

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

Nineteenth Sunday Year A

9th August 2026

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TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 9th ~ 16th August 2026

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
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
<u>MONDAY</u>	<i>St Lawrence</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Gerry Sweeney
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<i>St Clare</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary, Kevin & Michael Quigley
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<i>St Jane Frances de Chantel</i>	
12.00am (<i>Rosary 11.30am</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Sr Cecilia
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Carl Pommer Int
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>	
9.30am (<i>8.30am Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Patricia Carney
11.00am	<i>Mass in Anderton Place</i>	Enid Stanton Int / Milner Family
<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>	Paul Rowbottom Int
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Canon John Int
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Jim Rafferty
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<i>THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY</i>	
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>	John McDonald
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners

MASS ~ Will be celebrated in Anderton Place, Kingsmead, this Friday 11am. All Welcome.

WE WILL BE SINGING ~ In Davenham Hall Nursing Home on Thursday 20 August 11.15pm.
Make a note in your diary. Come and join us.

Matthew 14: 22 - 33

“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” When the disciples see Jesus walking on the water, he summons them to faith – a way of living that entails leaving behind our old way of measuring things and learning to see all in the light of the One who calls to us. We should not be surprised that Christ often comes to us in a ways that “underwhelm” us, as Elijah found out in the tiny whispering sound, of God's presence. For Jesus comes to us in simple ways, seen only with eyes of faith: the pouring of water over an infant's head; a whispered conversation with in the confessional; bread and wine consecrated in the middle of the day as the world rushes on. But when such faith takes hold of us we want everyone to share in it, as St. Paul testifies.

The Magnificat Publ.

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Maisie Norris and to Aspen Lavin–Meijer, recently Baptized. Please keep them and all our young families in your prayers.

SATURDAY TEAS & COFFEES ~ Will be paused during August after Midday Mass.

Thanks to all the ladies who provide this important service throughout the year. Refreshments are still available after the 5.30pm Mass at Our Lady's. All Welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS ~ To Enid Stanton who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this coming Saturday. Enid has given many years of service throughout her life, caring for the priests of St Wilfrid's and preparing for Masses as Sacristan. We wish Enid every happiness and blessing on her 90th birthday and assure her of our prayers.

LEARNING ABOUT THE FAITH ~ Over the past several months various adults have approach 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 ~ Returned safely this week after a very enjoyable and prayerful few days. You were prayed for at Our Lady's Grotto and a candle was lit for all of your intentions. For photos take a look at: <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/lourdes> Why not join us next year? Dates are: 29/30 July – 5/6 August 2027. Have a word with Fr Paul

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ~ Could you visit local Catholic schools to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

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.
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>
<https://www.righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

CATHOLIC YOUTH DANCE ~ “We are a group of young Catholics in Liverpool organising a big Winter Ball on Sunday 29th Nov. So far we have around 140 people interested in attending. The Winter Ball is aimed at young people aged 18–30. The Winter Ball will have food, wine, music and dancing with a Scottish Ceilidh Band as well as a local jazz pianist. Here is our WhatsApp announcements group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DkXxNeUxBShEywEoFQcu30>

Jesus immediately reached out his hand ~ “Even before we seek the Lord or invoke him, it is he himself who comes to meet us, who lowers heaven to stretch out his hand to us and raise us to his heights; all he expects of us is that we trust totally in him, that we really take hold of his hand.”

Pope Benedict XVI