

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

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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### **Matthew 5:16**

*"Your Light must shine before others."*

That's the challenge of today's Gospel : to show the joy, the love and the peace of Jesus.  
It's the challenge for each of us to live like "our Christ" and to show the world just  
how distinctive and fulfilling a redeemed life can be.

The Word Among Us.

**LENT** ~ Begins in just under two weeks time (18<sup>th</sup> Feb); a time of enrichment, nourishment and liberation, when we actively seek to grow in our relationship with the Father and with our brothers & sisters through prayer, fasting and charity. How do you plan to spend it? Please contact the Parish Office if you have any suggestions for our individual churches... prayer/study events, charitable, fund-raising etc. I am planning to walk again for *Cafod, Aid to the Church in Need & Mary's Meals* – Fr Paul

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

**ST NICHOLAS' HIGH SCHOOL** ~ Are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As part of their celebration they are holding an 'Afternoon Tea' on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm. They would love to welcome past pupils, former staff, governors, and friends of the school to join them, to see how the school has grown and changed over the years. There will be guided tours, displays of old photographs, and refreshments.  
A wonderful chance to reminisce and reconnect. Email address for memories and to book a place for our Afternoon tea: - [alumni@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk)

**CAROLYNNE & DAVE** ~ Would like to thank all who visited their Christmas display.  
A fantastic £2508.00 was raised for Alder Hey hospital. Thank you.

**LLANDUDNO PRE-LENT RETREAT** ~ This week, a group from the Parish will be spending a prayerful few days at the Loreto Retreat Centre. Please be assured of prayers at our daily Masses.  
Please note the Midday Mass at St Wilfrid's on Tuesday.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Tom Murphy
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Hughes Family
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 / Elizabeth Wynne
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Corcoran & Hayes Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
	<b><i>St Scholastica</i></b>	
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Cullen & McAndrew Families
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brian Phillips
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
	<b><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></b>	
12.00am ( <i>11.30 Rosary</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Holy Souls
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Eamonn, Margaret & Sarah Bowe
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Barlow Family
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Lucy Boylan Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Sarah & Michael Schofield Int
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
11.00 – 11.50am ( <i>Exposition</i> )	<b><i>Ss Cyril Mk &amp; Methodius</i></b>	
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Irene & Jack Hughes
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Carl Pommer
	<i>St Bede's</i>	Phyllis & Pat Barry
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YEAR A</b>	
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Thanksgiving
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Les Leather

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ~ John McDonald, Fr Paul O'Grady and Brian Aspinall who have died recently and for all who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.**

**THIS WEEK IS MARRIAGE WEEK ~** An Annual celebration to support and promote Marriage and Family life. Jane Deegan, the Director for Marriage and Family Life, is seeking to build a team of volunteers to support this vital ministry in the Diocese. For further details contact :-  
[Monika.Golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Monika.Golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

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

### ~ LENTEN COURSES ~

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](http://www.comeandsee.org/lent26)

“We Dare To Ask” Go to: [www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-ask/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-ask/)

**FINANCE ~** £1086.20. Thank you.

**THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES ~** Is celebrated this Wednesday; a day when we are called to pray for all the sick of the world and their Carers. If you know of an elderly or sick parishioner who is no longer able to get to church and would appreciate a visit, especially to receive the Sacraments, (either at home or in hospital), please contact the Parish Office. We also pray today for Bishop Mark on the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his becoming a Bishop.