

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B 28th January 2024

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THIS COMING FRIDAY ~ We celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, recalling the baby Jesus being brought to the Temple 40 days after his birth in accordance to the Law of Moses.

Please note the vigil Mass on Thursday evening.

“Today the Church blesses the candles which give light. These candles are, at the same time, a symbol of the other light, the light that is Christ... The light is with us! What does it illumine? It illumines the darkness of human souls. The darkness of existence. Man makes a perennial and immense effort to open up a way and arrive at light; the light of knowledge and existence... How much personal toil is costs each of us in order that... we can reveal what is luminous: the man of simplicity, of humility, of love, of disinterested sacrifice; the new horizons of thought, of the heart, of will, of character. 'The night is over and the real light is already shining' (1 John 2:8) If we ask what is illumined by this light, recognised by Simeon in the Child forty days old, the answer is as follows... It is the answer of your life.”

(Saint John Paul II)

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Arlo Ashley who was baptized last weekend. Please pray for Arlo and for all recently baptized and those preparing for baptism in the coming months.

TODAY ~ We especially welcome our First Communion Children and their families. During Mass they will be enrolled in preparation to receive the Body & Blood of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist after Easter. Again, please support these children and their families with your prayers.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION ~ Will also begin shortly. If any young person or adult would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Rebecca McNulty, Hartley Gerken, Maura Wihayib, John Oates, Marina Goadby, Elizabeth Oldham, Fr Paul Lomas and all who have died recently. (Fr Lomas's Requiem will be celebrated this coming Friday at Christ Church, Heald Green Midday).

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 28th January - 4th February 2024

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Stuart Morrey
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brenda Walshe
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>	Peter McDonald
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
MONDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Private Int (E)
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Maura Wihayib
TUESDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Frances Harrison
1.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Marina Goadby
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mary & Glyn Satterley
WEDNESDAY		
9.30am	<i>St. John Bosco</i> <i>Our Lady's</i>	Julie Youngman
THURSDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Bronwen Strinati & Family
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Fr. Jim McManus Int
7.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Fr Paul Lomas
FRIDAY		
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Saro, Nella, Emanuelle & Lucia Goodcore
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Family Int
SATURDAY		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St. Werburgh</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Sr. Angela Int (in Gaza)
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hannah Rose
SUNDAY		
FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR B		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Harry Downey
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Davenport Family
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Special Int (J.C.)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ~ Please note that we have set aside time for you to come together for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and a little training. This will be held on Thursday 8 February either at St Bede's 11.00am – 12.00pm or at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm – 8.00pm. We are also looking for new Ministers to assist at Mass and also to take Communion to the Housebound. Please contact the Parish Office.

A HOUSE MASS ~ Will be celebrated in in Peckforton Hall Lane, Tarporley this coming Wednesday Midday. All welcome. For further details contact the Parish Office.

KITWOOD HOUSE ~ A Prayer Service will be held at Kitwood Nursing Home, Rudheath this coming Thursday 11.00am. Come and join the singing. Please contact the Parish Office.

THE 'AFTERNOON CLUB' ~ “We will gather this coming Wednesday. Our speaker will be telling us about the work of the Medical Detection Dogs Organisation which should be really interesting. Everyone is welcome to come along. We meet at Winnington Rec. for a 2pm start.”

LENT ~ Begins in just a couple of weeks (14th Feb). Cafod are inviting all to take part in the 'Big Lent Walk' – walk 200 km in 40 days to fight global poverty. www.cafod.org.uk Do you have any suggestions which we could undertake as a Parish?

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £975.14. Thanks to all for your continued generosity.