

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

## **The Baptism of The Lord 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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**St Wilfrid's**  
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Today Christ enters the Jordan to wash away the sin of the world. John himself testifies that this is why he has come: *Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.* Today a servant lays his hand on the Lord, a man lays his hand on God, John lays his hand on Christ, not to forgive but to receive forgiveness.

St Peter Chrysologus

**BAPTISM** ~ Congratulations to Meabh Keddy who was baptised last Sunday.

“Baptism roots us; it gives us the roots of our earthly life and of our eternal life. It is the day on which we are born forever. We must remember that day, because it is a flame that has been kindled and needs to be kept alight... Baptism is a gift that makes us belong to God, it gives us the joy of salvation, it tells us we are not left alone to fumble about in the darkness of history, it immerses us within his people.” (Pope Francis)

**1ST COMMUNION PREPARATION** ~ Our young children, who have begun preparing for this very special Sacrament, will be enrolled at morning Masses on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. They will be celebrating their Communions after Easter. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**THE BREAD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP** ~ re-commences on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at St Bede's Weaverham. All are welcome. Contact Deacon David for more details.

**ALIVE IN THE WORD, ALIVE IN THE EUCHARIST** ~ As we approach Lent, a time of Reflection and Training for all **Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist** has been set aside. If you are involved in these ministries please make it a priority to join us at St Bede's on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm or at St Wilfrid's on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm. This will be a time of prayer and the opportunity to share good practice with others. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who feels called to these ministries. It would be a great help if you could notify the Parish Office of your attendance, in order that we can prepare some light refreshments. Thank you to all who give their time and effort in serving our parish community – Fr Paul

**WE WILL BE SINGING** ~ This coming Thursday in Kitwood Nursing Home, Rudheath at 11.00am. Do come and join us.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

<b>5.30pm (vigil)</b>	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
<b>6.00pm (vigil)</b>	<i>St Bede's</i>	Rose Chow
<b>9.15am</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Phillip's Family Int.
<b>11.00am</b>	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
<b>11.15am</b>	<i>St Bede's</i>	Sr Mary Angela
<b>4.00pm</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Christine Gill
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	
<b>9.30am</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Owen Hayes
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>St Hilary</i>	
<b>9.30am</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Kevin Quigley
<b>12.00pm</b>	<i>St Bede's</i>	Patrick Fannon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
<b>11.00am</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Sean Stokes
<b>12.00am (11.30 Rosary)</b>	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Michael Reilly
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
<b>9.30am</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	John Bowes / Lyn Priestley
<b>1.30pm</b>	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Mary Preece
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>9.30am</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Catherine Flood
<b>12.00pm</b>	<i>St Bede's</i>	Jacqui McLelland
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>ST ANTHONY</b>	
<b>11.00 – 11.50am (Exposition)</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
<b>12.00pm</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Private Int
<b>5.30pm (vigil)</b>	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Alex Kemp
<b>6.00pm (vigil)</b>	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY YEAR A</b>	
<b>9.15am</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	George McLaughlan
<b>11.00am</b>	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
<b>11.15am</b>	<i>St Bede's</i>	Sal, Hester, Pioti & Celia
<b>4.00pm</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Rose Maloney / Sean Stokes

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** ~ Laura McAleenan, Mary Preece, Sean Stokes, George Boylan and Linda Collins who have died recently.

**LLANDUDNO** ~ Thanks to all who have booked on our Parish February Trip to Llandudno.  
Please pick up a Letter from the Parish Office or via email.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** ~ You are invited to Chester Cathedral next Sunday 5.00pm. This Service will bring together Christians from many traditions to worship the Lord. Music will be led by the Salvation Army band and Chester Taize Choir; Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski (Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in London) will preach. Refreshments will be served.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES** ~ Are offered by the Diocese. For further details speak to the Parish Office or contact Monika at: [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### Announcement of the date of Easter and movable feasts

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of the same month, the feast of Pentecost. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

*Roman Missal*