

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

First Sunday Of Advent Yr. A 27th November 2022

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TODAY marks the beginning of Advent, a time of preparation, not just for the 25th December, but also, & primarily, to greet the Lord when he comes again. What will you do over the coming weeks to open your lives in welcome to Christ? Perhaps... fasting from something, helping someone around you; supporting a charity or spending a little more time in prayer. To help, we will be having an **early morning Mass** in St Wilfrid's each Friday at 6.30am. There is also extra prayer time with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at St Bede's on Tuesdays 11.00am – 12.00pm & again on Wednesdays at Our Lady's 11.00am – 12.00pm. On Thursday evening at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm – 8.00pm there will also be **Exposition** together with a reflection on the Sunday's Readings. I also invite you to have a '**House Mass**' over the Advent/Christmas period. Please contact the Parish Office to book a time. For the moment, forget Christmas and have a great Advent!

ADVENT FAMILY PACK ~ The 'Celebrate Trust' have prepared an **Advent Family Pack**, which is brimming with ideas and resources for all the family. For your FREE pack go to:
<https://www.celebratetrust.org>

CAFOD ~ Have also prepared an interactive online Advent Calendar - Daily Scripture Readings, Reflections, Prayers and an Action to undertake each day. Go to: www.cafod.org.uk

AN ADVENT REFLECT ~ Will be held at St Mary's Middlewich on Wednesday 7th December after the 7.30pm Mass. All Welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Edith Maddock who has died recently.

FIRST SACRAMENTS ~ Congratulations to baby George Wood, baptised last Sunday. 1st Communion Sessions will be held during this coming week. Please keep all our young children and their families in our prayers.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 27th November - 4th December

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Robin Baker
9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Kathleen & John Melia
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Hour
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Maclean, Houlihan, Houghton & Cullen Families
MONDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Eric Morris, Mercendelli, Evans & Gleave Families
TUESDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Frances Harrison
11.00 – 11.55am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Advent Holy Hour
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Barbara Benn
WEDNESDAY		
	St Andrew	
11.00 – 11.55am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Advent Holy Hour
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Paula Redfern
THURSDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Don Geering / Joe Rigby
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Peter McDonald Int
1.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Funeral ~ Edith Maddock
7.00 – 8.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Hour with Scripture Reflection
FRIDAY		
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Priest's Int.
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jim Burton & Brierley Family
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Linda Johns
SATURDAY		
	St Francis Xavier	
11.00am – 11.55am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Hour with the Sacrament of Reconciliation
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Frank McQuillan family Int
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	White & Porter family Int
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Susan Churchill
SUNDAY		
	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Kathleen Plumb & Willy Walsh
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Hour
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Senhorinha Valente

MORNING PRAYER ~ Is prayed each morning (9.10am) prior to the 9.30am Mass.

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THE 'AFTERNOON CLUB' ~ Will meet at Winnington Rec., this coming Wednesday. A superb team of Handbell Ringers will entertain. All are welcome. Don't forget your Christmas menu.

ST BEDE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE ~ Will be held this coming Saturday in the school grounds 12 Noon – 2.00pm. All Welcome.

PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS ~ Are now on sale. The draw will take place on the 18th Dec., after the 9.15am Mass, when we will also have a Christmas table with home-made cakes, Irish Coffee, mince pies etc. A Christmas table will also be held at St Bede's on Sunday 11th after the 11.15am Mass. (Our Lady's have a Christmas Table every week!)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ~ A local choir, 'The Bostock Singers' will be performing at St. Wilfrid's Church on Tuesday 13th December 7.30pm. £8 on the door. Proceeds to Christie Hospital.

FINANCE ~ Thank you for last Sunday's Collection: £1035.70.

RIGHT TO LIFE ~ On Monday MPs will debate introducing extreme changes to our abortion laws in a Westminster Hall debate on whether to introduce a 'right' to abortion into UK law. It is vital that as many MPs as possible speak in strong opposition to introducing extreme changes to our abortion laws in the debate on Monday. Right To Life have launched an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose introducing extreme changes to our abortion law ahead of the debate. For further details go to: www.righttolife.org.uk

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Bede's ~ 5.00pm & 7.00pm Christmas Eve / 11.00am Christmas Day

St Wilfrid's ~ 5.30pm & 11.30pm Christmas Eve / 9.15am & 11.15am Christmas Day

Our Lady's ~ 8.00pm Christmas Eve

St Thomas Becket ~ 11.00am Christmas Day

Thanks to the assistance of our Retired Clergy who have made all the above Masses possible.

It certainly wouldn't be possible if I was by myself - Fr Paul

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

This year we plan to open up St Wilfrid's Hall if anyone would like to come together for Christmas Day Lunch. Arriving for 2.00pm and sitting down to eat around 3.00pm. All are welcome. If you would like to join the party, it's essential that you contact the Parish Office, no later than Sunday 11th December, so that we can begin to count out the Christmas sprouts!

Prayers for Advent to be prayed each day

The Benedictus

The Hymn of Praise sung by Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, at the birth of his Son (Luke 1:67-79). Traditionally prayed throughout the Church, each morning.

Bléssed be the Lórd, the Gód of Ísrael! He has vísited his péople and redéemed them.

***He has raised úp for ús a mighty sáviour in the hóuse of Dávid his sérvant,
as he prómised by the líps of holy mén, thóse who were his próphets from of óld.***

A sáviour who would frée us from our fóes, from the hánds of áll who háte us.

So his lóve for our fáthers is fulfilled and his hóly covenant remémbred.

***He swóre to Ábraham our fáther to gránt us, that frée from féar, and sáved from the hánds of
our fóes, we might sérve him in hóliness and jústice all the dáys of our lífe in his présence.***

As for yóu, little chÍld, you shall be cálled a próphet of Gód, the Most HÍgh.

You shall go ahéad of the Lórd to prépare his wáys befóre him,

***To make knówn to his péople their salvátion through forgíveness of áll their síns,
the loving-kíndness of the héart of our Gód who vísits us like the dáwn from on hígh.***

***He will give líght to those in dárkness, those who dwéll in the sháadow of déath,
and gúide us into the wáy of péace.***

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***