

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

1st Sunday of Lent Yr C 9th March 2025

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Luke 4: 1-13

Tempted to turn stones into bread, to throw himself down and be carried by angels, to assume authority over the entire world, Jesus manifests for us the central drama of temptation: "Constructing a world by our own lights, without reference to God, building on our own foundations; refusing to acknowledge the reality of anything beyond the political and material, while setting God aside as an illusion – that is the temptation that threatens us in many varied forms." (Pope Benedict XVI) To this self-referencing, world-constructing temptation, Jesus posits a simple answer: not my will, but thine. He has no personal agenda. He comes to manifest the love of the Father, and nothing else.

Magnificat - March 2022

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Peter Moores, Anthony Burton, Cath Fleming, Veronica Burton, Ron Jones & Maria Da Gloria Montenegro Da Silva who have died recently.

SVP ~ St Wilfrid's Conference will be meeting this Wednesday 7.30pm in St Wilfrid's 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

LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP ~ Reflecting on the Sunday's Readings.
Each Wednesday, after the Midday Mass at Our Lady's. All Welcome.

LENTEN TALK ~ This coming Thursday, Fr Michael Moreton will be speaking about *Mysticism & Modernity*. St Winefrid's, Sandbach 7.00pm. All Welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ~ Takes place this Friday. We are called 'to live simply, so that others can simply live'. A few words will be shared at the end of Masses today. Don't forget that Sr Phyllis & Fr Paul are taking part in the '**Big Lent Walk**' (5 km per day) to help fight global poverty. Sponsorship gratefully received.

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 speak to Fr Paul.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 9th - 16th March 2025

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Alex Kemp
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Cosgrove
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
<u>MONDAY</u>		
9.30am (<i>Holy Hour from 8.30am</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Lorenzo, Maria & Rita Falzon
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Filipe Tavares
7.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.00pm</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Pat Cummins Int
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
11.15am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Morrison Family Int
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	John Ridd Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Bernard Mulhall
7.30pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.30pm</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
	<i>(Family Fast Day)</i>	
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mario Casa
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Alice Archer
12.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 11.00am</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Coby Roberts Int
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
11.00 – 11.50am (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Holy Souls
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Connie Roberts
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Veronica Burton
<u>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</u>		
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Lonsdale
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
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>	Elizabeth Harris

FRUGAL LUNCH ~ Saturdays in Lent after midday Mass, in support of Cafod.

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.

DIOCESAN VACANCY ~ A Parish Secretary based in St Vincent's, Knutsford is required.
For further details to to: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/

ST LUKE'S HOSPICE ~ Parishioner, Therese KIELTY will be climbing Mount Errigal (751 meters) in County Donegal on Saturday 22nd March in aid of St Luke's Hospice. Can you sponsor her?
Speak to Therese or go to: www.justgiving.com/page/mrskielty-3 Many Thanks.

GIFT AID / WEEKLY ENVELOPES ~ For the new financial year are now available. If you want to change to a Standing Order or have any queries regarding Gift Aid, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you to all who count Sunday Collections, bank money or are involved in the Parish finances in any way, and of course to yourselves, for your continued generosity to the Parish and to various charities.

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1400.60. Many Thanks.

JUBILEE 2025 ~ THE YEAR OF HOPE!

'But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me' (Micah 7:7)

Take a look at: www.hopefulcatholics.org.uk