

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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr A**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

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## **JOHN 11: 1-45**

This Gospel passage shows Jesus as true Man and true God. The Evangelist insists on his friendship with Lazarus and his sisters. He emphasizes that Jesus loved them, and this is why he wanted to accomplish the great wonder. *Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him,* he tells his disciples, expressing God's viewpoint on physical death with the metaphor of sleep. God sees it exactly as sleep from which he can awaken us...

(Pope Benedict XVI)

**THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION** ~ Is celebrated this Wednesday: *“God was in his own nature invisible, but was made visible in ours. He is incomprehensible, yet he willed to be comprehended. Enduring before time began, he began to be in time. The Lord of the universe took on the form of a slave, veiling his infinite majesty. The God who cannot suffer did not disdain to be a man who can, and, immortal though he was, to subject himself to the laws of death.”*

(St Leo the Great)

**OUR PARISH TRIP TO WALSINGHAM** ~ Takes place this week. Please be assured of our prayers at our daily Masses. My thanks to Fr Ambrose for looking after the Parish in my absence. Fr Paul.

**TWO RECONCILIATION SERVICES** ~ Will be celebrated this Friday: St Bede's & also at St Thomas Becket 7.00pm. (St Bede's Friday Stations will be held at 6.15pm).

**DAY TRIP TO ELLESMERE & SHREWSBURY** ~ Join us on Easter Tuesday (7<sup>th</sup> April) for a Day Trip to the Poor Clare's at Ellesmere, where Mass will be celebrated and then on to Shrewsbury for some shopping therapy. £15 (under 18's £5). Speak to Anne for further details: 07484879693

**ST NICHOLAS JUBILEE AFTERNOON** ~ This Thursday 4.30 – 6.30pm. Thank you to everyone who has emailed the school for this event. If visitors could arrive at school at 4.30pm, we have a number of activities that will take place to give everyone an opportunity to see the school and relive old memories. We look forward to celebrating with you.

**ACN EASTER CARDS** ~ Are available at the back of church. Please pay by contactless if possible.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Nancy & Tommy Dickson
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Frank Paige
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>	Lynne Moorhead
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Chris & Harold Brierley
<b>MONDAY</b>		
9.15am *	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brian Phillips
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Exposition</i>
7.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Ann Ring Int
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
9.30am*	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Geoff Williams / Delma Geary
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
9.30am ( <i>8.30am Exposition</i> )	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Claire Walker
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Frank & Mary Swales
9.30am ( <i>8.30am Exposition</i> )	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Moira Menelan
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Eric Jones
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's / St Thomas Becket</i>	<i>Reconciliation Service</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
11.00 – 11.50am ( <i>Exposition</i> )	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Patrick Cullen
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	John & Sheila Ridd
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	John McDonald
<b>PASSION / PALM SUNDAY</b>		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Anne Cassidy
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>Stations of the Cross</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Maria Abu Mau

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** ~ Kordjan Swistek, Anne Plumb, Rosemary Kin, Eric Jones  
and for all who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** ~ As we enter into the fifth week of Lent, we are beginning to focus on Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Like last year, Thursday's *Mass of The Lord's Supper* (7.00pm) & the *Easter Vigil* (8.30pm) will be celebrated at St Wilfrid's. On Good Friday, the *Commemoration of the Lord's Passion* (3.00pm) will be held in each of our Parish churches. If anyone would like to take an active part in the Holy Week liturgies (Welcoming, Serving, Reading, Ministering, feet washed etc.), please contact the Parish Office.

There will be NO 5.30pm Mass at St Wilfrid's on Easter Sunday.

ST THOMAS BECKET PARISH ~ Holy Thursday's *Mass of The Lord's Supper* (7.00pm)  
& the Good Friday's *Commemoration* (3.00pm) will be celebrated in the Parish.

There will be no Easter vigil.

**FR PAT MUNROE** ~ Is off to Fatima for a four night stay, departing Manchester on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2026.  
Like to join him? Further details from: [info@northernstartravel.com](mailto:info@northernstartravel.com)/ Fr Pat: 07711 428970 .

**FINANCE** ~ £1208.95. NEW ENVELOPES ~ Will be available next Sunday, ready for the new tax year (12 April). The boxes will be labelled by name. If you no longer require envelopes, please leave them in the sacristy. If you are not a taxpayer, it is more cost effective to avoid the envelopes and just use the loose collection. Any queries please contact Nicola on 07767 790879 or email the parish office. Thank you.