

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024

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The Ascension of the Lord

As we approach the end of Eastertide, our faith is enriched with two great feasts. This Thursday, 40 days after Easter, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord to the right hand of the Father. "I will not leave you orphans", Jesus promises, "I will give you the gift of the Spirit." This promise is fulfilled nine days later on the feast of Pentecost, when the Spirit of the Living Lord is poured upon us. Let us make these coming days special by praying often:

All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ send your Holy Spirit upon us to be our helper and guide. Give us the spirit of wisdom, and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill us with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

FIRST SACRAMENTS ~ Congratulations to Fern & Terence who were baptized recently and to Cianna, Edel & Charlotte who celebrated their First Communion on Friday. This Sunday and over the next couple of weekends our young children who attend non-Catholic schools will be celebrating their First Communions. St Bede's children will be gathering for a school celebration on Saturday 18th May and St Wilfrid's will be coming together on Saturday 8th June. Please remember them in your prayers.

THE MONTH OF MAY ~ Is traditionally the month of Mary, Mother of God. On the 13th of this month we commemorate the vision of Our Lady to the shepherd children in Fatima. Mary invited the children to "Pray the Rosary every day. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the path that will lead you to God." Can I invite you to respond to Our Lady's invitation by praying each day this beautiful prayer. If anyone would like to receive the statue of Our Lady into their homes, to pray with their family and friends, please contact the Parish Office.

MISSION APPEAL ~ Next weekend we will be joined by Fr George Mathew from the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram. Fr George will be making the Annual Missionary Appeal. He will be telling us about the work of his Society and seeking our financial assistance.
Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 5th - 12th May 2024

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Sr. Cecilia Of Jesus Int
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Maynard Family
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>	Parishioners
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Collinson Family
<u>MONDAY</u>		
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Neil, Ailbhe, Bill & Dorothy Int
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Hazel & Jack Schofield
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Ryk Ivancz
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
12.00am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Thanksgiving
<u>ASCENSION THURSDAY</u>		
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Chris Walling
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hugh Brady
7.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Maureen's Int
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Veronica & Peter Moores & Family Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mary & Frank Swales
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Ken Conboy
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Linda Morris Int / Jim Dunn
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Anthony Gilbert & Theresa Merrin
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Alan Barlow
<u>SUNDAY</u>		
	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	O'Brien & Geoghegan Families
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Anthony Tymon
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Denis Carney, Ken Conboy, Jonti Thackray and all who have recently died.

PENTECOST ARTWORK ~ Linda (who painted the Easter artwork at St. Wilfrid's) invites you paint for Pentecost. Join us next Saturday after the Midday Mass for an acrylic art session in the Parish Hall.
More info :- Rachel -07495 962744.

DAY TRIP TO ST MARY'S, OSCOTT ~ On Sunday 23rd June we have been invited to visit Oscott College, Birmingham, which has trained priests since 1794 (the present building dates from 1838). The coach will depart at 12.45pm. The afternoon will include tea with the students; a tour of the College, including the great Pugin chapel; a tour of the Museum and end with Evening Prayer. We aim to be home at approx. 8.00pm. There is a cost of £10 to cover the cost of the coach. Contact Anne: 07484 879 693.

A PARISH DAY TRIP TO YORK ~ Thursday 23rd May. £16. 24 have booked so far, but we need a few more to make the trip viable, so please book during this coming week. Contact Anne: 07484 879 693.

SUDAN EMERGENCY APPEAL: "At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming." To respond to this Appeal, there will be a retiring collection today. Thank you for an anonymous £50 donation received last week.

I AM AWAY ~ This Tuesday for a week, joining a group from the Wirral on pilgrimage to Assisi. Thanks to all who are looking after the Parish in my absence. Please be assured of my prayers at our daily Masses.

COLLECTION ~ £1165.66. Thank you for your generosity.

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