

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year A 26th November 2023

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JESUS CHRIST ~ KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, and we end the year on a high,
joyfully proclaiming, that Jesus Christ is our King!

'Father, you anointed your Only Begotten Son with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross, he might accomplish the mysteries of our redemption and, making all creation subject to his rule, that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.' (Preface)

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Vincent Murphy, Hannah Rose, Victor Brzezicki, Brian Dunne, Norris Stott, Jude Opara (Fr Thaddeus' Dad) and all who have died recently. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION ~ There will be a short meeting next Sunday after the 9.15am Mass in St Wilfrid's Hall for parents and children who attend non-Catholic schools.

A MUSICAL NIGHT ~ Will be held at St Bede's this Tuesday 6.00pm. Proceeds to the SVP.
Come and join us, for what will be a great evening!

A YOUTH GATHERING ~ (7 – 13yrs) will take place at St Wilfrid's Hall **tonight** (Sunday) 6.30pm.
All welcome.

A NIGHT FOR YOUTH ~ Is also taking place at St Wilfrid's Hall on Wednesday 6th December. This event, which is being run by the Diocesan Youth Team, is a Celebration of Advent, a preparation for Christmas. All Young People are warmly invited. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

THE 'AFTERNOON CLUB' ~ Gathers this coming Wednesday 2.00pm at Winnington Rec. A Christmassy film is planned. If you have not already done so, please also hand in your Christmas lunch choices. All Welcome.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 26th November - 3rd December 2023

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Collette Thorp
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners / Edmund Gethin
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Kathleen & John Melia
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Joe Marshall
MONDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Dorothy Barnett
TUESDAY		
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Patricia Int. / Holy Souls
6.00 – 6.55pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joseph Jallopp
WEDNESDAY		
9.15am	<i>Mass in St Wilfrid's School</i>	Ernie Welch & Family Int
11.00am	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Victor Brzezicki
THURSDAY		
9.30am	ST ANDREW <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Albina & Kostas
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	John Doyle
FRIDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Guy Saide
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Stella & David Ravey
SATURDAY		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Marie Halpin
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR B		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners / Holy Souls
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Stella & David Ravey Golden Wedding
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	East Timor Holy Souls

DAY TRIP TO LIVERPOOL ~ The coach will depart St Wilfrid's at 9.30am on Thursday 7th December and also pick up at St Bede's. We will depart Liverpool at 4.30pm. £13. Contact Anne 07484879693.

THE BOSTOCK SINGERS ~ Will be performing in St Wilfrid's Church on Tuesday 12th December 7.30pm. Proceeds to Stick & Step (Cerebral Palsey) £8 per adult / children free.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR ~ Saturday 2nd December 12.00 - 2.00 pm. Come & join us and help raise funds for the school. Donations for the bottle tombola, the chocolate tombola, small toys, unwanted gifts, plus pre-loved items in clean/as new condition, would be greatly appreciated (a box is at the back of St Bede's Church). Thanks for your support!

FOODBANK ~ Thank you for your continued generosity each week. This voluntary organisation has recently been honoured by King Charles. See: <https://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/news/23924447.mid-cheshire-foodbank-honoured-kings-award-voluntary-service/>

A HOUSE MASS ~ Is being celebrated in Bunbury on Wednesday 6th December 12.00pm. For further details contact the Parish Office or speak directly to Mary Meddings. All Welcome.

KITWOOD HOUSE ~ Hymns and Prayers will take place at Kitwood House this coming Thursday at 11.00am. Come and join us. Further details from the Parish Office.

FULL TIME CLERICAL OFFICER ~ Is required at St Bede's School. For further details go to their web site or ring: 01606 852149. Closing date: 1 December.

ADVENT ~ Next Sunday the new liturgical year begins with the season of Advent, a time of preparation, not just for the Christmas Day, but also, & primarily, to greet the Lord when he comes again. What will you do over the coming weeks to open your lives in welcome to Christ? Perhaps... helping someone around you; supporting a charity or spending a little more time in prayer.

To help, we will be having an early morning Mass in St Wilfrid's, each Friday at 6.30am (beginning on the 8th Dec.) I also invite you to have a 'House Mass' with your family, neighbours, parishioners, over the Advent/Christmas period. Please contact the Parish Office to book a time. Whatever you decide to do, have a great Advent allowing the Lord into your lives, your homes, your work places!



VARIOUS ADVENT RESOURCES ~ Including daily reflections are readily available. Take a look at: www.cafod.org.uk / www.celebratetrust.org / www.svp.org.uk

WINTER SOUP ~ Join us at St Wilfrid's on Saturdays after Midday Mass for soup and a chat. Thanks to the Ladies Fellowship group for organising this.

AN ADVENT REFLECTION ~ Led by Mario will be held in St Wilfrid's Hall on Saturday 9th December 10.00am – 2.00pm. All welcome.

CRIB FESTIVAL ~ *“Dear Parishioners, St. Bede’s school are looking forward to holding their second Crib Festival at St. Bede’s Church from Friday 8th until Monday 11th December. This event has previously been very well supported and also celebrates the talents of our families. We hope that every home will have a crib this Christmas. Mini Vinnies will be leading the Advent Prayer.”* (Mrs Conlon – Head Teacher)

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH ~ As in previous years, we plan to open up St Wilfrid's Hall if anyone would like to come together for Christmas Day Lunch. Arriving for 2.00pm and sitting down to eat around 3.00pm. All are welcome. A suggested donation of £10 is invited. For catering purposes, please let us know ASAP if you would like to join this festive gathering.

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £900.87. Thank you for your generosity.

We have now set up a Card Reader at the back of St Wilfrid's. This is primarily for visitors to the church, especially at baptisms & weddings etc., but all can use it for making donations using your debit/credit card. Simply tap the screen and follow the instructions. We are piloting this in St Wilfrid's and will consider our other churches after reviewing how this system works.