

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

Third Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr C 26th January 2025

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Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

TODAY ~ Is a Special Day of Prayer for **Openness to the Word of God**, a day established by Pope Francis in 2019, to promote the importance of knowing Scripture. St Jerome said: *"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ"*.... The proclamation of the Gospel is always a call to conversion; it is the climax of the liturgy of the word & is always marked with various signs & ceremony: standing, processions, singing... In the Gospel, we truly believe that Christ comes to us through the power of the Holy Spirit & so we are invited, as the Gospel is announced, to sign the cross on our forehead, lips & breast, praying that the Lord may be in our mind, in our mouth & in our heart. Christ's presence among us is acknowledged at the end of the Gospel when, in response to the minister acclaiming 'The Gospel of the Lord' we all reply, 'Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ'.

WE WELCOME ~ Our Communion Children and their families to our morning Masses this Sunday. They will be enrolled during Mass, officially marking the beginning of their Communion preparation. Communions will be celebrated after Easter. 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.

THE LORETO SISTERS ~ In Llandudno, have organised an exciting course during Lent entitled 'Understanding Our Everyday Beliefs'. Three sessions will look at the Sacraments; the Church and finally, St John's Passion. Join them for all three or choose which one you would like to attend. For further details pick up a brochure from the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Patricia Farmer (Fr Jim's Sister), Christopher Cheetham 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, due to take place in early January. This will now be held on Monday 17 Feb. 12noon. Places are limited, so please sign the form at the back of Church as soon as possible. Thank you.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 26th January - 2nd February 2025

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Mike Donnelly Int
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
SUNDAY		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Cath Evans / Margaret Mannion
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Pauline Atkinson
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Domigos Barreto, Aurelia Da Costa & Mimi
MONDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Angela Merici</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Tommy Dickson
TUESDAY		
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	UCM Int
7.00pm (<i>Holy Hour 6.00pm</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Christopher Cheetham
WEDNESDAY		
12.00pm (<i>Rosary 11.30am</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Denis Fowles Int
THURSDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Peter Swellings
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
FRIDAY		
9.30am	<i>St John Bosco</i> <i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Rose Walsh
11.00am	<i>Mass in Anderton Place</i>	Schofield Family Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
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>	Harrison & Hayes Families
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
SUNDAY		
9.15am	<i>The Presentation of The Lord</i> <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

MASS ~ Will be celebrated in Anderton Place, Kingsmead this coming Friday 11.00am. All Welcome.

INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY YEAR ~ A special Diocesan Day will be held at Saint Joseph's Stockport (SK1 1EJ) next Saturday to introduce the Jubilee Year. The day will begin with Mass at 10am and include presentations by various Diocesan groups. All welcome.

THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY ~ Would like to share the joy of their New Year, the Year of the Snake. Join them next Sunday at St Bede's after the 11.15am Mass. All Welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES ~ 24/25 July – 31 July/1 August. In this Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop Mark has asked that our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage.

For further details please go to: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or contact the Parish Office.

SVP FUNDRAISER ~ Saturday 8th February which will showcase a number of talented people across the Parish. The event is taking place at St Bede's Church at 2pm. We are holding a raffle and if anyone could donate some prizes for the event they would be gratefully received. If you would like to help out or perform on the day please contact Jess Marshall for further details on 07463749760.

JUBILEE YEAR ~ Join St Mary's, Middlewich, who will explore the biblical background to the Jubilee Year. Meeting at St Mary's on Sat. Feb. 8th 9.45am – 1pm. anneturman17@gmail.com

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

PARISH 200 CLUB ~ Congratulations to Raymond Slee & Patricia Jones, January Winners!

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £839.35. Many Thanks.

DIOCESAN YOUTH TEAM VACANCY ~ Go to: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/vacancies

CAR PARKING ~ Please be aware that Traffic Wardens are now in operation outside St Wilfrid's on Sunday mornings! Please ensure that you park legally (especially outside church, where signs are conflicting), otherwise, you will find yourself with a ticket!

LOURDES HOSPITALITY ~ Father Pat Munroe will celebrate Holy Mass on Tuesday 11th February for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes . Hospitality members are invited to join him at 7.00pm at St Hugh and St John, West Timperley WA14 5NB . If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP ~ Over the past year our Parish has been sponsoring students at Ndundundu School in Zambia, providing a hot meal for them each school day. Thanks to your continued generosity, we are well on our way to supporting them for a second year, beginning on the 14th Feb. The total cost of the year's sponsorship is £4,875 and you have already raised an amazing £3,300 through various parish activities. Well done!