

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

## *The Holy Family of Jesus* **31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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### *Holy Family of Jesus*

*“Our Lord spent three hours in redeeming, three years in teaching, & thirty years in obeying, in order that a rebellious, proud, & diabolically independent world might learn the value of obedience.”*

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE PARISH TEAM** ~ Can I wish you all a very happy & holy New Year! Thanks to all of you who make up our Parish family, not just those on the front line, but to those who slip into church for a ‘quiet prayer’ each week; for those who live their faith each day caring for others; for the housebound - those unable to get to church - who support us with their prayers. Thanks to all of you for bearing witness to your faith in the everyday trials and difficulties of life and in so doing, making God present to all.

**A 'THANK YOU' SOCIAL** ~ Will be held at St Wilfrid's on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January beginning with Mass at 6.30pm. For catering purposes, please let us know ASAP of your attendance. Contact the Parish Office.

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

**ST WILFRID'S SVP** ~ Will be meeting this Wednesday 7:30pm in St Wilfrid's Hall.  
New members welcome.

**STAFF AND STUDENTS** ~ Are eager to return to their desks for the beginning of the new Spring term. This will be marked by various Masses: a Staff Mass at St Nicholas' on Tuesday and two Masses at our Primary schools on Friday. The Friday Masses are open to all Parishioners. Please keep our young people and all who support them in your prayers.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** ~ Many thanks to all who supported the Parish Raffle. A grand total of £1410 was raised for Parish funds. Thanks to Anne and all the Social Committee

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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
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
<b><u>NEW YEAR'S DAY</u></b>		
<b><i>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</i></b>		
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Clement Ellison
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>		
<b><i>SS BASIL &amp; GREGORY</i></b>		
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Canon John Int
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Madeleine Van Steene
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Tommy Dickson
11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Margaret Millington
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>		
9.15am	<i>Mass in St Wilfrid's School</i>	Holy Souls
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Victor & Denise Brzezicki
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hannah Rose
2.30pm	<i>Mass in St Bede's School</i>	Stuart Morrey
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<b><i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i></b>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<b><i>Nuptial Mass</i></b> ~ Daniel & Janine
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners / Theresa Merrin
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Thanksgiving
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>		
<b><i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i></b>		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jack & Irene Hughes / William Law
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Kathleen Clarke Int
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Anjo Oarau Jo

**THANKS** ~ For your continued generosity. £100 was recently sent to Mary's Meals. This was the money donated by those attending our Christmas Dinner. £1000 has been sent to Cafod – donations handed into church over past weeks.

**PARISH FINANCE** ~ Sunday Collection £973.23. Christmas Day £2,719.  
Thank you for your tremendous generosity.

### A New Year

“There was a time when I would start the New Year by creating a master list that I thought, if I accomplished, would provide the purpose I was seeking in my life... Now the page where the list would reside remains blank. I can now see that it is in setting aside my will that I am better able to see God's will. I see each day is a blank slate in which He will provide what I need to live His purpose. While I may not see the purpose in its entirety, it is fulfilling His will for the right now that breathes life anew and settles my soul.” Jennifer Hubbard