

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

## *The Epiphany of the Lord* 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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### ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~

**“What a wonderful favour! He who embraces heaven and earth is held within the embrace of his Mother; he who left the Kingdom of his Father lies hidden in the bosom of his Mother. Through a simple service the spiritual treasure is revealed: humanity is perceived, but divinity is adored... In the gift of gold royal dignity is indicated, in the smoke of frankincense divine majesty, and in the appearance of myrrh humanity which is destined for burial.”**

St Caesarius



**OUR PARISH SOCIAL** ~ Will take place this coming Friday at St Wilfrid's, beginning with Mass at 6.30pm; an opportunity to say 'thank you' to all involved in Parish life.

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

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION** ~ Children will be enrolled for this very special Sacrament at Masses on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. If your child attends a non-Catholic school and you would like them to be involved, please contact the Parish Office.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners / Theresa Merrin
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Thanksgiving / Una Barron
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b><i>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i></b>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Francis & Annie Hunt / David & Margaret Howells
1.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Stuart Murrey
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Sarah Schofiels Int
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	James Briel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Albina & Kostas
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Lorenzo, Maria & Rita Falzon
10.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Vera Gibson
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Tymon & McHugh Families
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
6.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Thanksgiving / Dorothy Barnett
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Maclean & Hilda Carlon
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Myles & Maycock Families
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Anthony Tymon
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b><i>SECOND SUNDAY YEAR B</i></b>	
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Richard Kin / Michael Reilly
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Kay, Quinn, Jones & Harvey Families

**OUR LADY'S SVP** ~ Will be meeting tomorrow (Monday) 10.00am in the Church Hall. All welcome.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**PARISH FINANCE** ~ Sunday Collection £1178.10. I have also received four generous donations recently: one for the poor & needy and three towards the heating and maintenance of our buildings.  
Thank you for your generosity.

### Announcement of the date of Easter and movable feasts

*After the Gospel, following a long-established custom of the Church, the deacon or cantor may proclaim the movable feasts of the current year, in the following form.*

'Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the fourteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the thirty-first day of March you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the ninth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the nineteenth day of the same month, the feast of Pentecost. On the second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the first day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen'.