

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR C **5th December 2021**

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*Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Monday 20th December 7.00pm ~ St Bede's

Tuesday 21st December 7.00pm ~ St Thomas Becket

Wednesday 22nd December 7.00pm ~ St Wilfrid's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available each Saturday at St Wilfrid's 11.00 – 11.50am. During this period the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent adoration.

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Arthur Woodcock who celebrated his baptism last weekend.
Please keep all our young families in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Maureen Headley, Tony O'keeffe and for all our departed brothers and sisters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ And Best Wishes to Fr Ambrose who is celebrating a 'significant' Birthday this coming Tuesday. Please keep him in your prayers.

WITH COVID ~ Still very much prevalent in the community, can I ask you to continue wearing a **face covering** whilst indoors and ensure that you **Sanitise** your hands on entering the church. If you feel unwell, please do not attempt to come to Mass. Thank you for your on-going support.

MASS TIMES: 5th ~ 12th December

9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid</i>	Kath Plumb & Willy Walsh
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Parishioners
11.15am	<i>St Bede</i>	Delia McHugh
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	Zofia, Jerry, Zbigniew Lazduski

MONDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	Anthony Reidy
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TUESDAY

St Ambrose

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	Geoff Edmonds
12.00pm	<i>St Bede</i>	Michael Walker

WEDNESDAY

The Immaculate Conception

10.00am	<i>St Bede</i>	Frank Vernon
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady</i>	Ernie & Margaret Ollier Int
7.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	Phyllis Byrne

THURSDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	Helena Tong Kim
12.00pm	<i>St Bede</i>	Geraldine Paul

FRIDAY

6.30am*	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	Patrick Dodd Int
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	Pat Barry
11.00am	<i>Anderton Place</i>	
12.00pm	<i>St Bede</i>	Special Int

SATURDAY

11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	<i>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	Agapnto Da Sousa
5.30pm	<i>Our Lady</i>	Angela Goodwin
6.00pm	<i>St Bede</i>	Mary Clarke & Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid</i>	Mary Cosgrove
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede</i>	Parishioners
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	Wroblewski Family Int

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION ~ A Meeting for all parents of children attending non-Catholic schools will be held at St Wilfrid's today (Sunday) after the 9.15am Mass. A Mass of Enrollment will be celebrated next Saturday at 9.30am.

HOUSE MASS ~ Please note that Mass will be celebrated this Friday in Anderton Place, Kingsmead. All welcome. If anyone would like to have a House Mass during Advent and Christmas, please contact the Parish Office.

70 YEARS OF THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ~ Will be celebrated next Sunday at St Vincent's Knutsford, WA16 6HR. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark 3.00pm. All Welcome.

CHRISTMAS GARDEN ~ Don't forget to drop into Dave & Carolynne's to witness the winter wonderland - 67 Beech Rd, Hartford, CW8 3AB. Not to be missed! All proceeds raised will go to *Alder Hey Children's Hospital*. If you wish to donate £3 to this worthy cause: Text HILLCOTTAGE to 70470.

FINANCE ~ Thank you for last Sunday's Offering: St John Vianney - £655.35

ST THOMAS BECKET ~ GATHERING

Many thanks to the ten parishioners (including babies Maisie & Jamie) who turned up at our parish meeting last week to reflect on Pope Frances' Synod on Synodality – *As Christians, how do we listen and discern as Church, as individuals?* After a lively debate, we began talking about our own community. A need was felt to develop our parish family, especially after Covid, and so it was decided to look into the possibility of organising a Parish Dinner in the New Year, to which all would be invited. The Parish's involvement with the Homeless in Chester and also the generosity of parishioners to collections for Cafod and the Missions was also acknowledged, but it was felt that more could be done to support the lonely, the poor, the needy, both in our own community and wider afield and to this affect, we spoke about the possibility of rekindling the SVP and starting a Justice & Peace Group. All agreed to meet again in the coming months. If anyone has any further thoughts or reflections, please speak to Catherine Hutchinson or contact the Parish Office.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Wednesday we celebrate the feast of the *Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady*; a doctrine formally defined in 1854, acknowledging that Our Lady was conceived without original sin.

Come and join us for this joyful feast. Please note the extra Masses.



“To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as the Saviour of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed. Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to himself.” *St Anselm*



Christmas Eve Mass Times

7.00pm ~ St Thomas Becket

7.00pm ~ Our Lady's

5.00pm & 7.00pm ~ St Bede's

5.30pm, 8.30pm & 11.30pm ~ St Wilfrid's

Christmas Day Mass Times

11.00am ~ St Thomas Becket

9.00am & 11.00am ~ St Bede's

9.15am, 11.15am ~ St Wilfrid's

Please note the extra Masses this Christmas due to the ongoing Covid pandemic. Again, I would like to thank our retired clergy who have made these extra Masses possible.

