

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

5th Sunday of Lent Yr C 6th April 2025

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John 8: 1-11

It is this gesture of bending that best reveals Christ's forgiveness. Rather than stooping to pick up a stone – the stone he alone could cast – Jesus bends to address us mysteriously from the earth. The Word lowers himself to speak from within our mortal clay. Rather than standing aloft in his sinless divinity, Jesus touches our filth. He stoops not to condemn, but to address his word of mercy to our lowliness.

(Fr. Anthony Giambrone O.P.)

THIS WEEK WE HAVE A JOINT PASTORAL LETTER ~ From Cardinal Nichols on **The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill**. Please do respond to this Letter by contacting your MP either by postcard (from the back of church) or email. *Right to Life UK* has a simple online mechanism which only takes a few moments to submit. Go to: <https://righttolife.org.uk> Thank you.

CAFOD EARTHQUAKE APPEAL ~ Next Sunday there will be a retiring Collection to aid the survivors of the recent earthquake in Myanmar. Cafod is already supporting victims on the ground through local church groups. By coincidence, next Saturday we also have our Parish Sponsored Walk (in aid of Cafod) around our three churches (approx. 10 miles). Come and join us for part or the whole walk. Great fun! We will meet at St Wilfrid's for 8.30am Mass. All Sponsorship welcome! www.cafod.org.uk

LENT RETREAT ~ This week, several parishioners are heading off to Llandudno; not for a holiday, but to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. If anyone who has booked, haven't picked up a letter yet, please speak to Fr Paul or Sr. Phyllis. Please be assured of our prayers at our daily Masses.

HOLY WEEK ~ As we enter into the fifth week of Lent, we are beginning to focus on Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Like last year, Thursday's **Mass of The Lord's Supper** & the **Easter Vigil** will be celebrated at St Wilfrid's. On Good Friday, the **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion** will be held in each of our Parish churches. If anyone would like to take an active part in the Holy Week liturgies (Welcoming, Serving, Reading, Ministering, feet washed etc.), please contact the Parish Office.

ST THOMAS BECKET PARISH ~ The Thursday **Mass of The Lord's Supper** & the **Good Friday Commemoration** will be celebrated in the Parish. There will be no Easter vigil

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 6th - 13th April 2025

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Les & Wynn Frampton
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
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>	Vincent Gillespie
4.00pm – 5.00pm (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Kok
MONDAY <i>St John Baptiste de la Salle</i>		
9.30am (<i>Holy Hour from 8.30am</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Brian Jones
TUESDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Maureen Harrison
7.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.00pm</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Allesandro Amiatello Holmes Family
WEDNESDAY		
11.15am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Mary Flavin Int
THURSDAY		
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
7.30pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.30pm</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Marylyn Mays
FRIDAY <i>St Stanislaus</i>		
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Rose Walsh
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
12.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 11.00am</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Trevor Jordan
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	RECONCILIATION SERVICE
SATURDAY		
11.00 – 11.50am (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Moores (AR)
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	St. Catalina Tomas (Thanksgiving)
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Gerard Dolan
PASSION / PALM SUNDAY		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Colin Rankin
4.00pm – 5.00pm (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Robert Wood and all who have all died recently.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~ Is celebrated every Saturday at St Wilfrid's 11.00 – 11.50am. It is also available on request. As we approach Easter there will also be three **Reconciliation Services**. The first will be this coming Friday at St Bede's. Monday 14th at St Wilfrid's & Tuesday 15th at St Thomas Becket. All beginning at 7.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS ~ Meeting at the Salvation Army Citadel at 11.15am.

DAY TRIP TO ELLESMERE & LLANGOLLEN ~ **Tuesday 22nd April**. Mass & refreshments with the Poor Clare Sisters and an afternoon in scenic Llangollen. Places are filling up, so do book ASAP. Adults £15. Accompanied children FREE! Book your seat today with Anne: 07484879693

EASTER CARDS ~ Are on sale at each of our churches. Please ask if you can't see them.

THE CHRISM MASS ~ During which Bishop Mark will bless the Holy Oils, will be celebrated on Wednesday 16th April at St Anthony's, Wythenshawe 7.00pm. All welcome.

THIS YEAR'S EASTER VIGIL ~ Will begin at 9.00pm (ending approx at 10.45pm).

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1073.88. Thanks for your continued generosity.

JUBILEE 2025 ~ THE YEAR OF HOPE!

'We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield'. (Psalm 33)