

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

First Sunday in Lent Yr B *18th February 2024*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Paul Bradley, Peter Kerrigan, Bernie Horrigan, David Lloyd Jones, Joan Berry, Andy Hopson, Sr Thomas More, Sr Eoghan, David Kane and all who have died recently.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ~ Thanks to all who attended the recent meetings for Eucharistic Ministers (47 were present, with several apologies). New & old Ministers will be commissioned during all Masses next Sunday (25th Feb). Thanks for your willingness to serve.

WALSINGHAM ~ 18th - 21st March. I am happy to say that we are fully booked on this Parish trip. If you have not yet paid the final instalment, could you please make a cheque payable to 'St. John Vianney Social Account' and hand into the Parish Office. Thank you.

SISTER PHYLLIS ~ Slipped last weekend and has broken her collar bone. She has spent the last week recuperating with her Community in Stockport, but she hopes to be back in the parish this coming week. Please say a little prayer for her quick recovery.

A FRUGAL LUNCH ~ Will be served each week in St Wilfrid's Hall after the Saturday Midday Mass. Proceeds to Cafod & Mary's Meals. You are also invited to St Bede's tomorrow (Monday) for Midday Mass followed by a Lenten social gathering. All welcome.

THE HOLY LAND ~ This Sunday, Mass will be celebrated praying for peace in the Holy Land. This Mass has been requested by *The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem*, a Catholic organisation that supports Christians in Bethlehem and the West Bank. We are encouraged to pray for peace, to write to our MP's seeking an end to the conflict in Gaza and to support the poor & needy financially. A donation of £500 will be sent from the Parish on your behalf.
For further information go to: www.eohsj.org.uk

THREE DAYS OF HEALING ~ 4th – 6th March at St. Joseph's, Stockport SK1 1EJ.
Please email :- stockportshrine@gmail.com for further details, or contact the Parish Office.

RIGHT TO LIFE ~ “Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today and post it to your MP in support of this amendment!” www.righttolife.org.uk

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 18th - 25th February 2024

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Michael O'Connor
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Special Int (MP)
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>	Christians in the Holy Land (EOHSJ)
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Frank Corrigan
<u>MONDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Sarah & Michael Schofield Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	SVP Int & Holy Souls
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Denis Green Int
10.00am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
	<i>CHAIR OF ST PETER</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	D'Annuncio Family Int
10.00 – 11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	May Evans
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jones & Riley Families
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jossy Machallpias
11.00am	<i>Mass in Anderton Place</i>	Louise Milner
12.00pm	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Pille Nielsen
12.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral ~ Joan Berry</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	SVP Commissioning Mass
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Wyn & Les Frampton
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Louise C Int
<u>SUNDAY</u>		
	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YR B</i>	
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Paul Neil
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>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	East Timor Families

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ~ Vincent ministered in Paris, devoting his life caring for the poor and the marginalised. He died in 1660. However, he was not forgotten for his good works and in 1833 Frederic Ozanam founded the SVP which sought to continue Vincent's ministry, supporting the most needy of society. Next Saturday, at our Midday Mass, members of our Parish SVP will be renewing their commitment to love the Lord and to serve their neighbour. Come and join them.

'ACT ON POVERTY' ~ A series of reflections looking at Poverty and how we can respond to it, will begin this Wednesday 7.00pm in St Wilfrid's Hall. All Welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ To our Hong Kong Community! To share their joy and happiness at the beginning of their New Year, the Year of Dragon, they will be handing out little gifts after the 11.15am Mass. We wish them every happiness and blessing in their new lives in the UK.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ~ Service on Friday 1st March at 2pm. Hartford Methodist Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~ As well as the regular Saturday Confessions at St Wilfrid's 11.00 – 11.50am; there will also be two Parish Reconciliation Services during Lent.

These will be celebrated on the following dates:

Monday 11 March 7.00pm ~ St Bede's

Monday 25 March 7.00pm ~ St Wilfrid's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available on request.

RETREATS ~ Wistaston Hall, Crew have organised a Lenten Weekend 1st - 3rd March and two Days of Reflection on Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th March. For further details on both of these events do to:

www.orc-crewe.org or ring: 01270 568653.

The Loreto Spirituality Centre in Llandudno have organised a Holy Week Retreat

For further details contact: loretocentre@yahoo.co.uk

'WALK AGAINST HUNGER' ~ This year, Cafod is again encouraging us to walk 10.000 steps each day to feed the hungry (this is approximately five miles or one & a half hours walk daily). I (Fr Paul) and several parishioners are taking up the challenge. If you can sponsor us, your support would be greatly appreciated. (simply, place your donation in a envelope marked 'Cafod' and hand into church).

As part of this venture, I invite you to join me on **Saturday 9th March** (departing 9.15am) for a joint Sponsored Walk between our three churches (approx 10 miles).

Please contact the Parish Office for further details. ~ Fr Paul

CAFOD ENVELOPES ~ Are available at the back of our churches. These can be returned anytime throughout Lent. With these envelopes it is easy to *Gift Aid* any donations that you make, thus increasing your gift to the needy of the world.

THANK YOU ~ “To all who bought beanies and made donations in aid of the SVP recently. I trust the beanies will be keeping you all toastie in this cold weather. A total of £261 was raised. That’s such a great response. Many thanks for all your support.” Cathy

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1032.49. Thanks for your continued generosity.