

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B **21st January 2024**

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Today is the 'Sunday of the Word of God', a day established by Pope Francis in 2019 after the Jubilee of Mercy. "I propose", he wrote, "setting aside a Sunday given over entirely to the Word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people". Therefore, the day should be devoted to the celebration, study and sharing of the Word of God.

There is no excuse today for ignorance of the Scriptures because there are so many excellent resources on offer, including: The Magnificat Publ., / Universalis App / www.godwhospeaks.uk to name but a few.
Contact the Parish Office for further details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Bronwen Strinati, Hartley Gerken, Maura Wihayib, John Oates, Marina Goadby, Teresa Elliott, Elizabeth Oldham (Podsiadlo) and all who have died recently.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

1ST COMMUNION PREPARATION ~ Children will be enrolled for this very special Sacrament at morning Masses next Sunday (28th Jan). If your child attends a non-Catholic school and you would like them to be involved, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE ~ 17 – 24 September 2024 led by Fr Pat Munroe. Eight days at £695. Single Supplement is available. There is an information meeting on this Tuesday at St Hugh's, Timperley WA14 5HL. 7.45 pm (Mass 7.00pm).

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.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 21st- 28th January 2024

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Pat Jackson
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Frances Purdue
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Cath Evans
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Paul Schofield
<u>MONDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Hartley Gerken
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Bazil Murphy
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Dick Murphy
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
<i>ST FRANCIS DE SALES</i>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Harry Downey
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
<i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</i>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	John Askew
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Teresa Elliott
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
<i>SS TIMOTHY & TITUS</i>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Odiette Smith
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Helen Thornton / Gaetane Scappaticci
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Les & Theresa Leather ~ 60 th Wedding Ann
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Stuart Morrey
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brenda Walshe
<u>SUNDAY</u>		
<i>FOURTH SUNDAY YEAR B</i>		
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

DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL ~ You are invited to come along on Saturday 24 Feb and sing as part of a Diocesan Choir. Learn music (Schuz) throughout the day & perform at Mass. 10.30am - 4.30pm with Mass beginning at 5pm. St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. For further details contact the Parish Office.

A HOUSE MASS ~ Will be celebrated in in Peckforton Hall Lane, Tarporley on Wednesday 31 January Midday. All welcome. For further details contact the Parish Office.

KITWOOD HOUSE ~ A Prayer Service will be held at Kitwood Nursing Home, Rudheath on Thursday 1st February 11.00am. Come and join the singing. Please contact the Parish Office.

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?

DRINKING PROBLEMS? ~ Are you affected by someone else's drinking? You are not alone. Find out more at www.alanonuk.org.uk or call the helpline 0800 0086811.

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1105.44. During December, 68 donations were made using the contactless device at St Wilfrid's, raising £431. Thanks to all for your continued generosity.

I AM AWAY ~ This week in cold, snowy, wet Scotland. Thanks to all who are looking after the Parish in my absence – Fr Paul.