

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

## *Fifth Sunday in Lent Yr B* *17th March 2024*

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### **John 12: 20-30**

*Let us seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and then all those things of this world will be added to us...They alone can truly feast, who have first fasted; they alone are able to use the world, who have learned not to abuse it; they alone inherit it, who take it as a shadow of the world to come, and who for that world to come relinquish it.*

J.H. Newman *Parochial and Plain Sermons* VI 7

### **HOLY WEEK**

As we approach the end of Lent, I invite you to join me this coming Friday at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm to reflect on, and to prepare to celebrate Holy Week. Like last year, the Thursday Mass of 'The Lord' Supper' & the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St Wilfrid's. On Good Friday, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will be held in each of our Parish churches. If anyone would like to take an active part in the Holy Week liturgies (Welcoming, Serving, Reading, Ministering, feet washed etc.), please contact the Parish Office.

**ST THOMAS BECKET PARISH** ~ The Thursday Mass of 'The Lord's Supper' & the Good Friday Commemoration will be celebrated in the Parish. There will be no Easter vigil

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** ~ Madeleine Child, Rob Wollaston, Paul Elliott, Denis Cain and all who have died recently.

### **~ LENTEN SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION ~**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March ~ St Thomas Becket 7.00pm.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March ~ St Wilfrid's 7.00pm. Individual Reconciliation is also available each Saturday at St Wilfrid's 11.00 – 11.50am and on request.

**THE PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** ~ Departs tomorrow (Monday). The coach will depart St Wilfrid's at **9.15am** (after the 8.45am Mass). We will also pick up at St. Bede's **9.30am** and St. Mary's, Middlewich **10.00am**. Please be assured of our daily prayers.

**THE CHRISM MASS** ~ During which Bishop Mark will bless the Holy Oils, will be celebrated on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at St Michael's, Woodchurch 7.00pm. All welcome.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	David Kane
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Brian & Beryl Wilkinson
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Pauline Hardy / Joan Cosgrove
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Elizabeth Harris
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>		
8.45am*	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Lorenzo, Maria & Rita Falzon
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>		
	<b><i>ST JOSEPH</i></b>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Alan Barlow
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>		
11.15am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
12.00pm*	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Joan Evans
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>
10.00 – 11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Tony Jones
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>		
9.00am*	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Paul Elliott
11.30am	<i>Mass in Anderton Place</i>	Saro, Nella, Emanuele & Lucia Goodcore
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Pauline Hardy
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Madeleine Cunningham
1.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Marriage</i> ~ Lesley Robinson & Ross Hunter
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Joe Clementson
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
<b><u>PALM / PASSION SUNDAY</u></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>	Rita Saunders
2.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Indian Mass in Malayalam</i>
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Joan Bland

**DAY TRIP TO ELLESMERE & SHREWSBURY** ~ Join us on Easter Wednesday (3<sup>rd</sup> April) for a Day Trip to the Poor Clare's, Ellesmere, where Mass will be celebrated and then an afternoon spent in Shrewsbury. £15 (coach only). Contact Anne 07484 879693 or the Parish Office to book your place.

**MASS** ~ Will be celebrated at Anderton Place, Kingsmead this Friday at 11.30am. All welcome.

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP** ~ Will next next Saturday in St Wilfrid's Hall 10.15am - 11.45am. All welcome.

**A FRUGAL LUNCH** ~ Saturday after the Midday Mass. St Wilfrid's Hall. All welcome.

**'ACT ON POVERTY'** ~ Wednesday 7.00pm in St Wilfrid's Hall. All Welcome.

**THE PARISH 200 CLUB** ~ Is due for renewal. New forms are now available at the back of churches. Just £12 for the whole year. Thanks for your continued support.

**'WALK AGAINST HUNGER'** ~ “Thanks to those who supported the sponsored walk last Saturday around the Parish. 13 actually put on their boots, but many more sponsored the event. My walking for Cafod & Mary's Meals also continues each day during this season of Lent. We have currently raised £1,200. Cafod envelopes are available at the back of church.” Thanks. Fr Paul

**THE DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** ~ Will be celebrated at St Columba's, Chester on Sat June 8<sup>th</sup>, Midday. If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year and you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office.

**GIFT AID / WEEKLY ENVELOPES** ~ For the new financial year are available at the back of church. If parishioners are new to the scheme, simply take an unlabeled box. Also, if you want to change to a Standing Order or have any queries regarding Gift Aid, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you to all who count Sunday Collections, bank money or are involved in the Parish finances in any way, and of course to yourselves, for your continued generosity to the Parish and to various charities.

Sunday Collection £1005.90. Thank you.

### ***EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES***

***~ EASTER VIGIL ~***

8.00pm St Wilfrid's

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11.00am St Thomas Becket

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5.30pm St Wilfrid's