

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

2nd Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy
7th April 2024

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

“Christ has taught us that we not only receive and experience the mercy of God, but we are also called to practice mercy to others... It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love”

St John Paul II

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Baby Nuala Loblely-Smith who was baptized on Easter Sunday.

ALPHA ~ Begins next Saturday in St Wilfrid's Hall 9.30 for a 10am start. There is also an online option. **ALPHA IS FOR EVERYONE!** It is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an open and welcoming environment. In each session a different topic of faith is presented by means of a short video, designed to engage and inspire conversations. All parishioners are invited and encouraged also to bring a friend. For further details contact the Parish Office.

CAMINO ~ Therese Kielty will be setting out on the Camino on the 21st April in memory of her husband, Peter and to raise funds for St Luke's Hospice. Further details next week, or contact the Parish Office.

THE 'AFTERNOON CLUB' ~ Will be meeting on Wed. 24th April 2pm - 4pm at Winnington Rec.,. Sadly, this will be the last gathering and they will be marking the occasion with a buffet (it's probably best to not partake of any lunch!). All welcome.

LLANDUDNO ~ Join us for a three night stay stopping in Llandudno **Monday 24th – Thursday 27th June**. Whilst away, we will be stopping at the Loreto Retreat Centre, which is situated on the West Shore. For further details pick up a letter from the Parish Office.

OUR LADY'S SVP ~ Will be gathering tomorrow (Monday) 10.00am in the Church Hall. New members always welcome.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 7th - 14th April 2024

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Madeleine Cunningham
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Jo & Bill Stamper
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Kielty
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Liz Oldham
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
MONDAY	<i>THE ANNUNCIATION</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Justin D'Annunzio
TUESDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Molly Brent / Marilyn Mays
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Rob Wollaston
WEDNESDAY		
9.30am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Holy Souls
11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Deborah Rea-Taylor
THURSDAY	<i>St Stanislaus</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Pauline Atkinson Int
FRIDAY		
10.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Geoff Cornes
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hugh Brady
3.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Marriage</i> ~ Sam McWhirk & Jazmin Gray
SATURDAY		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Madeleine Child / Stephen Flood
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Aideen McGarvey
SUNDAY	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	
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>	Hannah Rose
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Maureen Lewis

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Hugh Brady, Geoff Cornes, Betty Robinson, Deborah Rea-Taylor, Bernard McCann, and all who have recently died.

CAR PARKING ~ It was great to see our churches packed over the Easter weekend. However, since then, I have received several complaints from local residents complaining of blocked drives, pavements and cars parked dangerously on junctions, especially around St Bede's. Can I ask you all to consider our neighbours when parking and also the safety of other road users. Thank you for your assistance. Fr Paul.

PARISH BUILDINGS ~ Those more observant of you will have noticed that two leaded windows from St Wilfrid's have been removed. These are in the process of being restored after years of wear and tear, which has led to the windows bulging and the lead perishing (photos available). It is costing £2,000 for each window. Several other windows in St Wilfrid's will need attention in the near future.

EASTER COLLECTION ~ £2369.79. Thank you for your generosity.

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION ~ Is celebrated on Monday: *“God was in his own nature invisible, but was made visible in ours. He is incomprehensible, yet he willed to be comprehended. Enduring before time began, he began to be in time. The Lord of the universe took on the form of a slave, veiling his infinite majesty. The God who cannot suffer did not disdain to be a man who can, and, immortal though he was, to subject himself to the laws of death.”* (St Leo the Great)