

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

Sixteenth Sunday Year A 23rd July 2023

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TODAY (SUNDAY) ~ Is World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021, to be held on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. We are encouraged today to attend Church and to visit the elderly, especially those on their own. For further details go to: www.vaticannews.va

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Ruby & Thea-Rose Galynin & Reuben Breeze who was baptized recently. Please keep all the newly-baptized in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Sal Banali, and Father Russell Cooke who have died recently. (Fr Russell was Assistant Priest at St Wilfrid's from 1982-86. His Requiem will be celebrated this coming Wednesday 11.30am at St Winefride's, Neston, CH64 9RF).

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES ~ Begins at the end of this week. I, and several parishioners will be taking part. Please be assured of our prayers at our daily Masses. Bishop Mark will be presiding at the International Mass next Sunday in the Basilica of St. Pius X at 8.30am (UK time), and the Diocese will also be celebrating Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes on Monday 31st July at 8.00am (UK time). The Rosary and Procession takes place every evening at 8.00pm (UK time).
You can join in these liturgies / events by going to: www.lourdesfrance.org

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM ~ Will take place next year **Mon 18th – Thurs 21st March**. The cost of the trip is £290. This price includes coach transport, three nights half-board accommodation (Breakfast & Dinner) at the Anglican Hostel. A full day spent in the Shrine of Walsingham and on the second day, a trip out (yet to be confirmed). Guides, entrance fees, lunches etc., on the day trip are not included. If you would like to join us, please complete a booking form and return with a non refundable deposit of £30. Please make cheques payable to:-
St. John Vianney Social Account

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 23rd - 30th July 2023

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Canon John Gordon Int
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Tymon & McHugh Families
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Tina Lennox
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Aideen McGarvey
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
<u>MONDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Michael Cafferty
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St James</i>	
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Hunt Int
	<i>St Bede's</i>	James Hollinrake / Una Jennings
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
12.00pm	<i>Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of Our Lady</i>	
	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Fr. Russell Cooke
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Jennings
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St. Wilfrid's</i>	Joe & Una Brzezicki
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus</i>	
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Les Campbell
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
<u>SUNDAY</u>		
	<i>17th SUNDAY - YEAR A</i>	
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Cosgrove
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Peter Cosgrove Int
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mathai Mathoos

CATENIANS GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME ~ St Vincent's Parish Hall, Knutsford. TODAY (SUNDAY) 2.00pm. Free admission. Eminent speakers. Refreshments available. All welcome.

THE 'AFTERNOON CLUB' ~ Will be gathering this coming Wednesday at Winnington Rec. There will be a flavour of Spain, as our Speaker is going to tell us about her love of Flamenco Dancing (with demonstration). All are welcome. 2.00pm.

PARISH DAY TRIP TO LLANDUDNO ~ The coach will depart from St Wilfrid's at 9.30am on Tuesday 8th August and also pick up from St Bede's. The coach will leave Llandudno at 5.00pm returning home for approx. 6.30pm. Adults £12 / Children £3. Come and join us. Book with Anne: 07484879693.

AFTERNOON TEA ON THE CANAL ~ Will take place on Saturday 12th August. Two sittings 1-3pm or 3-5pm. All proceeds to 'Breast Cancer Now' charity. Booking essential. Please ring/text: 07729 114055 or email: Sara.Braidwood@sky.com

SATURDAY TEAS & COFFEES ~ Will end today and resume again on Saturday 2nd Sept. Thanks to the Ladies Group who have started this initiative.

ADVANCE NOTICE ~ On the 5/6th August, there will be a Mission Appeal made by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ. Further details next week.

SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ £987.44 Thank you for your generosity.

A Prayer for Grandparents

**Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.**

**Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!
Pope Benedict XVI**