

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

Eighteenth Sunday Year A

2nd August 2026

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TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 2nd ~ 9th August 2026

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	John & Sheila Ridd
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Shaw Family
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Fr John Felgueiras
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Maureen & Hugh Brady
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
MONDAY	<i>St Oswald</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Phyllis & Pat Barry
TUESDAY	<i>St John Vianney</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mike Pritchett / Lyn Priestley
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Barbara Bottom
WEDNESDAY	<i>The Dedication of The Basilica of St Mary Major</i>	
12.00am (<i>Rosary 11.30am</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Carmel Barnes Int
THURSDAY	<i>The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Marjorie Askew
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Private Int (J McD Jnr)
FRIDAY		
9.30am (<i>8.30am Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Private Int (CY)
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Barbara Brooks
SATURDAY	<i>St Dominic</i>	
11.00 – 11.50am (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Matthew & Nehemie Int
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Sr Phyllis Int
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Angela Walshe
SUNDAY	<i>19th Sunday Year A</i>	
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Geoff Cornes
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Alex, Margaret & Patricia Morris

Matthew 14: 13-21

Deserted places are often places where people choose not to go – dark, frightening places, full of pain & suffering. It is precisely in such a place that Jesus confronts the crowds & we are told, he is full of pity for them, & sets himself to heal them. Having healed & restored them, he feeds them for their journey. Sounds familiar? The same thing happens every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. We often come from 'deserted places' to be healed as we listen to God's word. And then, healed, we are fed at the table of the Lord to go out and to feed others.

The Feast of the **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD** ~ Is celebrated this Thursday.
"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light..." (St Ambrose)

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Rose Blackburn who was recently Baptised. Please keep her and all our young families in your prayers over the summer holidays.

LEARNING ABOUT THE FAITH ~ Over the past several months various adults have approached us seeking either to be baptized, or simply to learn more about the Catholic faith. In response to this, we are starting a series of evenings, beginning on Tuesday 15th September, reflecting on the Christian faith. These will be held at St Bede's, 7.00 – 9.00pm. If you would like to participate in these sessions, or, if you are able to assist. Please contact the Parish Office.

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ~ Bishop Mark and over 400 people from across the Diocese are currently in Lourdes. You can join them, by going to: <https://www.lourdes-france.com> for the *International Mass* Sunday (8.30am) and the *Mass at the Grotto* on Monday (9.00am). Also, each evening, there is the *Torchlight procession* (8.00pm).

My thanks to Fr Jim, Fr Ambrose and Fr Joe, who are celebrating Masses in my absence.
We are very lucky to have them. Please be assured of my prayers ~ Fr Paul

During the Pilgrimage we will be praying for the following Intentions: For Pope Leo / For our departed Brothers & Sisters / For all Christians, that we may respond to the message of prayer and conversion, walking together in Eucharistic faith and love / For vocations in our Diocese, to the great callings of Marriage, the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life / For peace in our world / For the dignity of life, from the moment of conception to natural death / That through the intercession of Our Lady and St Bernadette, we will always live in the joy of the Gospel.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE ~ The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. For further details, go to:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>

<https://www.righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

The feast of **St John Vianney**, our Patronal Saint, is celebrated this Tuesday. Please keep our Parish Community – Our Lady's, St Bede's & St Wilfrid's - in your prayers, that we may continue to grow in our love for God; a love expressed in our service to neighbour.
All our religion is but a false religion, and all our virtues are mere illusions and we ourselves are only hypocrites in the sight of God, if we have not that universal charity for everyone - for the good, and for the bad, for the poor and for the rich, and for all those who do us harm as much as those who do us good.

St John Vianney

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