

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

## *Fourth Sunday in Lent Yr B 10th March 2024*

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### PRAYER

“There is nothing more worthwhile than to converse with God, for prayer unites us with God as his companions... Our soul should be directed in God, not merely when we suddenly think of prayer, but even when we are concerned with something else... Prayer is the light of the soul, giving true knowledge of God... Prayer is a precious way of communicating with God, it gladdens the soul... It is more than words. It is a desire for God... the gift of God’s grace... Once we have tasted this food, we are set alight by an eternal desire for the Lord, the fiercest of fires lighting up our soul.”

St. John Chrysostom

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** ~ Paul Elliott and all who have died recently.

**FIRST SACRAMENTS** ~ Many families are currently preparing for Baptism. Our Communion Children will be celebrating their First Reconciliation during these coming days and preparation for Confirmation has also begun. Thank you to all our Catechists. Please keep all our children, young people and their families in your prayers.

**A LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** ~ Will be held in St Bede's this Monday 7.00pm. A great way to prepare for Easter. Another one will be held in St Wilfrid's on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Individual Reconciliation is also available each Saturday at St Wilfrid's 11.00 – 11.50am and on request.

**A FRUGAL LUNCH** ~ Each Saturday after the Midday Mass. All welcome.

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

**OUR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** ~ Takes place next week (Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March). The coach will depart St Wilfrid's after the 8.45am Mass. We will also pick up at St. Bede's and St. Mary's, Middlewich. One or two places have recently become available, if anyone else would like to join us. Please contact the Parish Office ASAP.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brenda Walshe
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>	Sean & Eileen McAteer
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	May Povan
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Brighidh O'Brien
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Terry Swales / SVP Int
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Reconciliation Service</i>
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Madeleine Cunningham
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>	Anne McNicholas
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Helina Ximenes & Esperansa Teresa
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	James Lightfoots
10.00 – 11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Victor & Denise Brzezicki
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>		
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Sweeney
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Brzezicki & Heesom Families
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Marion Wilson
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>	Peter Kerrigan & Family
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	David Kane
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>		
<b><i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YR B</i></b>		
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

**MONDAY MIDDAY MASS** ~ Will be celebrated tomorrow (Monday) followed by refreshments (please sign at the back of church). Thanks to the SVP for making this possible.

**UCM MEETING** ~ Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

**OUR LENTEN REFLECTIONS** ~ Continue this Friday at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm. This week we will be listening to David Wells – Where do we find the face of Christ in our world today? Come and join us.

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

**'SISTER ACT'** ~ Liverpool Empire Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office.

**A NEW HEALTH & SAFETY** ~ Manual has been compiled by the Diocese. It is available for inspection, especially to all who are involved in voluntary work. It includes risk assessment for many actions which are undertaken, which help to keep volunteers, churches and parishioners safe. This Manual has come from the Diocese and our Diocesan Insurers. A big thank you to Anne Williams who has spent a lot of time and energy helping to implement these directives. She is more than happy to answer any queries you may have.

*“When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.”*

**John 19: 26-27**

*MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US*

*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL*

**SANDIWAY LODGE NURSING HOME** ~ Come and join us this Tuesday for hymns and prayers. 2.30pm. Further details from the Parish Office.

**EASTER CARDS** ~ Are on sale at each of our churches.

**PRINTER RECYCLING** ~ Many thanks to all who have been bringing in their old ink cartridges for recycling. A tremendous £73 have been raised. Keep them coming in.

**THE PARISH 200 CLUB** ~ Is due for renewal. Many Thanks to all who have supported it throughout the past year. £1393 has been raised for Parish funds. New forms are now available at the back of churches. Just £12 for the whole year. Congratulations to Anne Adams & Divina Brearle - March winners!

**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** £1197.26. Thank you.