

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

## CHRISTMAS 25th December 2022

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**A RECORDED CHRISTMAS MASS** ~ Is now available on line. Go to:  
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***A HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS ~ To you all! A big 'thank you' to our church cleaners, florists, ministers and yourselves for coming, and making this Christmas celebration so special. The Season of Christmas continues, taking in the Epiphany of the Lord (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January) and ending with the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January). Enjoy these wonderful days!***

**On behalf of the Parish Team & our retired (yet still hard-working) clergy, many thanks for all your cards and gifts handed into church over the past few days. Your warmth, friendship and generosity is greatly valued. Thank you!**

**THE FEAST OF ST THOMAS BECKET** ~ Is celebrated this Thursday. Fr Joe will be celebrating Mass in Tarporley at 11.00am. All Welcome.

**BAPTISM** ~ Congratulations to Jasmine Istudor who was baptised into God's Family last weekend. Please pray for her and her family and all our young families at this Christmas time.

**TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

<b>5.00pm</b>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Parishioners
<b>5.30pm</b>	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Intention
<b>5.30pm</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
<b>7.00pm</b>	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
<b>8.00pm</b>	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
<b>11.30pm</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Broder & Pilling Families
<b>9.15am</b>	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Eileen Rowbottom
<b>11.00am</b>	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
<b>11.00am</b>	<i>St Bede's</i>	Robin Baker
<b>11.15am</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Joyce Sharp

**MONDAY** *St Stephen*  
**10.00am** *St Wilfrid's* Frances & Joe D'Annunzio Int

**TUESDAY** *St John*  
**10.00am** *St Wilfrid's* Kevin Whelan  
**12.00pm** *St Bede's* Vincent Gorman

**WEDNESDAY** *The Holy Innocents*  
**10.30am** *St Wilfrid's* Funeral ~ Mary Jane Heron  
**12.00pm** *Our Lady's* Frances Harrison

**THURSDAY** *St Thomas Becket*  
**10.00am** *St Wilfrid's* Agnes & Anthony Pojuner  
**11.00am** *St Thomas Becket* Priest's Intention  
**12.00pm** *St. Bede's* Sheila & Ernie Sands

**FRIDAY** *The Holy Family*  
**10.00am** *St Wilfrid's* Peter Hunt Int  
**12.00pm** *St Bede's* Yearley Int

**SATURDAY** *Seventh Day of Christmas*  
**11.00am – 11.55am** *St Wilfrid's* *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
**12.00pm** *St Wilfrid's* Julie Evans & Fannon Family  
**5.30pm (vigil)** *Our Lady's* Parishioners  
**6.00pm (vigil)** *St. Bede's* Rosalind Morehead

**SUNDAY** *Mary, Mother Of God*  
**9.15am** *St. Wilfrid's* Anneke Leeuw  
**11.00am** *St Thomas Becket* Priest's Int  
**11.15am** *St Bede's* Krystyna Jagielka  
**5.30pm** *St Wilfrid's* Lydia & Milia

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Cynthia Beswick, Christinel Dieac, Brenda Walsh  
 & Mary Jane Heron who have died recently.

**A SPECIAL PRAYER ~ For all who have lost loved-ones during the past year: God of compassion, today should be a day of joy as we celebrate the birth of our Redeemer, but I feel only the emptiness and loss of someone so dear to me. Enrich my faith. May I feel your loving presence in my life. Hold me and my loved-one in your embrace. Soften my heart and make me more compassionate to all whom I meet.**

**THANKS TO ALL ~ Who volunteer, not just at Christmas but throughout the year, ensuring that our church buildings and grounds are clean, safe and welcoming places. (New volunteers are always welcome). As a 'Thank You' for all your hard, often unseen work, a Social has been planned. This will be held in St Wilfrid's Hall on **FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm**. Obviously there is no charge, but for catering purposes, it is essential that you pick up a ticket. Do come and join us ~ Fr Paul**

**THE PARISH RAFFLE** ~ Many Thanks to all who supported the Parish Christmas Raffle.  
A grand total of £1,100.00 was raised.

**FINANCE** ~ Thank you for last Sunday's Collection: £1075.69

**LENTEN RETREAT** ~ Parish Lenten Retreat: 27<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This will be held at the Loreto Centre, Llandudno. The price will be £195 which will include three nights dinner, bed and breakfast. No transport included. For further details contact the Parish Office.

**“Dear brothers and sisters, I would like to invite every man and woman to the stable of Bethlehem to adore the Son of God made man... In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us... We can love because He first loved us... This is the reason for our joy, knowing that we are loved without any merit, that we are always loved first by God, with a love so concrete that he took on flesh and came to live in our midst... Jesus is the name and the face of this divine love, and Jesus is the foundation of our joy.”**

Pope Francis