

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

1st Sunday of Advent Year C 1st December 2024

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

There are three distinct accents to the liturgy of the Advent season, which are defined by the three comings of the Lord: yesterday, at Bethlehem, when the Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary; today, in our world, where he is always incarnate; tomorrow, when he returns in glory – Such is the rich meaning of Advent.

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ADVENT ~ Marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. This is a time of preparation, not just for the Christmas Day, but also, & primarily, to greet the Lord when he comes again. Therefore, the season of Advent lends itself to extra prayer, fasting and charity.

VARIOUS ADVENT RESOURCES ~ Including daily reflections are readily available.

Take a look at: www.cafod.org.uk / www.celebratetrust.org / www.svp.org.uk

EARLY MASS ~ Please note the 6.30am Mass on Fridays

TIME OF PRAYER & RECONCILIATION ~ This Thursday 7 - 8pm at St Wilfrid's.
The sacrament of Reconciliation is also available every Saturday at St Wilfrid's 11.00 – 11.15am
and also, on request.

WINTER SOUP ~ Join us at St Wilfrid's on Saturdays after Midday Mass for soup and a chat.
Thanks to the Ladies Fellowship group for organising this.

A PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP ~ This Wednesday, taking place at Our Lady's after the Midday Mass.
Each week we will reflect on and prepare for the coming Sunday's Readings.

ADVENT TALKS ~ You are invited to a series of talks in Advent to coincide with the launch of the New
Lectionary. Wed. 4th Dec. 7.00pm at Holy Angels, Hale Barnes, WA15 0HG.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Alan Barlow, Colin Healey, Tom Brennan, Margaret Whelan,
and all who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

A SCHOOL MASS ~ Will be celebrated in St Wilfrid's tomorrow (Monday) 9.15am. All welcome.
Masses will also be celebrated in St Nicholas' this Friday to mark their Feast Day.

ST WILFRID'S SVP ~ Meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 in the St Wilfrid's Hall. All welcome.

A STATEMENT FROM BISHOP MARK ~ "Friday 29th Nov was a dark day for our country with the agreement in principle, by a majority of our elected representatives, to medically assisted suicide. Please thank and encourage your parishioners for their outstanding witness. While no Christian can co-operate with the execution of this fearful legislation, the Christian witness to genuine compassion and to the value of human life will be more needed than ever. Let us be united in our witness and in our prayer for our country."

THE NEW LECTIONARY ~ Used at every Mass, comes into use today, the First Sunday of Advent. The main noticeable change is the use of a different translation of the Bible. Since the Mass began being celebrated in English we have used the Jerusalem Bible with 'The Grail' version of the psalms. From today we will be using the English Standard Version Catholic Edition with the Abbey Psalms. Although we have purchased new lectionaries, we will continue to use our old Mass books, due to the large cost of replacing them. However, Mass sheets, with the new translation, will be available via email and at the back of church for those who wish.

JUBILEE 2025 ~ There will be a Planning meeting this Tuesday after 10am Mass. All Welcome. Looking forward to the Jubilee Year which begins at the end of December, there will be an event for children and their grown-ups after the 9.15am Mass on 15th December in St Wilfrid's Hall. Lynda will help children to decorate wooden angels to decorate the window ledges of our churches
– Please bring with you shiny paper or foils.

ST BEDE'S MONDAY MASS & LUNCH ~ Will take place on 9th December.
Please sign the list at the back of church, if you would like to attend. Many thanks.

DAY TRIP TO LIVERPOOL ~ Tuesday 10th December. £16. Spend the day around the shops,
or visit the sights of the City. Book a seat today. Contact Anne: 07484 879693.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ~ Tickets are now on sale. Thanks to all who have donated prizes.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 ~ An official launch will be held at Shrewsbury
Cathedral next Saturday. 12.15pm Mass followed by refreshments.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2025 ~ A short meeting for parents of children in Year 4 and above attending
non-Catholic schools, will be held after the 9.15 Mass today in St Wilfrid's Hall.

ST NICHOLAS' ~ Students and staff invite you to an Advent Lunch and entertainment on
Tuesday 10th December 1.30pm. For further details please contact the Parish Office.

MIDCHESHIRE FOODBANK ~ Thanks for your continued support. We are short of:
tinned meat, UHT milk, cooking oil, plain porridge oats, peanut butter and cordial, stuffing,
gravy granules, savoury biscuits, tubes of savoury snacks, fancy biscuits, packet trifle mix,
sponge puddings, selection boxes.

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 1st- 8th December 2024

5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Holy Souls
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners / William Law & Renato Tabarno
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest' Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Alan Thurlwell
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jose Maia

MONDAY

9.15am	<i>Mass in St Wilfrid's School</i>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Giles Podey

TUESDAY

	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	UCM / Cynthia Ofon Amanfo Int
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Susan Churchill

WEDNESDAY

	<i>St John Damascus</i>	
11.30am	<i>Our Lady's</i>	<i>Rosary</i>
12.00pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Lily & Stan Barrow

THURSDAY

9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Kathleen Clarke Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Delia McHugh
7.00 – 8.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Advent Prayer & Reconciliation</i>

FRIDAY

	<i>St Nicholas</i>	
6.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Schofield Family Int
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Meakin & Howman Family Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Moira Menelaws

SATURDAY

	<i>St Ambrose</i>	
11.00 – 11.50am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Exposition with the Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Deceased Cassidy Family & Friends
5.30pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Holland Family
6.00pm (<i>vigil</i>)	<i>St Bede's</i>	Victoria & Gottfried Eber

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Kath Plumb & Willie Walsh / Albert & Eileen Rowbottom
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest' Int
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Parishioners / Peter Cosgrove & Family Int
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jane & James Cassidy

A LOCAL ART EXHIBITION ~ Is taking place at the VAC Gallery (opposite Wildwood in Barons Quay) until Saturday 11th Jan. 2025 – Artist in the Parish, Lynda Kenny, will have some pieces on display. Come, enjoy, and perhaps do some Christmas shopping!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ~

St Wilfrid's ~ 5.00pm & 11.30pm *Christmas Eve* / 9.15am & 10.30am *Christmas Day*;

St Thomas Becket ~ 5.30pm *Christmas Eve* / 11.00am *Christmas Day*;

St Bede's ~ 6.00pm *Christmas Eve* / 11.15am *Christmas Day*;

Our Lady's ~ 8.00pm *Christmas Eve*

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH ~ As in previous years, we plan to open up St Wilfrid's Hall if anyone would like to come together for Christmas Day Lunch. Arriving for 2.00pm and sitting down to eat around 3.00pm. All are welcome. For catering purposes, please let us know by ASAP.

Give Ray a ring on: 07484 157355

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED ~ Many Thanks for your generosity. Rachel received £876.20 on her recent visit. Terry also raised £1500 through selling Christmas cards. He still has some remaining!

Ring him on: 07808 479145. Thank you.

SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ £822.61. Thank you for your continued generosity.