

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 1st February 2026

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Matthew 5:12

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven” In the Beatitudes Jesus is saying with certainty, “This is how it will be. Do you want to be a part of it?” Remind yourself that God's promises are true because He is trustworthy, He loves you. Your faith and hope are in God and He will never abandon you.

The Word Among Us

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~ Will be celebrated in the Parish on Wednesday 7th October. Preparation classes will begin shortly. Now is the time to register. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

MASS ~ Will be celebrated in Anderton Place, Kingsmead, this coming Friday. 11am. All welcome.

ST WILFRID'S SVP ~ Will be meeting this Friday, 2pm in the hall. New Members welcome.

FOOD BANK ~ Thank you for your continued generosity. They are currently in need of :- Tinned cold meat, Fruit juice, Long life milk, Washing up liquid, Cleaning spray & Laundry detergent.

A THREE NIGHT, FOUR DAY TRIP ~ Takes place next week (9th - 12th February) at the Loreto Retreat Centre, Llandudno with a focus on Lent. We currently have a single room and a twin bedded room available. £222 per person for Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

A LENTEN COURSE ~ Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent is available on line. Starts: Tues 17th February at 7pm. For further details and to register, go to: www.comeandsee.org/lent26

“Yet even though we cannot speak of it worthily, there is one gift which no thoughtful person can pass over in silence. God fashioned us in his own image and likeness; he gave us knowledge of himself; he endowed us with the ability to think which raised us above all living creatures; he permitted us to delight in the unimaginable beauties of paradise, and gave us dominion over everything upon earth... How, then, shall we repay the Lord for all his goodness to us? He is so good that he asks no recompense except our love.” (St Basil the Great)

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 1st- 8th February 2026

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	John Ridd
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Cosgrove
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Stephen Flood
MONDAY	<i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Lorenzo, Maria & Rita Falzon
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Anne Mc Mahon
TUESDAY	<i>St Werburgh</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mark Sweeney
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Anthony Tymon & Mchugh Families
WEDNESDAY		
12.00am (<i>11.30 Rosary</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Joseph McDonald Int
THURSDAY	<i>St Agatha</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Rosemary Walsh
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brian Phillips
FRIDAY	<i>SS Paul Miki & Companions</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	George Boylan
11.00am	<i>Mass in Anderton Place</i>	Tony & Stella Int.
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mary & Barry Preece
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>	Luigia Allison
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Tom Murphy
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hughes Family
SUNDAY	<i>5th SUNDAY YEAR A</i>	
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Paul Rowbottom Int
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Davenport Family
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ~ Fr Paul O'Grady, Geoffrey Williams, Brian Aspinall and Deacon Terry Simms who have died recently and for all who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ~ Is celebrated tomorrow (Monday), when we recall the baby Jesus being brought to the Temple 40 days after his birth in accordance to the Law of Moses. "Today the Church blesses the candles which give light. These candles are, at the same time, a symbol of the other light, the light that is Christ... The light is with us! What does it illumine? It illumines the darkness of human souls. The darkness of existence. Man makes a perennial and immense effort to open up a way and arrive at light; the light of knowledge and existence... How much personal toil is costs each of us in order that... we can reveal what is luminous: the man of simplicity, of humility, of love, of disinterested sacrifice; the new horizons of thought, of the heart, of will, of character. 'The night is over and the real light is already shining' (1 John 2:8) If we ask what is illumined by this light, recognised by Simeon in the Child forty days old, the answer is as follows... It is the answer of your life."

(*Saint John Paul II*)

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE ~ Celebrated by Bishop Mark, will take place at St Columba's, Chester, on Saturday 13th June. Midday. All parishioners celebrating a significant marriage anniversary can apply for an Invitation. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

FINANCE ~ £1150.29. Thank you.