

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

## Thirtieth Sunday Year B 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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### ***HALLOWEEN ~ EVE OF ALL HALLOWS***

*The 31<sup>st</sup> October marked the end of the year in the old Celtic calendar; a night, it was believed, evil spirits roamed the earth causing terror. To combat this genuine fear, the feast of All Hallows or All Saints, which had been celebrated in spring, was moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> November. Hence, the 31<sup>st</sup> became the Eve of All Hallows – Halloween. The Saints were set before us to lighten our darkness, to show us the path to the Father. “Let us love those who love us, hasten to those who await us... Let us seek their fellowship & a share in their joy...” (St Bernard)*

**ALL SAINTS ~** Is celebrated this coming Friday; a Holy Day of Obligation.

**ALL SOULS ~** In November we traditionally call to mind our departed brothers & sisters. If you wish to pray for loved ones, please place their names in the basket before the Altar. These will be prayed for at our daily Masses. Throughout November, the Clergy will be visiting local cemeteries blessing graves. This will begin next Sunday, meeting at Witton Cemetery 11.00am., and Gorstage Cemetery at 1.00pm. Rudheath/Dane Valley Cemetery, including Vale Royal crematorium, will be visited on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov at 1.00pm; others, on request.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ~** Ann Nash, Mgr. Peter Walton, Fr. Denis Maher, Ann Potter who have died recently. Eternal Rest Give unto Them O Lord.

**PAULINE ATKINSON RIP ~** Paul would like to thank all who attended his wife's Requiem at St Bede's and for all the lovely cards and greetings he has received since her death. It has brought him so much comfort and solace at this sad time. Mass will be celebrated for your Intentions.

**THE PARISH FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME ~** Will begin shortly. This is for children in Year Four or above who do not attend a Catholic School. If your child is eligible, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

**SHOE BOXES ~** The deadline for handing in shoeboxes is next Sunday. A packing session will be held in St Wilfrid's Hall after 9:15 Mass. You can also donate a shoebox online: <https://teams4u.com/>

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 27<sup>th</sup> October - 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Davenport & McKay Family Int
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Tymon & McHugh Families
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners / Eileen Rowbottom
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest' Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Terry Swales
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary &amp; Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Williams & Ratcliffe Families
<b>MONDAY</b>		
9.30am	<b><i>SS Simon &amp; Jude</i></b>	
	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Schofield Family Int
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Ann Potter
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Kerrigan
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Terry Swales
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
11.30am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Rosary</i>
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Sr Cecilia's Int
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	May Provan
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
9.30am	<b><i>ALL SAINTS</i></b>	
	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter, Veronica & Moores Family Int
10.00am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Fr. Denis Maher
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	<i>Priest's Int</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Pauline Atkinson
7.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Leticia & Jorge Int
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
10.00am	<b><i>All Souls</i></b>	
	<i>St. Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Holy Souls
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition with the Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Holy Souls
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Fiona Scanlon
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
9.15am	<b><i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Dorothy Barnett
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest' Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners / Sr Phyllis
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary &amp; Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Anne Evans

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP:** “THE ASSISTED DYING BILL tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP to remove legal safeguards to allow medically assisted suicide has been introduced into Parliament and is expected to be debated and voted upon on the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please continue to contact your MP to make your opposition known. I have been grateful to all who have shared with me MP responses from around the Diocese... On Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov., the Bishops of England and Wales will be coming together for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray and intercede that the dignity of the human person and the culture of life be upheld in the face of the assisted suicide legislation being brought before Parliament. Cardinal Nichols invites every parish to be united with the bishops in this powerful prayer of intercession.” Holy Hours will be arranged in this Parish on the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov., and also, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov., 7.00pm, there will be a guest Speaker visiting the Parish from the East Cheshire Hospice. Make a note in your diaries.

**ACN CHRISTMAS CARDS** ~ Will be on sale at St Wilfrid's & St Bede's next weekend.  
Don't forget the lovely piety stall at Our Lady's, open after Masses.

**CARITAS BOXES** ~ Are now due to be emptied. Please drop them into church. Thank you.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ £806.62. Thank you for your continued generosity.