

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

First Sunday of Lent Yr A 22nd February 2026

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LENT

“Dear friends, on this Lenten journey let us be careful to accept Christ's invitation to follow him more decisively and consistently, renewing the grace and commitments of our Baptism, to cast off the former person within us and put on Christ, in order to arrive at Easter renewed and able to say, with Saint Paul: I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me”

Pope Benedict XVI

THIS YEAR'S CHRISM MASS ~ Will be held at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April at Midday. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, entrance will be by ticket only. St John Vianney Parish has been allocated three tickets. If you would like to apply for a ticket, please contact the Parish Office by 27th February. All names will be put into a draw and the first three names drawn will be contacted.

'BREAD OF LIFE' PRAYER GROUP ~ Will meet tomorrow (Monday) 7pm at St Bede's. All Welcome.

A LENTEN LUNCH ~ (Soup & bread) will take place after Saturday Midday Mass. All proceeds to our Lenten charities. Do we have any volunteers to help make soup?

LENT BOOK CLUB! ~ Come and join us over these coming weeks and find out more about Prayer with Bishop Robert Barron. This will be online, meeting on Tuesdays 7 – 8pm, beginning 3rd March. For further details please contact the Parish office.

COME & JOIN US THIS WEEK ~ Singing in our Care Homes. We will be visiting The Barns, Davenham tomorrow (Monday) 2.00pm / Kitwood House, Rudheath on Thursday 11.00am & Davenham Hall on Friday 11.15am. Contact the Parish Office for further details. A truly great work for Lent!

SESSIONS FOR MINISTERS ~ Calling ALL Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist to join us this week for a short time of prayer & reflection on your essential role in the liturgy. Join us either at St Bede's this Tuesday at 2.00pm, or St Wilfrid's on Thursday 7.00pm.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ~ Takes place this Friday. We are called to live simply, that others may simply live. There will be a retiring collection next weekend for Cafod

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 22nd February - 1st March 2026

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mrs F. G Int
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Carole & Ged Doherty
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>Stations of the Cross</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Private Int (Fr. P)
<u>MONDAY</u>		
9.00am!!!	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Brendan O'Brien
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Prayer Meeting</i>
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
9.30am (<i>8.30am Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Madeleine Cunningham
7.00pm (<i>6.00pm Exposition</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Donor's Int
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
12.00pm (<i>11.15am Stations</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Eric & Rhoda Jones 70 th Wedding Ann
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
9.30am (<i>8.30am Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Marie Coyle
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brian Phillips
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mays Family
9.30am (<i>8.30am Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Smith
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Helena Stanton
2.00pm	<i>Mass in St Bede's School</i>	
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
11.00 – 11.50am (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Michael Viesey
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Sally & Johnny White
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners / Kathleen Burke
<u>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</u>		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Hannah Rose
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	John Burke
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Robert Gleave

PLEASE NOTE ~ The earlier Mass time on Monday: 9.00am!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ~ Fr Paul O'Grady, Pat Glendinning, Justine Walker, Lynne Moorhead, John McDonald, Brian Aspinall, Mike O'Grady and Paul Gannon who have died recently and for all who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.

OUR PARISH TRIP TO WALSINGHAM ~ Will soon be on us (23rd - 26th March). Could all outstanding money be paid ASAP. There are several places still available if anyone would like to join us. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

CHURCHES TOGETHER ~ Are running a Bible Study group throughout Lent reflecting on the Beatitudes. Join them at the Methodist Outreach Centre (opp. St Wilfrid's) this Wednesday at 7.30pm.

'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER' ~ A Service marking this special day will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Castle, Northwich on Friday 6th March at 2pm. All welcome. Refreshments to follow.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE PRAYER? ~ We invite you, this Lent, to bring copies to church, (place them in the basket at Our Lady's altar) and at Easter we will produce a Parish Prayer Book to be enjoyed and shared by all. Thanks to Linda for organizing this.

MARY'S MEALS ~ Help us to feed children at Ndundundu School, Zambia. Speak to Fr Paul.

FINANCE ~ £ 1066.79. Thank you.