

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

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28th September 2025

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Luke 16 : 19 - 31

Perhaps the most scandalous thing about the parable of the rich man is that the sore-ridden beggar who “at his gate there lay” was not some anonymous, faceless stranger: for the first one to speak his name - “Lazarus” - was the rich man.

FIRST SACRAMENTS ~ Congratulations to Amy Stokes recently baptized.

Our First Communion programme will be starting shortly. If your child is in a non-Catholic school, in Year 4 or above, and you would like them to celebrate this most important Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~ Will be celebrated on Friday 10th October. 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.

OCTOBER ~ Is traditionally the month of the Rosary. During this month, we invite you to receive the statue of Our Lady into your homes & to pray the Rosary with your family & friends. Speak to Sr Phyllis or Fr Paul to arrange a date. The Rosary is also prayed each Sunday at St Wilfrid's 4.00pm., followed by Benediction and at Our Lady's on Wednesdays at 11.30am. Our Lady calls on us to pray this beautiful Prayer for peace in our world.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ~ Will be speaking at all Masses this weekend, telling us about their ministry in the Parish & asking for our continued support.

St Wilfrid's SVP will be meeting this Friday at 2:00pm in St Wilfrid's Hall. All welcome.

An Afternoon of Music ~ Will be held at St Bede's on Sat. 18th Oct., to raise funds for the SVP. 2.00pm Start. If you would like to take part, please contact Jess Marshall on 07463749760.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES ~ Thanks to all who have taken shoeboxes to fill with exciting, festive items. These need to be returned to church by the end of October. [Teams4U shoebox appeal](#).

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 28th September - 5th October 2025

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Kay Edwards
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
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>	Hilda & Jim Rafferty
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Paulose Parents Wedding Anniversary
MONDAY	<i>Archangels SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mike Pritchett
TUESDAY	<i>St Jerome</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Gawin Cowell
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Edmund Gethin
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Theresa of The Child Jesus</i>	
12.00pm (<i>Rosary at 11.30am</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Michael Gilbert
THURSDAY	<i>The Guardian Angels</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Michael Morris
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Geraldine Morland
FRIDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Patrick Newland
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mark Blinkhorn
SATURDAY	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	
11.00 – 11.50am (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jean Sullivan
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Tom Stokes
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Ethel & Michael Welsh
27th SUNDAY		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Audrey O'Donnell
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Pegerio, Rangel & Carlos Families

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Anne Bowes, Patricia Rigby, Sister Anne Marie & Peter Logan who have died recently and for all our departed brothers and sisters.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE ~ Begins this Wednesday. This is a free online course lasting eight weeks exploring 12 time periods from the Early World to the Modern Day Church. Not to be missed! To register go to: comeandsee.org IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER, but would like to take part in this course, please speak to Fr Paul or Sister Phyllis.

A ROSARY RETREAT DAY ~ Is to take place at St Joseph's, Stockport on Sat. 25th October led by Bishop Mark. The Day will begin at 9.30am & conclude at 3.30pm with Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch.

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE ~ Organized by Churches Together, is to be held at Owley Wood Community Centre on Sunday 12th Oct. 2.30pm. An afternoon of hymns, prayers & poetry.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ~ Takes place this coming Friday. Our parish's support of CAFOD this Harvest is a way for us to offer new signs of hope this Jubilee year, by giving practical help to people affected by poverty, conflict and climate change in our volatile world. Collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave to Gift Aid your donation, or give on the CAFOD website. www.cafod.org.uk Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE ~ £987.40. Thank you for your generosity.

"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'"

Saint Mother Theresa

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY RETREAT ~ Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to come together for a Retreat day: 11th October 9.30am - 4.00pm in Shrewsbury Cathedral. To Register, or for more information please contact: Monika: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org 07549226794

CASTLE RIGG MANOR ~ is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>

BE STILL & KNOW THAT I AM GOD ~ 14 - 17 November. A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment.
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

ST BEDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ Is having an OPEN DAY on Thursday 16 October 1.30pm – 3.15pm. All visitors are welcome to come along to look around, explore our fantastic campus, meet the dedicated staff and find out more about our love of learning. We welcome families looking for a Reception place from September 2026 and those who would like to experience a typical working day. We are looking forward to welcoming you!

JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS ~ Sat. 15th November at St Joseph's, Stockport.
Book a free place here: <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>

THE FEAST OF ST WILFRID ~ Will be celebrated in St Wilfrid's School on Monday 13th October. 9.15am. Refreshments to follow. All Welcome.