

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

First Sunday of Advent Yr A
30th November 2025

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT ~ Begins today; a time of stillness & reflection in preparation for the coming of the Lord, not just on Christmas Day, but when He comes again in glory. Please note that both St Wilfrid's and St Bede's are open throughout the day for private prayer. There will be an extra **evening Mass** on Fridays at St Wilfrid's 7.30pm. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place an hour before each weekday Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St Wilfrid's on Saturdays 11.00am - 11.45am. It is also available on request. In addition, there will be two **Reconciliation Services**: Monday 15th & Tuesday 23rd December 7.00pm.

To prepare us for Christmas, there will be a **meditation** on the Annunciation, Mary's journey and Jesus' birth. This will take place on Tuesday 16th 2.00pm (St Bede's) & repeated on Thursday 18th December 7.00pm (St Wilfrid's). Refreshments will be served and there will also be an opportunity to hear about, and to support 'Bethlehem Care', a charity which provides care for the terminally ill living in and around Bethlehem.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 30th November - 7th December 2025

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	John & Sheila Ridd
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Margaret Ewen
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Kathleen & John Melia
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Antonio Sequeira
MONDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Luigia Allison / Alan Thurlwell
2.30pm	<i>Mass in St Bede's School</i>	Holy Souls
TUESDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Julie Youngman
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Susan Churchill
WEDNESDAY		
12.00pm	<i>St Francis Xavier</i> <i>Our Lady's</i>	Sr Jacinta Davenport
THURSDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Lorenzo, Maria & Rita Falzon
12.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Phyllis Barry
FRIDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jean Sullivan & Frances Reilly Cooper
12.00am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Deliah McHugh / Yvonne Walker
7.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Teresa Guisimao
SATURDAY		
11.00 – 11.50am (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Nicholas</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Margarida Monit
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners / Tom Murphy
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Jo & Bill Stamper
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Kathleen Plumb & Willie Walsh
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hughes & Patterson Families
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Diane Gallespie

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Phyllis Barry, Maureen Nield who have died recently, and for all our departed.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME ~ For those children who do not attend a Catholic school will begin Today (Sunday) with a short meeting after the 9.15am Mass.
For more information contact Mike on 0777 589 7108.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Wilfrid's SVP ~ Will be meeting this Friday 2.00pm in St Wilfrid's Hall. All welcome.
St Bede's SVP ~ Have organized Mass followed by lunch on Monday 8th Dec. 1.00pm Mass. Happily, this is fully booked, but a reserve list is available in St Bede's porch, if you would like to attend.

A CHRISTMAS FAIR ~ Is being held at St Bede's School next Saturday 12 noon until 2pm.
You are all invited.

PRAYER ~ The 2nd of two workshops reflecting on 'Prayer' will take place this Wednesday in St Wilfrid's Hall 7.00pm. All welcome.

DURING ADVENT ~ Soup will be served after Saturday Midday Mass. Do come and join us.

THE PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE ~ Will be meeting tomorrow (Monday) 2pm in St Wilfrid's Hall.
If you can't make the Meeting, but would like to be involved, speak to Anne 07484879693.

RED MISSION BOXES ~ Support missionaries overseas, train future Priests & Religious and gives hope to the world's poorest people. If you have a red mission box at home please can we ask you to bring your box back or alternatively use the brown envelopes found at the back of church so it can be counted and returned to you. Thank you, Monica & Haley

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER ~ As in previous years, we plan to open up St Wilfrid's Hall if anyone would like to come together for Christmas Day Dinner. Arriving for 2.00pm and sitting down to eat around 3.00pm. All are welcome. For catering purposes, please let us know by Friday 12th Dec. Give our Head Chef, Ray, a ring on: 07484 157355

~ CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ~

St Wilfrid's ~ 4.30pm & 11.30pm *Christmas Eve* / 9.15am & 10.30am *Christmas Day*;
St Thomas Becket ~ 5.30pm *Christmas Eve* / 11.00am *Christmas Day*;
St Bede's ~ 6.00pm *Christmas Eve* / 11.15am *Christmas Day*;
Our Lady's ~ 8.00pm *Christmas Eve*

PARISH FINANCE ~ £1043.65 . Thank you for your generosity.

BOLLINGTON CAFOD FUN RUN ~ Saturday 27th December 11.00 am. Interested?
Ring Chris (Fun Run Co-Ordinator) 07954 409065

FR ROGER DAWSON SJ ~ Will be leading a Retreat at St Buenos 6th - 9th February, exploring mindfulness and Christian contemplative prayer. Go to: <https://www.beunos.com/retreat/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god-exploring-mindfulness-psychology-and-the-christian-life-6>

A PARISH TRIP TO LLANDUDNO ~ Is planned: Three nights, four days: **Monday 9th** – **Thursday 12th February 2026**; stopping at the Loreto Retreat Centre. £75 per night (Dinner, bed & breakfast). Places are limited. Pick up a letter from Fr Paul.