

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

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

24th November 2024

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JESUS CHRIST ~ KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, and we end the year on a high, joyfully proclaiming, that Jesus Christ is our King! *'Father, you anointed your Only Begotten Son with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross, he might accomplish the mysteries of our redemption and, making all creation subject to his rule, that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.'*
(Preface for the feast)

THE SEASON OF ADVENT ~ Begins next Sunday. It is a time of preparation, not just for Christmas Day, but also, & primarily, to greet the Lord when he comes again in glory. What will you do over the coming weeks, to open your lives to receive Christ ~ Prayer, Fasting, Charity?

To help, we will be having an early morning Mass in St Wilfrid's, each Friday at 6.30am (beginning on the 6th Dec.) On Thursday 5th December, there will be a time of prayer & reflection, with the opportunity of Reconciliation – St Wilfrid's 7.00 – 8.00pm.

A PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP ~ Will begin this coming Wednesday, taking place at Our Lady's after the Midday Mass. Each week we will reflect on and prepare for the coming Sunday's Readings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Tom Brennan, Margaret Whelan, Mark Sweeney and all who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

ADVENT TALKS ~ You are invited to a series of talks in Advent to coincide with the launch of the New Lectionary. Wed. 4th Dec. 7.00pm at Holy Angels, Hale Barnes, WA15 0HG.

A HOUSE MASS ~ Will be celebrated in Tarporley this Thursday 11.00am. Contact the Parish Office for further details, or email Katherine: katherine@spurstow.com

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 24th - 1st December 2024

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Angela Goodwin Int
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
SUNDAY		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Kathleen & John Melia / Rita Williams
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest' Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Kevin & Ann Stirrup Int
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Deceased Members of the East Timor Community
MONDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Anne Duffy / Patricia Carney
TUESDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY		
11.30am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Rosary</i>
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Marc Crank
THURSDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Eamon Dinsmore
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Terry Swales
FRIDAY		
11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Mark Sweeney
11.00am	<i>Mass at Anderton Place</i>	Milner Family Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
SATURDAY		
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Andrew</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition with the Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls / Una & Joe Brzezicki
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Holy Souls
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners / William Law & Renato Tabarno
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest' Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Alan Thurlwell
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jose Maia

THE ASSISTED DYING BILL ~ Is debated in Parliament this Friday. Please keep all our Politicians in your prayers, together with all who are sick, and those tired of life.

“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.”

St John Henry Newman

ST BEDE'S MONDAY MASS & LUNCH ~ Will take place on 9th December. Please sign the list at the back of church, if you would like to attend. Many thanks.

PUBLIC ROSARY ~ Please join us on Wednesdays 3.30pm to pray the Rosary at the junction of Chester Road & Bradburns Lane, CW8 1LP, under the oak tree. We pray for freedom for the Church and for our country and our King. Please contact Paul on 07741 168 228 for more details.

DAY TRIP TO LIVERPOOL ~ The coach will depart St Wilfrid's at 9.15am on Tuesday 10th December and also pick up at St Bede's. We will depart Liverpool at 4.00pm. £16. Spend the day around the shops, or visit the sights of the City. Book a seat today. Contact Anne: 07484 879693.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ~ Tickets are now on sale. Thanks to all who have donated prizes.

A LOCAL ART EXHIBITION ~ Is taking place at the VAC Gallery (opposite Wildwood in Barons Quay) Sat 23rd Nov 2024 to Sat 11th Jan. 2025 – Artist in the Parish, Lynda Kenny, will have some pieces on display. Come, enjoy, and perhaps do some Christmas shopping!

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 ~ An official launch will be held at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday 7th December. 12.15pm Mass followed by refreshments.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2025 ~ A short meeting for parents of children in Year 4 and above attending non-Catholic schools, will be held after the 9.15 Mass next Sunday in St Wilfrid's Hall

ST NICHOLAS' ~ Students and staff invite you to an Advent Lunch and entertainment on Tuesday 10th December 1.30pm. For further details please contact the Parish Office.

FINANCE ~ Thanks for two recent donations: £500 towards our new Lectionaries & also, £500 from Our Lady's Piety Stall.

SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ £817.94. Thank you for your continued generosity.

