

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

## **Fifth Sunday Of Lent Yr. A** **26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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### **HOLY WEEK**

As we approach the end of Lent, I invite you to join me this coming Friday at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm to reflect on, and to prepare to celebrate Holy Week. Like last year, the Thursday Mass of 'The Lord's Supper' & the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St Wilfrid's. On Good Friday, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will be held in each of our Parish churches. If anyone would like to take an active part in the Holy Week liturgies (Welcoming, Serving, Reading, Ministering, feet washed etc.), please contact the Parish Office.

**ST THOMAS BECKET PARISH** ~ The Thursday Mass of 'The Lord's Supper' & the Good Friday Commemoration will be celebrated in the Parish. There will be no Easter vigil

**SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION** ~ In preparation for Easter: St Thomas Becket ~ Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. 11.00am / St Bede's Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> / St Wilfrid's Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April. 7.00pm start.  
Regular Confessions at St Wilfrid's on Saturdays 11.00 – 11.50am.

**CHRISM MASS** ~ This year's Chrism Mass, during which the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils for the coming year, will be celebrated on Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> April at St Anthony's, Wythenshawe M22 0WR. 7.00pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION** ~ On Good Friday, '*Churches Together*' have organised Stations of the Cross, beginning at the Salvation Army, Tabley Street at 11.15am. All Welcome.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** ~ Les Campbell, Mary Stanway, Dominic Johns who have died recently.

**WE WELCOME** ~ Sister Marie Kirwan to our Parish this week. Sr. Marie is currently living with Sr. Phyllis at St Bede's. Parish life is very familiar to her, for she has spent the last 18 years with the parishioners of El Vallee, Lima, Peru. She is looking forward to meeting you all.

**PLEASE PRAY** ~ For David Irwin who was ordained to the Priesthood at Saint Vincent's. Altrincham yesterday. We wish him a very fruitful and rich ministry.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 26<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Jennings Family Int.
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Anne Kinsella
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Joan Bland / Parishioners
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Claire Walker
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross with Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Pat McElhinney
<b>MONDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Alice Archer
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Brzezicki & Heesom Int.
11.00am – 12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Time before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Sheila & Ernie Sands
12.30pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Lorenzo, Maria, Rita Falzon
10.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Tony & Stella Milner Int.
6.30pm – 7.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Time before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Margaret Mayne
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Joe Rigby
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Joyce Sharp
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
11.00am – 11.55am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Iris Tildsley
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Joan Evans Int.
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Pauline Porter
<b>PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY</b>		
9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Frank Jefferay
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross with Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Bassett & Webb Int.

**TODAY (SUNDAY)** ~ St Mary's, Great Budworth invite you to a reflective Service based on the Stations of the Cross. 6.30pm start. All Welcome. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

**SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL** ~ Reflection Group will be meeting at St Bede's on **Monday** at **Midday**. All Welcome. Listen to Diocesan podcasts by going to: [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**FRUGAL LUNCH** ~ Each Saturday in St Wilfrid's Hall. Last week £65 was raised. Many Thanks.

**DAY TRIP TO ELLESMERE & SHREWSBURY** ~ Tuesday 11 April: Mass with the Poor Clare's and then on to Shrewsbury. (Please noticed the change of destination – I succumbed to the mounting pressure from the Shoppers!) Just £12 per person. Contact the Parish Office to book your place.

**PARISH 200 CLUB** ~ New forms for the next 12 months are now available at the back of church.

**'WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB'** ~ Will be gathering this coming Wednesday at the Winnington Rec., 2.00pm. Ian Black will be talking about '*Hairdressing through the Ages*'; the lengths that both ladies and men went to, to look good! Everyone is welcome.

**THE NATIONAL SVP** ~ Is seeking to appoint a part time Membership Support Officer for our Diocese.  
For further information contact Lance Philpott at: [lancep@svp.org.uk](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk)

**ST JOHN'S PASSION** ~ Is being performed by Manchester Baroque at Manchester Cathedral on Good Friday evening. For further details go to: [www.manchesterbaroque.co.uk](http://www.manchesterbaroque.co.uk)

**CONFIRMATION 2023** ~ Bishop Mark will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Parish preparation will start on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. This is open to all adults and young people (Year 8 & above). Please contact the Parish office for further details.

**CAFOD WALK AGAINST HUNGER** ~ Thank you for your on-going support. For further details contact the Parish Office, or go to: <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-john-vianney-northwich>

**POPE FRANCIS** ~ Is calling on all Christians to pray for Peace in our world, especially between Russia and Ukraine. He invites us to consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a request made by Our Lady herself on several occasions. The text of this Consecration is attached with this Newsletter

**EASTER HOUSE MASS** ~ If anyone would like to celebrate a Mass in their homes during the season of Easter, please contact the Parish Office.

### **EASTER MASS TIMES**

<b>9.00pm</b> ( <i>Easter vigil</i> )	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>
<b>9.15am</b>	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>
<b>10.00am</b>	<i>Our Lady's</i>
<b>11.00am</b>	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>
<b>11.15am</b>	<i>St Bede's</i>
<b>11.30am</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>
<i>No Sunday Evening Mass</i>	

**CARITAS BOXES** ~ Please bring the contents of the boxes to church. Thank you.  
**FINANCE** ~ Thank you for your offering last weekend of **£1060.20**