

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

## *Third Sunday of Advent Year B* **17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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### **GAUDETE SUNDAY**

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near”*



**A RECONCILIATION SERVICE** ~ Will be celebrated tomorrow (Monday) at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm. Individual Confessions are also available at St Wilfrid's on Saturdays 11.00 – 11.50am., and also on request. A great way to prepare for |Christmas.

**OUR PARISH SCHOOLS** ~ Will be closing the term this week with various Celebrations. St Wilfrid's will be coming to St Wilfrid's church this Wednesday for an Advent/Carol Service 11.30am. St Bede's will be celebrating a School Mass on the same day at 1.15pm. St Nicholas' celebrated two very prayerful Masses last week in school. We wish all our young people and staff an enjoyable and holy Christmas.

**ANDERTON PLACE** ~ Mass will be celebrated at Anderton Place, Kingsmead this coming Friday at 11.00am. All Welcome. Please note, that there is no 6.30am Mass next Friday.

**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 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 17<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023

9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Margaret Heyes
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Kath Plumb & Willy Walsh
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners

### MONDAY

10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Pat Delauney
7.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Reconciliation Service</i>

### TUESDAY

12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Trudy Clementson Int.
2.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Frank Corrigan
6.00 – 6.55pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Patrick Fannon

### WEDNESDAY

11.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>School Advent/Carol Service (in Church)</i>
1.15pm	<i>Mass in St Bede's School</i>	John Keenan / Patrick Keenan Int.

### THURSDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jack Hughes
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hannah Rose

### FRIDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Margaret & Herbert Berry
11.00am	<i>Mass in Anderton Place</i>	Louise Milner
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brenda Walshe

### SATURDAY

11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Lyndsay Couve
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Peter Clarke

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR B

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

### CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY

5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Dermot O'Brien
5.30pm	<i>St Thomas Becket</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
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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** ~ Margaret Millington, Frank Corrigan, Pat Delauney, Renee Barlow  
and all who have died recently. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

**PARISH / HOSPITAL VISITING** ~ If you know of any parishioner unable now to get to church, or have been admitted into Hospital or a Care Home and would appreciate a visit, please contact the Parish Office. Similarly, if you would like to give some time each week/month visiting the sick or elderly, please speak to one of the Parish Team. Sadly, all too often, we only find out about faithful parishioners 'of yesterday', through their families, when they have died.

**MESSIAH** ~ Come & join me this Friday (6.30pm) at St Wilfrid's, to listen to Handel's – The Messiah. First performed in 1742, the oratorio contemplates the life of Christ. A great way to prepare for Christ's birth. Don't forget a cushion! Finish no later than 9.45pm (includes a refreshment break).

**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

**THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** ~ Takes place today after the 9.15am Mass.

Thanks for your support!

**DONATIONS** ~ Thanks to all who regularly bring items for the Foodbank; for the many coats and clothing handed in over past weeks for the homeless; to those who have made donations to assist the Poor and to all who support the work of Cafod, ACN, Caritas and other charities.

**PARISH FINANCE** ~ Sunday Collection £1016.04. Thank you for your generosity.