

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

2nd Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy
16th April 2023

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THE FIFTY DAYS FROM EASTER SUNDAY ~ To Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. The Sundays of this season rank as the paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday itself, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of fifty days ends on Pentecost Sunday. The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.
(General Norms for the Liturgical Year)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

"Christ has taught us that we not only receive and experience the mercy of God, but we are also called to practice mercy to others... It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love"
St John Paul II

FIRST SACRAMENTS ~ Now that we have journeyed through Lent and are now celebrating the glorious days of Easter, I am pleased to announce that we have many children being baptized over the coming weeks and that our First Communions will be celebrated from next Sunday onwards. Please keep all our young children and their families in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION 2023 ~ Friday 20th October. Parish preparation will start on Wednesday 26th April. This is open to all adults and young people (Year 8 & above). Please contact the Parish office.

LLANDUDNO ~ Join us for a three night stay stopping in Llandudno **Monday 5th – Thursday 8th June**. Whilst away, we will be stopping at the Loreto Retreat Centre, which is situated on the West Shore. For further details pick up a letter from the Parish Office.

HOLY LAND ~ Bishop Mark is leading a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year: 8th - 15th February. For further details go to: www.shrewsburydiocese.org or speak to Fr Paul.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 16th - 23rd April 2023

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	Our Lady's	Joseph Gilbert / Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	St. Bede's	Mary-Jane Heron
9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Dorothy Gaunt
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Carole Fannon
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Brian Edwards
<u>MONDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Special Int (J.C.)
1.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Wedding ~ Emily Poynton & Marcus Whyatt</i>
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	UCM Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Sr. Louise Coilbey
2.15pm	<i>Mass in St Bede's School</i>	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
9.15am	<i>Mass in St Wilfrid's School</i>	
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Holy Souls
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Marilyn Mays
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Zak Family
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Sweeney
11.00am	<i>Mass in Anderton Place</i>	
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Molly Brent
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jane Convery
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Joe Clementson
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
<u>SUNDAY</u>		
	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	
9.15am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Jeremy Goodall / Peter Kielty
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Terry Fannon / Gerry Cummins
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Bob & David Gough & Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Anne Munroe and Marilyn Mays who have died recently.

OUR LADY'S SVP ~ Will be gathering tomorrow (Monday) 9.30am in the Church Hall. New members welcome. This coming Wednesday, after the Midday Mass, the SVP will be serving light refreshments.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP ~ Will be meeting next Saturday at St Wilfrid's. 9.00 – 11.00am. All Welcome.

THE 'AFTERNOON CLUB' ~ Will be meeting on Wednesday 26th April at Winnington Rec. The Speaker will be Frances Raftery, will be talking about '*Crown Jewels and Coronations*'; very topical in view of the impending Coronation of King Charles 111. All welcome for a 2pm start.

A PARISH DINNER ~ Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club on Thursday 25th May. For further details or to book a place, pick up a letter at the back of church or ring Anne: 07484 879 693.

LENTEN CHARITIES ~ I have sent off cheques to the value of £3,000 to *Cafod* – www.cafod.org.uk / *Mary's Meals* - www.marysmeals.org.uk & *Aid to the Church in Need* - www.acnuk.org Thank you.

THERESE KIELTY ~ Recently climbed Mount Snowdon in memory of her husband Peter and in aid of St Luke's Hospice. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please speak to Therese or visit: www.slhospice.co.uk/donate (please click on: '*In memory of Peter Kielty*')

EASTER COLLECTION ~ £2084.39. Thank you for your generosity.