

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

## *Third Sunday in Lent Yr B* *3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024*

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**LENT IS A TIME FOR CHARITY** ~ The call to charity, is an invitation to gaze on God. To see how perfectly He loves us and then to try to imitate in our own human way the expansiveness of His love, His unconquerable good will.  
*'Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect'.* (Matthew 5: 48)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** ~ Madeleine Cunningham and all who have died recently. Madeleine's Requiem will be celebrated this Friday at St Wilfrid's. Please note the change to Mass times on that day.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME** ~ Please pray for our Young Parishioners who will start their Confirmation preparation this coming Wednesday 6.30pm. If you wish to be Confirmed later this year, but you haven't yet signed up, please feel free to turn up this Wednesday at St Wilfrid's Hall.

**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.

**'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.

**OUR LENTEN REFLECTIONS** ~ Continue this Friday at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm. This week we will be listening to Sr Helen Prejean CSJ, author of 'Dead Man Walking'. She will be challenging us to be more effective in bringing the message of salvation to every human situation. Come and join us.

**KITWOOD NURSING HOME** ~ Rudheath. Come and join us this Friday for hymns and prayers. 11.00am. A similar Service will be held at Sandiway Lodge on the 12<sup>th</sup> March. Midday. Further details from the Parish Office.

**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.

**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.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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
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 &amp; Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Janet Edwards / Isabelle Connolly
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Zelia Pires Int
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>	Ruth
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>		
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Thomas Dickerson Int / David Kershaw
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>		
9.30am	<i>Ss Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i>	
10.00 – 11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Gwyn Pierce Jones
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		Jimmy Dickson
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>		
6.30am	<i>St John of God</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Julie Youngman Int
12.30pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Geobb Traver
7.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem ~ Madeleine Cunningham</i>
	<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>	Joan Berry
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brenda Walshe
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>		
	<b><i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YR B</i></b>	
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

**THE SVP** ~ Of the Parish are busy over the coming days. Our Lady's SVP have organised a Midday Mass this coming Wednesday for the sick and housebound, followed by refreshments. St Wilfrid's SVP will be meeting on Wednesday evening, 7.30pm in the presbytery. St Bede's SVP are planning a Midday Mass on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, followed by refreshments (please sign at the back of church), plus an 'Easter Bonnet' Competition with an amazing prize!

**'WALK AGAINST HUNGER'** ~ "As part of the Cafod Walk, I invite you to join me next **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** (departing from St Wilfrid's at 9.15am) for a joint Sponsored Walk between our three churches (approx 10 miles). If this is too much for you, feel free to join us for just part of it. Young and old are most welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for further details." Fr Paul

**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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk)

**'SISTER ACT'** ~ Join us for this enjoyable performance at the Liverpool Empire on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bray345.c@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office.

**CHRISTIAN EASTER CARDS** ~ Are on sale at each of our churches. Terry has also managed to obtain a few hand embroidered cards. For further details, give him a ring on: 01606 854454.

**PARISH FINANCE** ~ Sunday Collection £ 950.78. Thanks for your continued generosity.

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