

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

3rd Sunday of Lent Yr C
23rd March 2025

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Luke 13: 1-9

This great season of grace is your gift to your family to renew us in spirit. You give us strength to purify our hearts, to control our desires, and so to serve you in freedom. You teach us how to live in this passing world, with our hearts set on the world that will never end

Preface for Lent II

EXPOSITION ~ On Wed., 2nd April 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 Exposition and the opportunity to come before the Lord and 'touch' the hem of Jesus' garment just as the woman did who was healed in Matt 9:20-22. We will be joined by the Confirmation candidates, so it would be a wonderful witness to them if you could join us and experience an encounter with God.

CONGRATULATIONS ~ To St Nicholas's High School & St Wilfrid's Primary who have recently undergone a Religious Inspection and have come out with flying colours. We are truly blessed to have such committed Leaders and hard working staff in all our Catholic schools, including St Bede's. Well done!

DAY TRIP TO LIVERPOOL ~ Will take place tomorrow (Monday). We are planning to travel by train, meeting at Hartford Station for the 9.45am train. Mass will be celebrated in Liverpool Cathedral at 12.15pm. Further details from the Parish Office.

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.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 23rd - 30th March 2025

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Kemp & Herrmann Family Int
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Berta Mues
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Kathleen Clarke
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Denis Fowles Thanksgiving Int
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>	Parishioners
MONDAY		
9.30am (<i>Holy Hour from 8.30am</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Joan Bland
TUESDAY		
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Les & Teresa Leather Int
7.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.00pm</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Claire Walker
WEDNESDAY		
11.15am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Carmel Barnes Int
THURSDAY		
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Moira Menelaws
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Bernard Mulham
7.30pm (<i>Holy Hour from 6.30pm</i>)	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Terry Kane
FRIDAY		
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Schofield Family Int
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jaime Rangel
12.00pm (<i>Holy Hour from 11.00am</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Vincent Oliver Int
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>	Carers of Peter Moores Int
2.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Marriage ~ Rebecca & Kris Darby-Horne</i>
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Betty Robinson
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT		
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

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

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION ~ Is celebrated this Tuesday: *“God was in his own nature invisible, but was made visible in ours. He is incomprehensible, yet he willed to be comprehended. Enduring before time began, he began to be in time. The Lord of the universe took on the form of a slave, veiling his infinite majesty. The God who cannot suffer did not disdain to be a man who can, and, immortal though he was, to subject himself to the laws of death.”* (St Leo the Great)

PARISH 200 CLUB ~ March Winners:- Maria Rogers & Sylvia Davenport. Congratulations.

FOOD BANK ~ Are in need of: long life milk, jam/marmalade, tinned meat, washing-up liquid. Thanks.

WE ARE DELIGHTED ~ To announce that two men will be received into the Church this Easter. Christian and Alex have been regular Mass attenders for a number of years and both have responded positively to an invitation to make that final step of the journey to home. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

PARISH FINANCE ~ Sunday Collection £1055.05. Thanks for your continued generosity.

JUBILEE 2025 ~ THE YEAR OF HOPE!

'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' (Psalm 27)