

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

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HALLOWEEN ~ EVE OF ALL HALLOWS

The 31st October marked the end of the year in the old Celtic calendar; a night, it was believed, evil spirits roamed the earth causing terror. To combat this genuine fear, the feast of All Hallows or All Saints, which had been celebrated in spring, was moved to the 1st November. Hence, the 31st became the Eve of All Hallows – Halloween. The Saints were set before us to lighten our darkness, to show us the path to the Father. “Let us love those who love us, hasten to those who await us...

Let us seek their fellowship & a share in their joy...” (St Bernard)

The great feast of ALL SAINTS ~ Is celebrated next Sunday.

ALL SOULS ~ In November we traditionally call to mind our departed brothers & sisters. If you wish to pray for loved ones, please place their names in the basket before the Altar (Do not include money). These will be prayed for at our daily Masses. A Memorial Mass for all who have died during the past 12 months will be celebrated at St Wilfrid's on Saturday 8th November

Blessing of graves will take place throughout the month.

NEXT WEEKEND ~ We welcome Fr Noah, a Mill Hill Missionary, to give a Red Box Appeal. MISSIO is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box, if you have not already done so,

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Irina Rontu & Naomi Hall who both received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday. Please keep them and all our young families in your prayers.

THE NEXT GATHERING ~ Of the 'Bread of Life' Prayer Community takes place at St Bede's on Monday, 27th October at 7pm. It was wonderful to have seen so many people having such a lovely time in praise, worship and prayer. You are all welcome to join us. Deacon David.

SHOE BOXES ~ The deadline for handing in Christmas Shoe boxes is Sunday 2nd November.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 26th October - 2nd November 2025

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mary & Sandy Lyons Int
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Eileen Rowbottom
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	John Tymon & Val McHugh
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Carolina De Sousa
MONDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Lorenzo, Maria & Rita Falzon
TUESDAY		
9.30am	<i>Ss Simon & Jude</i>	
7.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Saro, Nella, Emanuela & Lucia Goodcore
	<i>St Bede's</i>	Pauline & Alan Nevin
WEDNESDAY		
12.00pm (<i>Rosary at 11.30am</i>)	<i>The Douai Martyrs</i>	
	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Agnes & Eric Gordon
THURSDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Quigley
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Terry Swales
FRIDAY		
9.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Luigia Allison
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Fred Stretch
SATURDAY		
11.00 – 11.50am (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Barbara Geering
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	John Ridd
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
ALL SAINTS		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Deacon David's Int
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hugh McGill
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jose De Sousa

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Clary France, Susan Leach, Martin Blake, Jim Barnes, Sr. Jacinta Davenport, Peter Deighton and for all our departed brothers and sisters.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & ADVENT CALENDERS ~ Will be on sale at all the Masses at St Bede's & St Wilfrid's on the weekend of 8th / 9th November. As always, all takings will go to support the help that A C N give to those suffering simply because they share the same Faith as ourselves.

HALF TERM ~ We wish all our young people, teachers and support staff a very happy and relaxing Half Term Break. I am actually heading off myself, this Tuesday into the wilds of Scotland. I will be back on the 7th November. My thanks to Fr Bernard, for looking after the Parish in my absence – Fr Paul

PARISH FINANCE ~ £1004.25. Thank you for your generosity.

Recently, the Diocese was notified, that from the beginning of this month bank charges would be increased. The most significant increases are around cash and cheque processing. The cost of banking a cheque will rise from 18p to £1.00. The cost of processing cash will now be £1.50 per £100 up from 28p. How can we avoid these charges? Either by using the card/contactless machine at the back of church or by setting up a regular standing order with the Parish.

Similarly, we will soon be ordering boxes of gift aid envelopes for the coming year. These also have rocketed in price, so, again, we are asking those who receive them, if they really require them (do you use them on a weekly basis?), or is there a better way of giving your weekly offering.

Thank you for your continued generosity. If you have any questions concerning Parish Finance, or require any help, please contact the Parish office - Fr Paul

POPE LEO ~ Has released the first major magisterial document of his papacy: **Dilexi te** (*I have loved you*). It is a profound and deeply moving document, reminding us that at the heart of our faith is the call to love our neighbour. Find out more about the Pope's message for us today and how we can respond to his call for concrete action. Go to: www.cafod.org.uk

VACANCY ~ St Luke's, Frodsham is looking for a new Parish Secretary to help with office administration and secretarial duties. Please contact the office by email stlukesfrodsham@outlook.com for further details or to apply. This is a part-time job of around 10 hours per week.

IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL EXERCISES ~ Men's Retreat. 4th - 11th February 2026. A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. Contact : christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius

ST WILFRID'S PRIMARY ~ "We would love you to visit school and be taken on a tour during a typical school day. If you or someone you know has a child who will be starting school in September 2026, tell them to ring up and book a tour of our wonderful school with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. There is more information about St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School on the noticeboard at the back of St Wilfrid's Church. We look forward to welcoming you." Phone: 01606 663630 Email: admin@st-wilfrids.cheshire.sch.uk Justine McEniff, Headteacher

DIOCESAN JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS ~ With Bishop Mark, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis. Saturday 15th November 10:30 am – 4pm. St Joseph's Church, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Join us for this uplifting and inspiring event with the opportunity to network with Catechists and those interested in catechesis from across the Diocese. Please bring a packed lunch. This is a FREE event. All the details for booking can be found on Eventbrite via this link <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>

REIMAGINE BAPTISM ~ Saturday 29th November. It will be held at St Joseph's Church, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. To book a place email natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org The Keynote talk will be given by Abbot Hugh Allen O.Praem, the recently appointed Mission Director at the Bishops' conference.