

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

Second Sunday in Lent Yr B *25th February 2024*

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"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

LENT IS A TIME FOR FASTING *"Why do we fast? Because we have a hunger for God, which is the deepest hunger. We're meant to get access to that hunger. We're meant to feel it so that it can direct us toward God. Every spiritual master recognizes the danger that if we allow the superficial hunger of our lives to dominate, we never reach the deepest hunger... Unless you fast you might never realize how hungry you are for God."*
Bishop Robert Barron

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Madeleine Cunningham, Geoff Traver, Jimmy Dickson, Janet Edwards, Peter Kerrigan, Bernie Horrigan, David Lloyd Jones and all who have died recently.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY ~ During Masses today (Sunday), parishioners will be commissioned to serve as Eucharistic Ministers and existing Ministers will renew their commitment to serve the Community by assisting at Mass and by taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. I am really grateful to these parishioners for their willingness to serve. If anyone else would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or to serve the Parish in any other way, please contact the Parish Office.

WALSINGHAM ~ 18th - 21st March. Thanks to all who have booked on the 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.

A FRUGAL LUNCH ~ Will be served each week in St Wilfrid's Hall after the Saturday Midday Mass. Proceeds to Cafod & Mary's Meals. All welcome.

A LENTEN REFLECTION ~ Will be held at St Wilfrid's this coming Thursday 7.00pm. Over the coming month, you are invited to listen to four renowned Speakers reflecting on 'The Face of Christ'. This week we will begin by spending 30 minutes with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP. A great way to prepare for Easter. Come and join us.

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.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 25th February - 3rd March 2024

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
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Paul Neil / Marian Brown
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
<u>MONDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Field Family Int
12.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ David Lloyd Jones
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Philip Dew
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>	Sr. Phyllis Int
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Joan Evans
10.00am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Peter Kerrigan
2.30pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Bernard Horrigan
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Boylan Family Int / Margaret & Isabelle Connolly
10.00 – 11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Robin Baker
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
6.30am	<i>ST DAVID</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Tomas De Oliveira & Rosalina Ximenes
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Hannah Rose
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
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>	Chris Pike
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Michael & Bridget Kennedy
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Sal Banali
<u>SUNDAY</u>		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Andy Hopson
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Elizabeth Oldham
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ~ Formerly, Women's Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March. Services will be held at Hartford Methodist Church at 2.00pm and at St Thomas Becket Church, Tarporley at 7:00pm. This year, prayers have been prepared by the women of Palestine. All welcome.

'WALK AGAINST HUNGER' ~ "I continue tramping the local pavements and parks each day (10,000 steps) in aid of Cafod & Mary's Meals. Sponsorship would be gratefully received. Just pick up a Cafod envelope from church. You can also 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." Thanks. Fr Paul

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

THE 'AFTERNOON CLUB' ~ "Will be gathering this coming Wednesday at Winnington Rec. Our Speaker will be telling us about 'Ladies of Laughter' – a portrait of three of our most loved comedienne and sharing some of their work. Everyone welcome for a 2pm start".

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. Contact your MP in support of this amendment!” Go to: www.righttolife.org.uk

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

'SISTER ACT' ~ Join us for this enjoyable performance at the Liverpool Empire on Saturday 5th October at 7:30pm. Tickets are £38.50 (This does not include transport). For further details, or to book a place please contact Cathy at bray345.c@gmail.com or ring 07966 562413

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1024.00. Thanks for your continued generosity.