

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 25th January 2026

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TODAY ~ Is a Special Day of Prayer for **Openness to the Word of God**, a day established by Pope Francis in 2019, to promote the importance of knowing Scripture. St Jerome famously said: *"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ"*. If you would like to deepen your knowledge of Scripture, or would like to read at Mass or become a Catechist, please contact the Parish Office.

A SPECIAL WELCOME ~ To our First Communion Children and their families this weekend. Enrollment will take place during Mass. They will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent and Communion during joyful Easter tide. Say a little prayer for them.

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.

THE BREAD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP ~ Will meet tomorrow (Monday) at St Bede's 7pm. All are welcome. Contact Deacon David for more details.

A DAY OF RENEWAL ~ Will be held at St Mary's, Crewe next Saturday 10am till 4pm. Shared table. Healing ministry, praise and worship, excellent input, inspiring talks, deep prayer and encounter. Guest speaker Ros Powell. Contact Gio 07462024060 for more info. No need to book, turn up on day!

WE WILL BE SINGING ~ This coming Thursday at Daneside Mews Nursing Home, 11.00am. Do come and join us.

LENT ~ Is on the horizon - 18th February! Cafod are inviting you to sign up for their 'Big Lent Walk', 200km in 40 days. Go to: cafod.org.uk
Any suggestions for Parish activities this Lent? Contact the Parish Office.

MISSIO ~ You are invited to St Peter's, Hazel Grove on Wednesday 4th Feb., to spend an evening with Cardinal Giorgio Marengo – a Consolata Missionary. 7.00pm Mass followed by talk and refreshments. Essential to book. Contact: redbox@mission.org.uk

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 25th January - 1st February 2026

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Nancy Dickson
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Laurence Davies
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners / John Askew
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Claire Tymon Int
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Clary France
MONDAY	<i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Bazil Murphy
TUESDAY	<i>St Angela Merici</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mike Pritchett
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mary & Barry Preece
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	
12.00am (<i>11.30 Rosary</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Martin Blake
THURSDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	George Dixon
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Private Int
FRIDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Margaret & Herbert Berry
10.45am	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Brian Phillips
SATURDAY	<i>St John Bosco</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>	Jim Dunn
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	John Ridd
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
SUNDAY	<i>4th SUNDAY YEAR A</i>	
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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Brian Phillips, Deacon Terry Simms, Deborah Smith who have died recently.

MARRIAGE WEEK ~ 7th - 14th February, is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. Jane Deegan the Director for Marriage and Family Life Vocation is seeking to build a team of volunteers to support this vital ministry in the Diocese. Two Retreat days have been run to date with another being arranged for April. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity and/or would like to find out more please contact:: jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

DIOCESAN VACANCIES ~ *Sales Ledger Clerk*. 20 hours per week, term time only contract. Hourly rate £14.60. *Pilgrimage Booking & Customer Service Coordinator*. 20 hours per week, term time only contract with the possibility of some remote working. Hourly rate £14.60. CV and covering letter should be sent to:- Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Friday 20 February 2026.

FINANCE ~ £992.19. Thank you.

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the Eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised:
Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council