

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

## Passion / Palm Sunday Yr A 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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*"Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death...But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names"*

**OUR ANNUAL LENTEN PREPARATION** ~ Ends this Thursday, Holy Thursday, with the beginning of the **Easter Triduum**. We will gather at St Wilfrid's at 7.00pm for the **Institution of the Lord's Supper**, followed by the procession to the altar of repose where there will be watching until 10.30pm, when Night Prayer will be prayed. Our Celebration continues on Good Friday, when we **commemorate the Lord's Passion**; this will take place in all four churches at 3.00pm. The Triduum concludes, throwing open the doors to Eastertide, on Holy Saturday, when at 8.30pm, we will gather at St Wilfrid's for the **Solemn Easter Vigil**.

**PLEASE NOTE** ~ The extra morning Masses on Easter Sunday: 10.00am at Our Lady's & 10.45am at St Wilfrid's. There will be **NO** evening 5.30pm Mass. 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.

**A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** ~ Will be celebrated at St Wilfrid's tomorrow (Monday) 7.00pm. There will be no Confessions next Saturday, Holy Saturday.

**ST MATTHEW'S PASSION** ~ Join us this Wednesday, 6.30pm, in St Wilfrid's Church to listen to this sacred oratorio by Johann Sebastian Bach, written in 1727. (Bring a cushion and torch)  
Teas & coffees will be served in the interval. Finish at approx. 9.45pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY** ~ You are invited by 'Northwich Churches Together' to take part in their Good Friday Reflection & Procession beginning at the Salvation Army (next to Sainsburys). 10.30am.

**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 WILFRID'S SVP** ~ Will be meeting this Wednesday 7:30pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 29<sup>th</sup> March ~ 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	Our Lady's	John & Sheila Ridd
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	St Bede's	John McDonald
9.15am	St Wilfrid's	Anne Cassidy
11.00am	St Thomas Becket	Priest's Int
11.15am	St Bede's	Joan Cosgrove
4.00pm	St Wilfrid's	Stations of the Cross
5.30pm	St Wilfrid's	Maria Abu Mau

### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9.15am	Mass in St Wilfrid's School	Jack Kelly
9.30am	St Wilfrid's	Margaret Lambert
7.00pm	St Wilfrid's	Reconciliation Service

### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

10.00am ( <i>9.00am Exposition</i> )	St Wilfrid's	UCM / Joe Rigby
7.00pm ( <i>6.00pm Exposition</i> )	St Bede's	Sheila Young Int

### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

12.00pm ( <i>11.15am Stations</i> )	Our Lady's	Service of Word & Communion
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### HOLY THURSDAY

1.15pm	Mass in St Bede's School	John McDonald
7.00pm	St Wilfrid's / St Thomas Becket	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>

### GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am	St Wilfrid's	Morning Prayer
3.00pm	All Churches	<b>COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>
7.00pm	St Wilfrid's & St Bede's	Stations of The Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY

9.30am	St Wilfrid's	Morning Prayer
8.30pm	St Wilfrid's	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>

### EASTER SUNDAY

9.15am	St Wilfrid's	Parishioners
10.00am	Our Lady's	Tom Murphy
10.45am	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls
11.00am	St Thomas Becket	Priest's Int
11.15am	St Bede's	Parishioners

**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.

**THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE RETREAT DAY** ~ Will be held in St Wilfrid's Hall on Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am to 4.00pm. Please Register with Monika on 07549 226794 or email: [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**THE PARISH 200 CLUB** ~ The new year commences in April. This is an extremely good fund raiser for the parish. Application forms are now available for completion. Please return the completed forms ASAP to Anne Williams (07484879693).

**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.

**THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** ~ Starts on Good Friday.

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

**THE OBLATE RETREAT CENTRE** ~ On our very doorstep in Crewe, offers various Retreats throughout the year including: Individually Guided Retreats / A Weekend with the Scriptures / Sessions for Teachers & Catechists / Advent Retreats etc. For further details go to: [www.orc-crewe.org.uk](http://www.orc-crewe.org.uk)

**NEW ENVELOPES** ~ Will be available this weekend. 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.