

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

4th Sunday of Lent Yr C
30th March 2025

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Luke 15 11-32 (The Prodigal Son)

“Whom must we recognize in this father? God, of course: no one is father as he is, no one is benevolent as he is. This is why he will welcome you – you who are his child, even if you have wasted what you had received from him, even if you arrive naked – because you have come back, & he will rejoice over your return more than over the wisdom of his other children.” (Tertullian)

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 two Parish Reconciliation Services: **Friday 11 April @ St Bede's & Monday 14 April @ St Wilfrid's. 7.00pm.**

EXPOSITION ~ This coming Wednesday 7.15pm. Deacon David will be leading us in a time of Exposition before the Blessed Sacrament. Prior to this he will give a brief history of this beautiful Catholic tradition. followed by the opportunity to come before the Lord and ‘touch’ the hem of Jesus’ garment just as the woman did in Matthew 9:20-22. We will be joined by the Confirmation candidates.

DAY TRIP TO ELLESMERE & LLANGOLLEN ~ Join us on Easter Tuesday (22nd April) for a Day Trip to the Poor Clare's at Ellesmere, where Mass will be celebrated and then an afternoon spent in scenic Llangollen. £15 (coach only). Speak to Anne for further details: 07484879693

LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP ~ Wednesdays, after the Midday Mass at Our Lady's. All Welcome.

CAFOD ~ Thanks for various donations which have been handed in for Cafod & Mary's Meals over the past week. Cafod envelopes, which are at the back of church, can be handed in throughout Lent.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 ~ Contact the Parish Office for further details.

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

ST WILFRID'S SVP ~ Will be meeting on Wednesday in St Wilfrid's Hall. 7.30pm.

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

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

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 30th March - 6th April 2025

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Betty Robinson
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Mary Cosgrove
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Jo & Bill Stamper
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>	Manuel & Rita Bidavk
<u>MONDAY</u>		
9.30am (<i>Holy Hour from 8.30am</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Joe Rigby
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	UCM Int
7.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.00pm</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Ann Lang
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
11.15am	<i>St Francis of Paola</i>	
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
7.15pm <i>Exposition with Deacon David</i>	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Murphy Family Int
	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	
<u>THURSDAY</u>		
11.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Requiem</i> ~ Peter Moores
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Terry Swales
7.30pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.30pm</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Sara, Nella, Emanuel & Lucia Goodcore
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
6.30am	<i>St Isidore</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Cath Fleming
12.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 11.00am</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Helen Marino
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Margaret Jones
	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
11.00 – 11.50am (<i>Exposition</i>)	<i>St Vincent Ferrer</i>	
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Nuptial Mass</i> ~ Marcelina & David
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Les & Wynn Frampton
	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners
<u>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</u>		
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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Peter Moores, Peter Kok and all who have all died recently.

“WE'RE EXCITED ~ To launch our new social media platforms to keep you updated on news, events, and faith-filled content from across the Diocese! Follow us for inspiring stories, parish updates, and ways to grow in your faith. Follow us on: [Facebook: @shrewsdiocese](#) // [Instagram: @shrewsdiocese](#) // [Twitter/X: @shrewsdiocese](#) Join our online community and be part of the journey as we share the beauty of our Catholic faith together! Like, follow, and share to help spread the word.”

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1037.06. Thanks for your continued generosity.

JUBILEE 2025 ~ THE YEAR OF HOPE!

'Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord'. (Psalm 31)

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of mothers, those who nurture, guide, and love with patience and wisdom. We celebrate the peace they bring into our homes, creating safe spaces for growth and love. Bless all who care for us, whether through motherhood or other acts of kindness. May they feel Your peace in their hearts and experience Your strength each day.