

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B 4th February 2024

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BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Arthur Goldmann-Wedgwood who was baptized last weekend. Please pray for him and for all recently baptized and those preparing for baptism in the coming months.

FIRST COMMUNION ~ It was lovely to welcome all our Communion children and their families at our morning Masses last Sunday. As they prepare for this very special Sacrament, please keep them all in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION ~ Will 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 ~ Hartley Gerken, John Oates, Elizabeth Oldham, and all who have died recently.

ST WILFRID'S SVP ~ Are gathering this Wednesday 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES ~ Is celebrated next weekend. On the 11th February 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette, a poor and sickly child. She revealed to her that she was the 'Immaculate Conception' and she called people to prayer and penance. She wished for a chapel to be built and for people to come on pilgrimage. To this day millions of visitors visit Lourdes each year. To mark this feast, you are invited to a special Mass, next Saturday at St Mary's, Crewe CW1 2JP Midday.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES ~ 24th/25th July - 1st/2nd August 2024.
Brochures and booking forms are now available. Go to: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk
or contact the Parish Office.

SHOE BOX APPEAL ~ Many Thanks for a fantastic 197 shoeboxes handed in at Christmas. This contributed to an overall total of 64,045 shoeboxes handed in nationally. For further details go to: <https://mailchi.mp/teams4u/q1-newsletter-12659589> or speak to Cathy Bray.

UCM MEETING ~ Tuesday 13th February after the 9.30am Mass.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 4th - 11th February 2024

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hannah Rose
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.)
<u>MONDAY</u>		
	<i>St Agatha</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Edith Hogarth
12.30pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Elizabeth Oldham
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
	<i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Venables, Fowles & Brady Families
11.00am	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ John Oates
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Paddy Fannon
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Hazel Schofield
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	George & Pauline Wilcox
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Theresa Elliott
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Betty Robinson Int / Louise Int
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
	<i>St Scholastica</i>	
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Halina Jaworowski
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Paul Healey
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
<u>SUNDAY</u>		
	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY YEAR B</i>	
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	John & Kathleen Melia
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Margaret Greenwood / Mrs Zaz Int
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Deceased East Timor Families

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ~ New & Old, are invited this Thursday to come together for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and a little training. This will be held either at St Bede's 11.00am – 12.00pm or at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

LENT ~ Thanks for sharing your reflections on Lent. As a result we have decided that as well as giving things up, we will also be planning extra things in the Parish this year. This will include visiting our Nursing Homes, organising a Mass for the Housebound; a family trip out; a Parish sponsored walk; early Friday Mass and extra prayer time; a gardening group (to prepare our gardens for Easter); a series of reflections on the Mass. Further details to follow, but if you are interested in taking part in any of the above, please contact the Parish Office.

A note from Deacon Andy ~ “Hello everyone. These last few years have seen changes in all our lives with Covid and the infamous ‘Lockdowns’. The changes in my own life have led me to evaluate my role as a deacon and following discussions with the Diocese, I have now reached the decision not to continue in my role as a deacon. I want to thank everyone for the love and support shown to myself and my wife Helen over the last few years. I cherish the time I have spent in the parish and have valued the support of you all. May I wish you all God’s blessing.” Andy

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1096.02 Thanks to all for your continued generosity.