

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

## Third Sunday of Lent Yr A 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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### JOHN 4: 5-42

#### The God Who Thirsts

We see God begging for a drink of water from a human being, and a sinful one at that. On the cross, too, he will exclaim, *I thirst*, and soon after, as the surprising result of that thirst, water and blood flow from his heart. Indeed, he is a thirsty God, a tired God, a God looking for companionship and dialogue of one of his creatures. How could it be that God is needy?...

In Christ the one who by nature has need of nothing outside himself has nonetheless voluntarily made himself needy, but only in order to communicate to us the life that is his.

This action of making himself needy out of love may well be the greatest and most astounding work of his omnipotence.

Erasmio Leiva-Merikakis

**A LENTEN LUNCH** ~ (Soup & bread) will take place after Saturday Midday Mass.

All proceeds to our Lenten charities. Thanks to all who are volunteering.

**A MASS** ~ For the Sick and Housebound will be celebrated at Our Lady's this Wednesday, Midday. Refreshments to follow. All welcome. Thanks to the SVP.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME** ~ Starts this coming Wednesday at 6.30pm in St Wilfrid's Hall.

This meeting is open for all those in Year 8 and above who wish to be Confirmed later this year.

Please remember all our young people & their catechists in your prayers.

**HEALING MASS** ~ Celebrant and Healing Minister Fr Frankie Mulgrew. 7pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at St Bede's. Praise and worship led by members of "One Hope Project"

All welcome especially our younger Parishioners.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** ~ Will be selling Easter cards shortly.

**SHALOM WORLD** ~ See how they can help you this Lent. [www.shalomworld.org/lent](http://www.shalomworld.org/lent)

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

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Damien White
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mary Preece
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners / Fergus O'Brien
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brian Aspinall
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Irene & Brian Street
<b>MONDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Frances of Rome</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mike Pritchett
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
9.30am ( <i>8.30am Exposition</i> )	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Hugh McGill
7.00pm ( <i>6.00pm Exposition</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Pat Cummins
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Stephen Flood
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
9.30am ( <i>8.30am Exposition</i> )	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Patrick Colledge
10.30am	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Pat Glendinning
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Tracey Burke
9.30am ( <i>8.30am Exposition</i> )	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Edward Dempsey
11.00am	<i>Mass in Anderton Place</i>	
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Brian Phillips
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</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>	Deborah Smith
2.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>ADORATION</i>
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Margaret & Thomas McHugh
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Erika Eber
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Terry Swales
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	John McDonald
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	UCM Intention

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** ~ Jack Kelly, Ann Eastwood, Fergus O'Brien, Pat Glendinning, Lynne Moorhead and all who have died recently and for all who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.

**MASS** ~ Will be celebrated in Anderton Place, Kingsmead this Friday. 11.00am. All Welcome.

**ADORATION** ~ A special time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held next Saturday at St Wilfrid's 2.00 – 3.00pm. This has been arranged by the Jesus Youth Prayer Group, but all are welcome.

**SINGING** ~ As well as the dates given in last week's Newsletter, we will also be singing in Redwalls Nursing Home, Cuddington this Tuesday 2.00pm and at Dane Side Mews, Northwich on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am. Do come and join us All Welcome.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March. For further details please contact the Parish office.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** ~ Please note that the coach will be departing from St Bede's Church at **10.00am.**, on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Prior to this, there will be a departure Mass at 9.15am. A Letter, giving further details, will be issued this week.

**FINANCE** ~ £1017.60. Thank you.