

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

First Sunday of Lent Yr. C 6th March 2022

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Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

UKRAINIAN CRISIS ~ It was heartening to see so many of you attending the Holy Hours on Ash Wednesday, after Pope Francis's appeal to make the day, a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Ukraine. I am also very moved by the number of parishioners asking how they can support and help the many refugees fleeing the conflict. *Aid to the Church in Need* are actually present and active in Ukraine & has already sent €1 million in the wake of the Russian invasion, to support priests and members of religious congregations working in parishes, with refugees, orphans and the elderly. www.acnuk.org *Cafod*, with their partner, *Caritas* are also on the ground assisting with the many people in need www.cafod.org.uk Donations can be handed into church or forwarded directly to the above charities.

Prayer for Peace – Saint John Paul II

“Father, Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence. Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war. Hear my voice when I beg You to install into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship. Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace. Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace. O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace.” Amen.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES: 6th-13th March

9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	John Hickey & Family
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Intention
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Chris & Pete Geoghegan
4.00pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Victor Freitas

MONDAY

9.30am	<i>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Catherine Crump
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TUESDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Joana Matos
11.00 – 11.55am	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Robin Baker
7.00 – 8.30pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Heroes of Faith</i>

WEDNESDAY

12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Joe Clementson
12.30pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

THURSDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Sweeney
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Tom Doyle
6.30pm – 7.25pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>

FRIDAY

9.30am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Jim Burton
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Scripture Group</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Yearley Int
7.30pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

SATURDAY

11.00am - 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	May Provan
5.30pm	<i>Our Lady</i>	Intention of Donor
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Rose Fox

SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Lent

9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede</i>	Holy Souls / Edward Neylon
4.00pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Deidre Falzon

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Mary Maclean, Rona Owen, Julia Hodfield who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time of year.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES ~ Please note the extra prayer times during the week on Tuesday & Thursday; Stations of the Cross; the Tuesday night reflection; the Thursday evening Mass and the Scripture group on Friday mornings. St Bede's & St Wilfrid's are also open most days for you just to pop in to light a candle and for private prayer.

A FRUGAL LUNCH ~ (Soup & Bread) Will be held each Saturday throughout Lent 12.30pm – 1.30pm., in St Wilfrid's Hall. Proceeds to Cafod, Mary's Meals & Aid to the Church in Need. All Welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION ~For children attending non-Catholic schools will continue today (Sunday) 3:30pm – 5:15pm. Please keep our young children in your prayers.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM ~ 42 have signed up to travel to Walsingham. The coach will depart St Wilfrid's on Monday 14th after 8.45am Mass. We will pick up at St. Bede's and also St. Mary's, Middlewich. We will return on Thursday 17th March. Any problems please contact Anne: 0784879693. Walsingham Shrine are running a covid-safe environment, so we ask that you take a rapid test flow the day before and do not come on the trip if you have symptoms or a positive test.

ST. WILFRID'S SVP ~ Will be meeting this coming Wednesday 7.30pm in St Wilfrid's Hall. If you know of any housebound or needy parishioners who would appreciate a visit from the SVP, please contact the Parish Office. All welcome to the Meeting.

LITTLEWAY HEALING MINISTERIES ~ Invite you to their Zoom evenings of Praise, Prayer and Healing, which take place on the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. For further details go to: www.littlewayhealingministries.com

RIGHT TO LIFE UK ~ Lord Forsyth has re-tabled his amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would force the Government to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Health and Care Bill passing into law. We expect this amendment to be debated next week - and there is a possibility that Lord Forsyth will take it to a vote. It will be most useful at this stage if Peers receive physical letters from members of the public asking them to oppose this amendment. Go to: www.righttolife.org.uk

'WALK AGAINST HUNGER' ~ After your great generosity last year, I am putting on my walking boots again for the poor of our world. I am aiming to walk five miles each day throughout Lent, with all proceeds going to: Cafod, Mary's Meals & Aid to the Church in Need. Thanks to those who have already paid up in advance. If you can sponsor me, it would be greatly appreciated.

As part of this venture, I invite you to join me on **Saturday 26th March** (departing 9.30am) for a joint **Sponsored Walk** between our three churches (approx 10 miles).

Please contact the Parish Office for further details. ~ **Fr Paul**

LENTEN HOUSE MASSES ~ Please speak to Fr. Paul if you would like Mass to be celebrated in your own homes this Lent with family, friends, neighbours. Contact the Parish Office.

FINANCE ~ Thank you for your offering last weekend of £978.41



Gospel Reflection ~ **Jesus tempted in the Wilderness**

Tempted to turn stones into bread, to throw himself down and be carried by angels, to assume authority over the entire world, Jesus manifests for us the central drama of temptation: “Constructing a world by our own lights, without reference to God, building on our own foundations; refusing to acknowledge the reality of anything beyond the political and material, while setting God aside as an illusion – that is the temptation that threatens us in many varied forms.” (Pope Benedict XVI) To this self-referencing, world-constructing temptation, Jesus posits a simple answer: not my will, but thine. He has no personal agenda. He comes to manifest the love of the Father, and nothing else.

Magnificat - March 2022