

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

The Baptism of the Lord **12th January 2025**

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“Jesus, the Only-begotten, receives the Holy Spirit not for himself; for the Spirit is his, and is given in him and through him; but because he was made man he had the whole nature in himself, that he might renew it all and restore its integrity... Christ did not receive the Spirit for himself, but rather for us in himself: for all good things flow through him into us.” (St Cyril of Alexandria)

THIS WEEKEND ~ Celebrating the Baptism of Jesus, we begin our Parish Holy Year Celebrations reflecting on the Sacraments. The motto for this special year is *'Pilgrims of Hope'*. Where does this hope come from, if not from the Lord? Pope Francis reminds us that “Our Christian joy comes from faith and from our encounter with Jesus Christ”. It is truly in His Word and in the Sacraments, through the Holy Spirit, that we encounter the Risen Lord. So when we are baptised, we do not simply recall our Saviour, but we become one with Him; we enter into the tomb with Him and are raised to new life with Him (Romans 6:4). This is the cause of our joy! Join us tomorrow (Saturday) Middy, and at our Sunday Masses to renew our baptismal promises, rekindling our joy in our Victorious Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Rose Marsh, Angelo Peck, Bernadette McCloud, Betty Maddocks and all who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

ST BEDE'S MONDAY MASS & LUNCH ~ Due to take place tomorrow, has been canceled due to the inclement weather. Further details to follow. Sadly, our Friday Parish Social was also canceled due to the frosty conditions. This will now take place after Easter.

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

1ST COMMUNION PREPARATION ~ Has begun in our Catholic Primary Schools, and the children will be enrolled for this very special Sacrament at morning Masses on the 26th January. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 12th - 19th January 2025

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| 5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>) | <i>Our Lady's</i> | Schofield Int. |
| 6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>) | <i>St Bede's</i> | Peter Cosgrove Int |
| SUNDAY | | |
| 9.15am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Owen & Barbara Hayes / Em & Mike Carney |
| 11.00am | <i>St Thomas Becket</i> | Priest's Int. |
| 11.15am | <i>St Bede's</i> | Davenport Family Int. |
| 4.00pm | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> |
| 5.30pm | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Parishioners |
| MONDAY | | |
| | <i>St Hilary</i> | |
| 9.30am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Eamon Burke |
| 11.00am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | <i>Funeral ~ Betty Maddocks</i> |
| TUESDAY | | |
| 10.00am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | UCM |
| 10.30am | <i>Mass in St Wilfrid's School</i> | |
| 7.00pm (<i>Holy Hour 6.00pm</i>) | <i>St Bede's</i> | Michael Reilly |
| WEDNESDAY | | |
| 12.00pm (<i>Rosary 11.30am</i>) | <i>Our Lady's</i> | Sr Cecilia Int |
| THURSDAY | | |
| 9.30am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Marie Bernadette Harrison |
| 12.00pm | <i>St Bede's</i> | Holy Souls |
| FRIDAY | | |
| | <i>St Anthony</i> | |
| 9.30am | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Ann Yarker & Family |
| 12.00pm | <i>St Bede's</i> | Terry Swales |
| 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> | Patricia & Mary Canniffe |
| 5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>) | <i>Our Lady's</i> | Parishioners |
| 6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>) | <i>St Bede's</i> | Paddy Fannon |
| SUNDAY | | |
| | <i>Second Sunday Year C</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> | Nora Gillen |
| 4.00pm | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | <i>Rosary & Benediction</i> |
| 5.30pm | <i>St Wilfrid's</i> | Persecuted Christians |

THE LITURGICAL YEAR ~ The Lord's Baptism brings to a close the Season of Christmas and we enter into Ordinary Time: Sunday Cycle C. Weekday Cycle 1. We spend just seven weeks in Ordinary Time before we enter into Lent (Ash Wednesday 5th March) and we begin our joyful preparation for the Great Feast of Easter, 20th April. Then follows a succession of celebrations centred around the Risen Christ: His Ascension 29th May; The coming of the Holy Spirit, 8th June; The Body & Blood of Christ, 22nd June.
May you travel with the Lord Jesus to life with the Father. Happy New Year!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Friday 31st January 11.00am ~ Mass in Anderton Place

Friday 14th February 11.00am ~ Prayers & singing Daneside Mews

SPUC - "The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world. We campaign to end abortion. We advocate the need for a consistent life ethic that values all human beings, defending life from the moment of conception." The Parish will make a donation towards the work of SPUC (White Flower Appeal) and we are all encouraged to write to our MP expressing our Christian beliefs. For further details go to: www.spuc.org.uk

2025 A YEAR OF HOPE, A JUBILEE YEAR ~ But what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author, Nana Churcher, representatives from Cafod, Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference) and others will be leading a lively discussion. Why not join them on line? Next Saturday, 10:30am - midday. All welcome. Register for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £775.00. Many Thanks.

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