

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Yr. C 27th March 2022

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UKRAINIAN CONFLICT ~ *“Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer. Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war. Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation. Queen of Heaven, restore God’s peace to the world. Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness. Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons. Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love. Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.”* (Part of Pope Francis's Act of Consecration to Our Lady)

LENTEN CHARITIES ~ For the people of Ukraine and the poor of our world. Your generosity overwhelms me. £3,012 has now been raised! I continue to walk each day the streets & local paths, along with other parishioners, in aid of the poor and this Saturday (26th March) we have our 10 mile sponsored walk. Also, each Saturday, after the midday Mass, we have our 'frugal lunch'. Thanks for your generosity and support. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-john-vianney-parish-northwich>

FIRST SACRAMENTS ~ Congratulations to our young children who are currently celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. First Communion will be celebrated after Easter. **Confirmation** preparation will also be starting after Easter. If you are in year 8 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this October then please get in touch with the parish office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Kathleen Campbell, Vera Naughton, Brian Faulkner, Sophia Afum, and John Walton who have died recently and for all who are being killed in the on-going war in Ukraine. (For details of John Walton's Requiem, please contact the Parish Office.)

THE MAGNIFICAT PUBLICATION ~ Please note that the digital version for April & Holy Week is available, free of charge! Go to: www.magnificat.com/april

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES: 27th March - 3rd April.

9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Cosgrove
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Intention
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Barry Preece
4.00pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners

MONDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Special Int M.L.
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TUESDAY

9.30am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
11.00 – 11.55am	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Linda Johns
12.00pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral ~ Brian Faulkner</i>

WEDNESDAY

12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Cecilia Haddican Int.
12.30pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

THURSDAY

9.30am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Joe Rigby
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Ted Naughton
7.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	SVP Int

FRIDAY

9.30am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Brzezicki & Heeson Int.
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Scripture Group</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral ~ Vera Naughton</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Geraldine Paul
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 with Exposition</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jose, Placido, Cosar, Benilda & Manuel
5.30pm	<i>Our Lady</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Anthony Curzon

SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Haddican Family
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede</i>	Joan Moxey
4.00pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Jim Burton

DAY TRIP TO ELLESMERE & SHREWSBURY ~ Join us on Easter Tuesday (19 April) for a Day Trip to the Poor Clare's at Ellesmere, where Mass will be celebrated and then on to Shrewsbury. In spite of fuel rises, we are just charging £12 per person! Contact the Parish Office to book your place.

HOLIDAY TO IRELAND ~ Monday 11th – Sunday 17th July. Visiting Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Armagh, Lough Derg, Knock, Sligo. For further details pick up a letter of the Parish Office.

PARISH 200 CLUB ~ The first Draw for the new financial year is Sunday 3rd April. Have you bought your ticket? Great prizes to be won, and you are also helping the Parish. Contact Anne :- 07484 879 693.

AFTERNOON CLUB ~ “Just a reminder that the next meeting takes place this coming Wednesday, 30th March at Winnington Rec. We start at 2pm and all are welcome.”

FINANCE ~ Thank you for your offering last weekend of £815.20. **Boxes** for the new Financial Year are now available. As the end of the current Tax year is almost upon us and if you support our **Parishes Gift Aid Scheme**, would you be kind enough to advise the parish office if you have stopped paying income tax or if you have changed address in the last 12 Months so we can amend the parish records. Please also contact the Parish Office if you would like to join our parish Gift Aid scheme. Thank You.