

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Yr A  
**21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

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In these last hours before Christmas, many of us are doing our best to fit in prayer time. It can feel like we're just hanging on for dear life. In the midst of all our activities, though, the Lord remains present to us with the assurance of his coming. It doesn't matter so much what we are doing provided that we look to him who is Son of the Most High. A moment of silence. A simple prayer. On these last few days of Advent, we beseech the Blessed Mother for a share in her openness to the Lord and his grace, so that by her prayers it may be done unto us according to his word.

(Fr. Gregory Pine O.P.)

**A RECONCILIATION SERVICE** ~ Will take place this Tuesday at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm.  
Confessions are also available on request after weekday Masses.

**BAPTISMS** ~ Congratulations to Ruby Marsh and Aurora Murphy who were Baptized last weekend, Please keep them, and all who have been baptized over this past year in your prayers.

**CONGRATULATIONS** ~ To Terence Marsh & Nicola Davies who celebrated their Marriage last weekend at St Wilfrid's. May the Lord watch over them and keep them in his love.

**MESSIAH** ~ Come & join us tonight (Sunday) 6.30pm at St Wilfrid's, to enjoy Handel's – The Messiah. First performed in 1742, the oratorio contemplates the life of Christ. A great way to prepare for Christ's birth. Don't forget a cushion! Finish no later than 9.45pm (includes a refreshment break).

**JOIN US THIS WEEK** ~ To sing carols & praise the Lord at Daneside Mews (Tuesday 11.00am)  
All welcome. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

**A CHRISTMAS TABLE** ~ With lots of goodies, will be held today (Sunday) after morning Masses.  
The Christmas Raffle will also be drawn today after the 9.15am Mass. Thanks for your support.

**CAROLYNNE & DAVE** ~ Would like to invite you to visit their Outdoor Crib and Christmas Garden at: Hill Cottage, 67 Beach Rd, Hartford. Admission is free, but any donations to Alder Hey Children's Hospital are warmly welcomed. Please park in their drive, not in the traffic light junction!

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Tom Murphy
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Sr Anne Crowley
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>	McCullen & McAndrew Families
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Domingos Barreto

### MONDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Betty & Brian Maddock
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### TUESDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Aurelia Da Costa
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Jaqui McLelland
7.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Reconciliation Service</i>

### CHRISTMAS EVE

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
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4.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
5.30pm	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
6.00pm (5.30pm Carols)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Rose Marie Walsh
8.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
11.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Broder & Pilling Families

### CHRISTMAS DAY

9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Cosgrove
10.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners / Jones Family

### BOXING DAY

10.00am	<i>ST STEPHEN</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Moores
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Pat Cummins

### SATURDAY

11.00 – 11.50am ( <i>Exposition</i> )	<i>ST JOHN</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Morris Family & Friends
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	John & Sheila Ridd
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Vincent Gorman

### THE HOLY FAMILY

9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Thanksgiving ~ To Our Blessed Lady
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners / Joan Cosgrove
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Ray Hodnett

**PLEASE NOTE** ~ Mass times over Christmas. There will be carols at St Bede's prior to the 6.00pm Mass.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** ~ Jaqui McLelland who has died recently.

**A CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL MASS** ~ For all our loved ones, but especially those who have died during the past 12 months, will be celebrated at St Wilfrid's on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December. 10am.

**SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM** ~ Currently have vacancies for a Programme Coordinator, Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. For further details go to:  
<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Closing date Friday 23 January.

**PARISH FINANCE** ~ £1018.56. Thank you for your generous donations.

**On behalf of Sister Phyllis and all the Parish Clergy, may I thank you for the many cards and gifts handed into church over the past few days; sadly too many to respond to individually. Your warmth, friendship and generosity is greatly valued. Wishing you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas. Fr Paul**