

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday Yr B *24th March 2024*

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"Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death...But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names"

OUR ANNUAL LENTEN PREPARATION ~ Ends this Thursday, Holy Thursday, with the beginning of the Easter Triduum. We will gather at St Wilfrid's at 7.00pm for the **Institution of the Lord's Supper**, followed by the procession to the altar of repose where there will be watching until 10.30pm, when Night Prayer will be prayed. Our Celebration continues on Good Friday, when we **commemorate the Lord's Passion**; this will take place in all four churches at 3.00pm. The Triduum concludes, throwing open the doors to Eastertide, on Holy Saturday, when at 8.00pm, we will gather at St Wilfrid's for the **Solemn Easter Vigil**.

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.

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY ~ Service of Reconciliation. St Wilfrid's 7.00pm. Reconciliation is also available on request.

WEDNESDAY ~ Chrism Mass with Bishop Mark. St Michael's, Woodchurch. 7.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY ~ 'Churches Together' Good Friday Reflection / Procession beginning at the Salvation Army. 11.15am.

Come and join us for the above Services. All Welcome.

GOD'S DIVINE MERCY ~ Is celebrated on the First Sunday of Easter (7th April). In preparation, prayer leaflets will be handed out this weekend. On Sunday 7th April there will be a special celebration starting at 2.30pm at St Mary's, Middlewich. Jesus said to St Faustina that on this day all the divine floodgates, through which grace flow, are opened. Join us for Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

THE ALPHA COURSE ~ Will be starting on Saturday 13th April, 9.30 for 10am in St Wilfrid's Hall. Participants are welcome to join in person or online. Further details to follow.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 24th - 31st March 2024

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	Our Lady's	Joe Clementson
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	St Bede's	Holy Souls
9.15am	St Wilfrid's	Parishioners
11.00am	St Thomas Becket	Priest's Int
11.15am	St Bede's	Rita Saunders
2.30pm	St Wilfrid's	Indian Mass in Malayalam
4.00pm – 5.00pm	St Wilfrid's	Stations of the Cross & Benediction
5.30pm	St Wilfrid's	Joan Bland

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9.30am	St Wilfrid's	Hollinrake & Jennings Int
11.00am	St Bede's	Funeral ~ Rob Wollaston
7.00pm	St Wilfrid's	Service of Reconciliation

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9.30am	St Wilfrid's	UCM, Whelan, Lawlor, Kelly & Flanagan Families.
6.00pm	St Bede's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm	St Bede's	Claire Walker

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9.15am	Mass in St Wilfrid's School	Pauline Hardy
9.30am	Our Lady's	Brzezicki, Stevens & Walker Families
10.00am	Our Lady's	Stations of the Cross

HOLY THURSDAY

1.30pm	Mass in St Bede's School	Barry Preece
7.00pm	St Wilfrid's / St Thomas Becket	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am	St Wilfrid's	Morning Prayer
3.00pm	All Churches	COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
7.00pm	St Wilfrid's / St Bede's	Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

9.30am	St Wilfrid's	Morning Prayer
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EASTER SUNDAY

8.00pm	St Wilfrid's	EASTER VIGIL
9.15am	St Wilfrid's	Nancy Dickson
10.00am	Our Lady's	Les & Wyn Frampton
11.00am	St Thomas Becket	Priest's Int
11.15am	St Bede's	Parishioners
4.00pm – 5.00pm	St Wilfrid's	Easter Holy Hour
5.30pm	St Wilfrid's	Downey Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Deborah Rea-Taylor, Bernard McCann, Emma Stokes, Madeleine Child, Rob Wollaston, Denis Cain and all who have died recently.

THE 'AFTERNOON CLUB' ~ Will be gathering this coming Wednesday. Kath Reynolds will be taking a light-hearted look at child rearing in the 60's and 70's in her talk about 'Bringing up Baby'. Come and join us. Winnington Rec., 2.00pm. All welcome.

DAY TRIP TO ELLESMERE & SHREWSBURY ~ Join us on Easter Wednesday (3rd 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.

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

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION ~ Is held this year on Monday 8th April. Fr Ian, from Our Lady of Fatima, Bala will be celebrating Midday Mass followed by an afternoon of prayer and reflection. He extends a warm invitation to all to join him.

Sunday Collection £1,007.46. Thank you.