

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

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr. C** **3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**

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### **UKRAINIAN CONFLICT ~**

*“Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, through your intercession, may God’s mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “Fiat”, on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope”, water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen”.*

(Part of Pope Francis's Act of Consecration to Our Lady)

### **SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION ~ In preparation for Easter**

St Thomas Becket ~ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. 7.00pm

St Bede's Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. 7.00pm

St Wilfrid's Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. 7.00pm.

***Come, and receive the Lord's healing and strength.***

**CHRISM MASS** ~ This year's Chrism Mass, during which Bishop Mark blesses the Holy Oils for the coming year, will be celebrated on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at St Michael's, Woodchurch CH49 5LE. 7.00pm start. All Welcome

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April

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

### MONDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Sue Gleave
7.00pm	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	<i>Service of Reconciliation</i>

### TUESDAY

9.30am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Lorenzo, Maria & Rita Falzon
11.00 – 11.55am	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	David Bull

### WEDNESDAY

12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Louise Milner
12.30pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

### THURSDAY

12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
6.30 – 7.25pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Joyce Sharp

### FRIDAY

9.30am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Brian Faulkner
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Scripture Group</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Service of Reconciliation followed by Stations</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>	Domingos Guters Da Cunha
5.30pm	<i>Our Lady</i>	Thanksgiving
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners / Kathleen Campbell

### PALM SUNDAY

9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Plumb Int
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede</i>	Shaun McAteer
4.00pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Lily McKay

**EASTER TRIDUUM** ~ This year the **Thursday Mass** of 'The Lord' Supper' (7.00pm) & the **Easter Vigil** (9.00pm) will be celebrated at St Wilfrid's, with the **Good Friday Commemoration** (3.00pm) being held in each of the Parish churches. If anyone would like to take an active part in the liturgies over this period (Welcoming, Serving, Reading, Ministering, feet washed etc.), please contact the Parish Office on 42440.

**ST THOMAS BECKET ~ EASTER TRIDUUM**  
**Thursday Mass of 'The Lord' Supper'** (7.00pm)  
**Good Friday Commemoration** (3.00pm)  
**Easter Sunday** (11.00am)

**LENTEN CHARITIES** ~ Thank you for your continued generosity. £4,093 has now been raised, which include £705 from the 'Just Giving' page. Six parishioners joined me last Saturday for our 10 mile sponsored walk around the parish. Many thanks to Sr Phyllis, who greeted us at St Bede's with sandwiches and cakes. Yes, I know it's Lent! <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-john-vianney-parish-northwich>

**CONFIRMATION** ~ Preparation will begin 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** ~ Sr. Agnes Rowley, David Bull, Domingos Guterres Da Cunha and John Walton who have died recently.

**ST WILFRID'S SVP** ~ Will be meeting this coming Wednesday. 7.30pm. All welcome

**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.

**PARISH 200 CLUB** ~ Have you bought your ticket? Contact Anne :- 07484 879 693.

**LITTLEWAY HEALING OF MEMORIES FOUNDATION COURSE** ~ For further detail, please contact : [littlewayhealingministries.com](http://littlewayhealingministries.com)

**PLEASE REMEMBER** ~ The Late Joyce Sharp in your prayers.  
The Parish has recently received £3,564.77 from her estate.

**MANY THANKS** ~ To Peter Ledwith who has refurbished and decorated the statue of St Joseph and the child Jesus in St Bede's garden. It's looking great!

**FINANCE** ~ Thank you for your offering last weekend of £709.50 . 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.

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

**John 8: 1-11**

*It is this gesture of bending that best reveals Christ's forgiveness. Rather than stooping to pick up a stone – the stone he alone could cast – Jesus bends to address us mysteriously from the earth. The Word lowers himself to speak from within our mortal clay. Rather than standing aloft in his sinless divinity, Jesus touches our filth. He stoops not to condemn, but to address his word of mercy to our lowliness.*

Fr. Anthony Giambrone O.P.