

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

The Baptism Of The Lord **8th January 2023**

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THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST

Today the wise man, finds weeping in a crib him whom he sought for shining in the stars. Today the wise man reveres clearly revealed in swaddling clothes him whom he had long patiently awaited unseen in the heavens. Today the wise man ponders in profound amazement over what he sees there: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, and him whom the whole universe cannot contain, confined in a little body... Today Christ entered the riverbed of the Jordan, to wash away the world's sin... Today the servant holds the Lord, man holds God. John the Baptist holds Christ: holds him, as about to receive, not to grant forgiveness.

St Peter Chrysologus

THE LITURGICAL YEAR ~ The Lord's Baptism brings to a close the Season of Christmas and we enter into Ordinary Time: Sunday Cycle A. Weekday Cycle 1. However, we just dip into Ordinary Time because Lent will soon be upon us. Ash Wednesday falls on 22nd February and we begin our joyful preparation for the Great Feast of Easter, 9th April. Then follows a succession of celebrations centred around the Risen Christ: His Ascension 18th May; The coming of the Holy Spirit, 28th May; The Body & Blood of Christ, 11th June. *May you travel with the Lord Jesus to life with the Father. Happy New Year!*

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 8th - 15th January 2023

5.30pm (vigil)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Davenport & Faulkner Family
6.00pm (vigil)	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Parishioners
9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Cosgrove & DeLee Family
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Molly Brent
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Evans & Fannon Family
MONDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Bernard Hannett
TUESDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Ann Hayes
11.00am	<i>Service at Marbury Court</i>	
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Jack Hughes
WEDNESDAY		
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Tia Lennox
THURSDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Sarah Schofield
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Tymon & McHugh Families
FRIDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Breda Dempsey
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Brendan Galvin
SATURDAY		
11.00am – 11.55am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Margaret Cannon & Marie Noad
5.30pm (vigil)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	John Fazackerley
6.00pm (vigil)	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Michael Reilly
SUNDAY		
	<i>2nd Sunday Year A</i>	
9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brenda Walsh
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Iris Tildsley

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Cynthia Beswick, Brenda Walsh, Breda Dempsey & Bernard Hannett who have died recently.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION ~ Continues this week. Please contact Mike & Alison McKay or the Parish Office for further details.

OUR PARISH SOCIAL ~ For all involved in Parish Life (in whatever capacity), will be held in St Wilfrid's Hall this coming Friday 7.00pm. About 40 have requested tickets so far. Please, if you do intend to join us, and have not yet informed us, please contact the Parish Office by Sunday, so we can prepare a fine spread. All Welcome.

JANUARY 200 CLUB WINNERS ~ 1st Rose Prigg & 2nd Anne Baker. Congratulations!

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT ~ 27th February – Thursday 2nd 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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED ~ “Many thanks to all who purchased Advent calendars & Christmas cards from ACN. A grand total of £1429.60 was raised, which has gone to help poor communities throughout our world” ~ Terry

FINANCE ~ thank you for this weeks offerings of £910.90