

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

Second Sunday of Advent Yr A
7th December 2025

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

“Advent is such a beautiful season. It is a time for renewal; it is especially a time for forgiveness because God brings his forgiveness to us in the shape of his Son”

Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty

To help prepare to welcome the Lord, remember that both St Wilfrid's and St Bede's are open throughout the day for private prayer. There is an **extra evening** Mass on Fridays at St Wilfrid's 7.30pm., and there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 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 at St Bede's & Tuesday 23rd December 7.00pm at St Wilfrid's.

A meditation on the Annunciation, Mary's journey and Jesus' birth 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.

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to James & Alyssa Lamb who were Baptized last Sunday.
Please keep them and all our Families in your prayers.

WE WILL BE SINGING ~ Advent hymns & Carols at Davenham Hall Nursing Home this Thursday 11.15am and there will also be a Service of Word & Communion at Anderton Place this Friday 11.00am. Do come and join us. Further details from the Parish Office.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE ~ Will be held at Leighton Hospital on Monday 15th December. 10.30am in the Chapel. All welcome.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 7th - 14th December 2025

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
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
MONDAY	<i>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Thanksgiving
1.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	SVP ~ Rita Joyce
7.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
TUESDAY	<i>St John Diego Cuahatlantzin</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Lucy Boylan Int.
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Phyllis & Pat Barry
WEDNESDAY	<i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Clary France
THURSDAY	<i>St Damascus 1</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Adelina Do Carmo
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Funeral</i> ~ Maureen Neild
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Jim Barnes
FRIDAY	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mike Pritchett
11.00am	<i>Anderton Place</i>	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Peter Deighton
7.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Carl Pommer
SATURDAY	<i>St Lucy</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>	Pat & David Marsden
1.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Marriage</i> ~ Terry & Nicola
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Nancy Dickson / Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Edward Francis
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Albert Rowbottom
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Sal Banali
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Filipe Tavares

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Jo Moore, Edmund Guterres, James Roberts, Tony Wilcox, Carol Doherty, Maureen Neild & Lyn Priestley, who have died recently, and for all our departed.

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 contact Ray by this Friday (so we can order the sprouts!) 07484 157355

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

~ 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

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.

PARISH FINANCE ~ £998.30. We are asking people to consider carefully whether the envelopes are the best way of giving your weekly offering. If you are not a taxpayer, please do not use the envelopes as this actually costs the church more than a cash donation in the weekly collection. The card/contactless machine at the back of church is easy to use – payments can also be gift aided if you are a taxpayer (and you only need to enter your personal details once). Alternatively, please consider a regular standing order. If you currently use the envelopes but decide to stop from next year, please notify the parish office so we can update the records and avoid the cost of ordering the envelopes. If you have any questions or would like any help please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your on going generosity.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate the feast of the *Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady*; a doctrine formally defined in 1854, acknowledging that Our Lady was conceived without original sin. Come and join us for this joyful feast. Please note the extra Masses.



“To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as the Saviour of the world. Without God’s Son, nothing could exist; without Mary’s Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to himself.” *St Anselm*