

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

Eighth Sunday Yr C **2nd March 2025**

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Luke 6 : 39 – 45

Lord, root me in your love, that I may bear the good fruit only you can give.

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ Marks the beginning of our 40 day journey to Easter. Traditionally, Lent was a time of preparation for baptism at Easter; for us it is a time when we prepare to renew our baptismal promises: *to turn away from sin; to love God & to serve our neighbour*. Please note the times of Ash Wednesday Masses & all the extra activities taking place during this holy season.

Pick up a special leaflet listing Lenten activities. Enjoy!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Ron Jones & Maria Da Gloria Montenegro Da Silva who have died recently.

SVP ~ Our Lady's Conference will be meeting this Friday 9.30am in the Church Hall. All welcome.

All three Conferences will be distributing 'Bags of Hope', which will contain the Jubilee Prayer, teabags, biscuits and a little information about the Jubilee Year and the SVP. If anyone would like one for a neighbour etc., please contact the Parish Office

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ~ **25th July - 1st August 2025**. Brochure & Booking forms are now available to download from the Diocesan website: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or contact the Parish Office.

THE PUBLIC ROSARY ~ Continues to be prayed on Wednesday afternoons, at the junction of Chester Road & Bradburns Lane (under the oak tree). 3.30pm. "We pray for the Church and for our country. Come and join us." For further details ring Paul Jackson. 07741 168 228.

AID CUTS ~ This week, the Prime Minister announced that the aid budget will be cut again, meaning that it will be at its lowest level since 1999. The result will be that in some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods. What can you do?

Go to www.cafod.org.uk for further details.

JUBILEE RETREAT ~ With a Focus on the Family. St. Columba's, Chester on Sat. 15th March. 09.45am – 1.00pm. For further details ring: Monika 07549 226794 or Jane 07517 906435.

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

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Damian White
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Hannah Rose
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Mary Evans
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	John Doyle

MONDAY

9.30am (<i>Holy Hour from 8.30am</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i> ?	SVP ~

SHROVE TUESDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Veronica Burton
7.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.00pm</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls

ASH WEDNESDAY

9.15am	<i>Mass in St Wilfrid's School</i>	Holy Souls
10.00am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Susan Hogg
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Marylyn Mays
2.30pm	<i>Mass in St Bede's School</i>	Holy Souls
7.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	May Provan

THURSDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Madeleine Cunningham
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Margaret Connaughton
7.30pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.30pm</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Elias Fernandes

FRIDAY

	<i>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</i>	
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Carolina Da Sousa
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	John Ludgate
12.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 11.00am</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Alessandra Amatiello-Homes
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

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>	Harry Downey
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Alex Kemp
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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>	H Schofield
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>	Bernadette McCloud

200 PARISH CLUB ~ Forms for the new financial year are now available at the back of church.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP ~ Will be meeting next Saturday 9:30-11am in St Wilfrid's Hall. All Welcome.

FRUGAL LUNCH ~ Next Saturday after midday Mass, in support of Cafod.

EARLY HELP NAVIGATOR SERVICE ~ Providing support and advice for struggling families has been set up through Cheshire West & Chester Council. If you need a little support, or you know a family that does, ring Amanda on 07801 04 5275. www.startingwell.org.uk

ARLEY HALL PROMS CONCERT ~ 17th May 2025. Various Performers including Russell Watson.
Go to: www.arleyconcerts.com for further details.

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1062.19. Many Thanks.

JUBILEE 2025 ~ THE YEAR OF HOPE!

***'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you...
plans to give you hope and a future' (Jeremiah 29: 11)***

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