

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

## *First Sunday of Advent Year B* *3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023*

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**ADVENT** ~ Marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. This is a time of preparation, not just for the Christmas Day, but also, & primarily, to greet the Lord when he comes again. Therefore, the season of Advent lends itself to extra prayer and to good works.

VARIOUS ADVENT RESOURCES ~ Including daily reflections are readily available.

Take a look at: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) / [www.celebratetrust.org](http://www.celebratetrust.org) / [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

EARLY MASS ~ Please note the 6.30am Mass on Fridays

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES ~ Monday 11 Dec at St Bede's 7.00pm

& Monday 18 December at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm

AN ADVENT REFLECTION ~ Led by Mario will be held in St Wilfrid's next Saturday. Beginning at 10.00am & ending at 2.00pm., includes Holy Hour, Reconciliation, Mass & soup. All welcome.

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.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Marie Halpin
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
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 Int. / Tony Slattery
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	East Timor Holy Souls
<b>MONDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	John Marron Int
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
<b>ST NICHOLAS</b>		
10.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Hannah Rose
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Brian Goodwin / Delia McHugh
6.00 – 6.55pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Susan Churchill / Paul & Roisin Int.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Anthony Pojuner
12.00pm	<i>House Mass in Bunbury</i>	(Contact the Parish Office)
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
<b>ST AMBROSE</b>		
8.45am*	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Sweeney
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Kathleen Clarke Int.
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>		
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jean Sullivan / Frances Riley Cooper
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	John Doyle
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Dennis Chiles & David Murray
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Joe Clementson
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brian & Beryl Wilkinson
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR B</b>		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Adrian Prescott / Albert Rowbottom
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>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Joyce Sharp

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** ~ Deacon John Conway, Renee Barlow, Vincent Murphy, Hannah Rose, Michael Bailey, and all who have died recently. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION** ~ There will be a short meeting TODAY (Sunday) after the 9.15am Mass for parents and children who attend non-Catholic schools.

**A NIGHT FOR YOUTH** ~ Is taking place at St Wilfrid's Hall this coming Wednesday. 7.00pm – 8.30pm. 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.

**A PARISH TRIP TO LIVERPOOL** ~ Takes place this Thursday. The coach will depart St Wilfrid's at 9.30am and also pick up at St Bede's. We will depart Liverpool at 4.30pm. £13. Visit the festive shops, tour the Cathedrals, lunch in the many cafes. Come and join us. Book a seat with Anne: 07484879693.

**ST WILFRID'S SVP** ~ Will gather this Wednesday in the Church House 7:30pm. New members welcome.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS** ~ Are available at the back of church with a list of prizes on the notice board. Proceeds of the raffle will fund recent expenditures: leaking roof, boiler repair, asbestos removal, to name but a few. Thanks for your support!

**THE BOSTOCK SINGERS** ~ Will be performing in St Wilfrid's Church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm. Proceeds to Stick & Step (Cerebral Palsey) £10 per adult / under 16s free.

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

**CRIB FESTIVAL** ~ St. Bede's school are looking forward to holding a Crib Festival at St. Bede's Church from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Come & view some amazing creations!

### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ~**

**St Wilfrid's** ~ 5.00pm & 11.30pm *Christmas Eve* / 9.15am *Christmas Day*;

**St Thomas Becket** ~ 5.30pm *Christmas Eve* / 11.00am *Christmas Day*;

**St Bede's** ~ 6.00pm *Christmas Eve* / 11.15am *Christmas Day*;

**Our Lady's** ~ 8.00pm *Christmas Eve*

**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 by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Give Ray a ring on: 07484 157355

**PARISH FINANCE** ~ Sunday Collection £915.92. 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.

### ***The Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady***

On Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady. 'A doctrine that teaches that the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin, that twist in our nature that makes our will tend not to follow what it knows to be right. It was this grace that enabled Mary to give a true and considered "Yes" to the request, conveyed by the Angel Gabriel, that she should consent to be the mother of the incarnate God'. (Universalis)

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was almost universally believed over the centuries but was only formally defined as a doctrine of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1854.



*To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.*

St Anselm