' to our church cleaners, ministers and yourselves for coming, and making this Christmas celebration so special. The Season of Christmas continues, taking in the Epiphany of the Lord (Thursday 6th January) and ending with the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday 9th January). Enjoy these wonderful days!

On behalf of the Parish Team & our retired (yet still hard-working) clergy, many thanks for all your cards and gifts handed into church over the past few days. Your warmth, friendship and generosity is greatly valued. Thank you!

PLEASE ENSURE ~ That you to continue wearing a **face covering** whilst indoors (this is again mandatory) and ensure that you **Sanitise** your hands on entering the church. If you feel unwell, please do not come to Mass. Thank you.

MASS TIMES: 26th December to 2nd January 2022

SUNDAY

9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Dennis Chiles
10.00am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Linda Johns
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Beesley & Wall Family

MONDAY

10.00am	<i>St John</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Vincent Gorman
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TUESDAY

10.00am	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> <i>St Wilfrid</i>	Lavinia & Desmond Reavey
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	

WEDNESDAY

11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i> <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Parishioners
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady</i>	Marie Halpin Int

THURSDAY

10.00am	<i>Octave of Christmas</i> <i>St Wilfrid</i>	Halina Jaworowski / Agnes Pojuner
12.00pm	<i>St Bede</i>	Thomas Doyle

FRIDAY

10.00am	<i>Octave of Christmas</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Phyllis Byrne

SATURDAY

12.00pm	<i>Mary, Mother of God</i> <i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Sweeney
5.30pm	<i>Our Lady</i>	Tony Hatherway
6.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Frank Vernon

SUNDAY

9.15am	<i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i> <i>St. Wilfrid</i>	Orlando, Sequeira, Francisca, Gorinho
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Intention
11.15am	<i>St Bede</i>	Fernanda Vincente
4.00pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>
5.30pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	David & Phyllis Hinde Int

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Baby Tobias Nolan who was baptised last Sunday. In spite of Covid restrictions this year, we have celebrated 43 Baptisms in the Parish Please remember all our young families in your prayers.

A SPECIAL PRAYER ~ For all who have lost loved-ones during the past year: *God of compassion, today should be a day of joy as we celebrate the birth of our Redeemer, but I feel only the emptiness and loss of someone so dear to me. Enrich my faith. May I feel your loving presence in my life. Hold me and my loved-one in your embrace. Soften my heart and make me more compassionate to all whom I meet.*

THE FEAST OF ST THOMAS BECKET ~ Is celebrated this Wednesday. Fr Joe will be celebrating Mass in Tarporley at 11.00am. All Welcome.

PARISH RAFFLE ~ Many thanks to all involved in our Parish Raffle: those who generously donated prizes, who bought tickets and helped in the administration. A grand total of £1414.50 was raised. A list of lucky Winners is displayed in our churches.

AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL ~ Cafod is working along side other Aid Agencies to support an estimated 8 million people who are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. You can donate by going to: www.cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal or place money into an envelope, marked 'Cafod', and hand into church. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Family of Jesus



“Our Lord spent three hours in redeeming, three years in teaching, & thirty years in obeying, in order that a rebellious, proud, & diabolically independent world might learn the value of obedience.”

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED ~ How many Christmas cards did you buy? See how the ACN are spending your money helping suffering Christians around the globe, from Vietnam to Uganda to Russia. Go to <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/43726>

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX NEWS ~ Thank you for your generosity. It was a record breaking year. Watch the following video of the shoeboxes being delivered: <https://teams4u.com/and-thats-a-wrap/>

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ~ For Christians living in Southwest India and parts of Pakistan, where police have clamped down on Christmas gatherings, because of the increasing threat of violence from Hindu militants. For further details go to: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/43714>

FINANCE ~ Thank you for last Sunday's Offering: £890.80. The Christmas collection traditionally goes to support the clergy throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

“Dear brothers and sisters, I would like to invite every man and woman to the stable of Bethlehem to adore the Son of God made man... In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us... We can love because He first loved us... This is the reason for our joy, knowing that we are loved without any merit, that we are always loved first by God, with a love so concrete that he took on flesh and came to live in our midst... Jesus is the name and the face of this divine love, and Jesus is the foundation of our joy.”

Pope Francis

