

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

The Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2025

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TODAY ~ We celebrate the **Presentation of the Lord**, recalling the baby Jesus being brought to the Temple 40 days after his birth in accordance to the Law of Moses. "Today the Church blesses the candles which give light. These candles are, at the same time, a symbol of the other light, the light that is Christ... The light is with us! What does it illumine? It illumines the darkness of human souls. The darkness of existence. Man makes a perennial and immense effort to open up a way and arrive at light; the light of knowledge and existence... How much personal toil is costs each of us in order that... we can reveal what is luminous: the man of simplicity, of humility, of love, of disinterested sacrifice; the new horizons of thought, of the heart, of will, of character. 'The night is over and the real light is already shining' (1 John 2:8) If we ask what is illumined by this light, recognised by Simeon in the Child forty days old, the answer is as follows...
It is the answer of your life." (*Saint John Paul II*)

BAPTISM ~ Congratulations to Caragh Kirk, Elizabeth Leybourn & Benjamin Milcolajewicz who were baptized last weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION 2025 ~ The 2025 Confirmation programme will begin in Lent; to join up, or for further details, please contact the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Ann Lang, Margaret Glimond, Mary Lonsdale, Patricia Farmer, Terry Kane, Mary Mason & Graham Crick who have died recently, and for all our departed brothers and sisters. May they rest in peace.

ST BEDE'S SVP ~ Have rescheduled their Monday Mass and post-Christmas lunch. This will now take place on Monday 17 Feb. 12noon. Places are limited for the lunch, so please sign the form at the back of Church as soon as possible. Thank you.

ST WILFRID'S SVP ~ Will be meeting this coming Wednesday 7.30pm in the presbytery.

SVP FUNDRAISER ~ Next Saturday at St Bede's 2.00 – 4.00pm. Come and enjoy some great talent and help raise funds for the St Vincent de Paul Society at the same time. Further details: Jess 07463749760.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 2nd - 9th February 2025

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| 5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>) | <i>Our Lady's</i> | Tom & Elaine Murphy Int |
| 6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>) | <i>St Bede's</i> | Holy Souls |
| 9.15am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Parishioners / Jim Dunn |
| 11.00am | <i>St Thomas Becket</i> | Priest's Int. |
| 11.15am | <i>St Bede's</i> | Andrew & Natalie Lightfoot |
| 4.00pm | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> |
| 5.30pm | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Jose Maia & Deceased Family members |
| MONDAY | | |
| 9.30am | <i>St Werburgh</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Angela Davies |
| TUESDAY | | |
| 9.30am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Patricia Farmer / Helena Ximenes |
| 7.00pm (<i>Holy Hour 6.00pm</i>) | <i>St Bede's</i> | Mary Mason |
| WEDNESDAY | | |
| 12.00pm (<i>Rosary 11.30am</i>) | <i>St Agatha</i> <i>Our Lady's</i> | Holy Souls |
| THURSDAY | | |
| 9.30am | <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Esperanca Teresa |
| 12.00pm | <i>St Bede's</i> | Lynne Hayes |
| FRIDAY | | |
| 9.30am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Daniel O'Reilly Int |
| 12.00pm | <i>St Bede's</i> | Ann Lang |
| SATURDAY | | |
| 11.00 – 11.50am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | <i>Exposition with the Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> |
| 12.00pm | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | John Askew |
| 5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>) | <i>Our Lady's</i> | Stephen Marshall Int |
| 6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>) | <i>St Bede's</i> | Lorenzo, Maria & Rita Falzon |
| SUNDAY | | |
| 9.15am | <i>5th Sunday Year C</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Mary Cosgrove |
| 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>Rosary & Benediction</i> |
| 5.30pm | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Graham Crick |

CONGRATULATIONS ~ To St Wilfrid's & St Bede's Mini -Vinnies. The children are active throughout the year performing good works and this month they appear in the Diocesan Mini Vinnie Newsletter.

JUBILEE YEAR ~ Join St Mary's, Middlewich, next Saturday to explore the biblical background to the Jubilee Year & its relevance for us. 9.45am – 1pm. annesturman17@gmail.com All welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE ~ 20th May for seven nights staying in a 4* Hotel. £749 per person sharing/single room £879. Organised by Northern Star Travel, led by Fr. Pat Munroe. Further details: Fr Pat: 07711 428970 or Northern Star: info@northernstartravel.com / 0161 773 2115.

MID CHESHIRE FOODBANK ~ Are short of cordial drinks, cold meats & milk. Thank you.

CARITAS ~ Have arranged an Online Course: *Discover Catholic Social Teaching*. Five one-hour Zoom sessions beginning in March. £95. For further details contact Bernadette; bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk

MARY'S MEALS ~ Thank you for some very generous donations this week, which means that we can now sponsor Ndundundu School, Zambia, for a second year; providing a hot meal for all the students for each school day. We have started collecting Aluminium cans to raise money for this charity. If possible please rinse, crush & bring them to church. Each can is worth just under a penny, so start collecting.

A PARISH TRIP TO LLANDUDNO ~ Is planned: Three nights, four days: **Monday 7th – Thursday 10th April**; stopping at the Loreto Retreat Centre. £66 per night (Dinner, bed & breakfast). Places are limited. Pick up a letter from Fr Paul.

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1172.52. Many Thanks.