

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Day 24th December 2023

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In these last hours before Christmas, many of us are doing our best to fit in prayer time. It can feel like we're just hanging on for dear life. In the midst of all our activities, though, the Lord remains present to us with the assurance of his coming. It doesn't matter so much what we are doing provided that we look to him who is Son of the Most High. A moment of silence. A simple prayer. On this last day of Advent, we beseech the Blessed Mother for a share in her openness to the Lord and his grace, so that by her prayers it may be done unto us according to his word. (Fr. Gregory Pine O.P.)

CONGRATULATIONS ~ To Benedict Dominic who was recently baptized. This year we have celebrated 59 baptisms in the Parish. Please remember all these young ones and their families in your prayers.

A MEMORIAL MASS ~ For all our loved ones, but especially those who have died during the past 12 months, will be held at St Wilfrid's this coming Wednesday 10.00am.

THANKS TO ALL ~ Who volunteer, not just at Christmas but throughout the year, ensuring that our church buildings and grounds are clean, safe and welcoming places. (New volunteers are always welcome). As a 'Thank You' for all your hard, often unseen work, a Social has been planned. This will be held in St Wilfrid's Hall on Friday 12th January. The evening will begin with Mass at 6.30pm. Obviously there is no charge, but for catering purposes, it would be a great help if you could inform us if you are planning to attend. Do come and join us ~ Fr Paul

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Fr Paul Lomas, Vera Gibson, Harry Downey, Margaret Millington, Stuart Morrey, Vinny Bingham, and all who have died recently. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

CAROLS ~ Join us this coming Thursday 11.00am at Kitwood Nursing Home, Rudheath to sing carols for the residents. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 24th - 31st December 2023

5.30pm	<i>(vigil)</i>	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm	<i>(vigil)</i>	<i>St Bede's</i>	Peter Clarke
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>	Sr. Sinos Lapointe
<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>			
5.00pm		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Dermot O'Brien
5.30pm		<i>St Thomas</i>	Priest's Int
6.00pm		<i>St Bede's</i>	Hester & Piotr Pikus
8.00pm		<i>Our Lady's</i>	Joan Evans
11.30pm		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners / Broder & Pilling Families
<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>			
9.15am		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Dorothy Barnett
11.00am		<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am		<i>St. Bede's</i>	Fred Grogan
<u>BOXING DAY</u>		ST STEPHEN	
10.00am		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Halina Jaworowski
12.00pm		<i>St Bede's</i>	Aideen McGarvey
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		ST JOHN	
10.00am		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Deceased Parishioners / Vincent Gorman
<u>THURSDAY</u>		THE HOLY INNOCENTS	
10.00am		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Hannah Rose
12.00pm		<i>St Bede's</i>	Erna & Lawrence Welsh
<u>FRIDAY</u>		ST THOMAS BECKET	
10.00am		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mason & Bella Families
11.00am		<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
12.00pm		<i>St Bede's</i>	Sal Banali
<u>SATURDAY</u>			
11.00 – 11.50am		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Matjorie Eaton
5.30pm	<i>(vigil)</i>	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Sr. Cecilia of Jesus Int
6.00pm	<i>(vigil)</i>	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE</u>		THE HOLY FAMILY	
9.15am		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Cecilia Haddican
11.00am		<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am		<i>St Bede's</i>	Iris Tildsley
4.00pm – 5.00pm		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition</i>
5.30pm		<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Agnes Pojuner

THE FEAST OF ST THOMAS BECKET ~ Is celebrated this Friday. Fr Joe will be celebrating Mass in Tarporley at 11.00am. Thanks to the parishioners of St Thomas' who have recently raised £210.00 for Caritas and £450.00 for the Children of Gaza. Thank you.

“Family life must be filled with the good wine of love, tenderness, and mutual understanding in order to function well... And love – as we know well – makes no noise. We experience it in the hiddenness and littleness of daily gestures, in the care we know how to exchange... This is my wish for you: to be attentive, in your homes and families, to the little things of everyday life, to small gestures of gratitude, to the care and concern for one another.”

(Pope Francis)

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £973.26. Thank you for your generosity.



On behalf of Sisters Phyllis & Marie and all the Clergy, may I thank you for the many cards and gifts handed into church over the past few days; sadly too many to respond to individually. Your warmth, friendship and generosity is greatly valued. Wishing you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas. Fr Paul