

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

Third Sunday of Advent Yr A  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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## GAUDETE SUNDAY

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

**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.

**A MEDITATION** ~ On the Annunciation, Mary's journey and Jesus' birth will take place this Tuesday at St Bede's 2.00pm & repeated on Thursday at St Wilfrid's 7.00pm. 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.

**TWO RECONCILIATION SERVICES** ~ Will take place over the coming days: Tomorrow (Monday) at St Bede's, & Tuesday 23rd Dec. at St Wilfrid's - 7.00pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available every Saturday at St Wilfrid's 11.00 – 11.45am and also on request.

**OUR PARISH SCHOOLS** ~ Will be visiting our churches this Friday, before they break for Christmas. St Wilfrid's children will be singing carols in St Wilfrid's at 11.30am & St Bede's children will be carolling in church at 1.00pm. (Please note the earlier Mass)

**BAPTISM** ~ Congratulations to Isla-Belle Moore who was Baptized last Sunday. Please keep her and all our Families in your prayers.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** ~ Will be held at Leighton Hospital tomorrow (Monday) in the Chapel. 10.30am. All welcome.

**MESSIAH** ~ Come & join us next Sunday (6.30pm) at St Wilfrid's, to listen to 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).

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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
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
<b>MONDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary's Meals Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Jo Moore
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Reconciliation Service</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mark Crank
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hugh McGill
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Fr Jim's Int.
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Angela Hiley Int
2.45pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Lyn Priestley
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Rose Maloney
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Peter McDonald
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Alice Noone
11.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>School Carol Service</i>
10.00am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mrs T Clement Int
1.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>School Carol Service</i>
7.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Danny & Claire Bennett
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
11.00 – 11.50am ( <i>Exposition</i> )	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	B.L. Int
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
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		
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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** ~ Jo Moore & Lyn Priestley, who have died recently, and for all our departed.

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

**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!

**A CHRISTMAS TABLE** ~ With lots of goodies, will be held tonight after 5.30pm Mass and next weekend at St Bede's & St Wilfrid's. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn next Sunday after the 9.15am Mass. Will you please return sold ticket stubs by next Saturday. However, if you have unsold tickets, please return them ASAP. Thanks for your support.

**PARISH FINANCE** ~ £906.57. Thanks to Our Lady's Piety Stall who have raised £500 for Parish Funds.

### ~ 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