

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

## **Second Sunday of Easter Yr C** **27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

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**THE FIFTY DAYS FROM EASTER SUNDAY** ~ To Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. The Sundays of this season rank as the paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday itself, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of fifty days ends on Pentecost Sunday. The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*)

### **PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS**

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** ~ Congratulations to Henrietta Flower & Ralph Jones who were Baptised recently.  
Please keep all our young and their families in your prayers.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** ~ Is celebrated **today**. Special devotions will be held at St Mary's, Middlewich at 3pm. There will also be the 4.00pm Holy Hour, at St Wilfrid's.

**A JUBILEE MEETING** ~ This Thursday, after the Midday Mass. All welcome.

**ST BEDE'S SVP** ~ St Bede's SVP have arranged a Monday Club for Monday 12th May 2025. It will be themed around the VE Day Celebration. We hope it will be popular and expect a lot of support. Places are limited to 30 beneficiaries so please complete the form at the back of church to confirm your place.

**200 CLUB** ~ Congratulations to April Winners: Francis Bassett & Denise Morrison.

**CONCERT** – The Rivendell Singers will be performing at St Wilfrid's on Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm. A varied programme of choral, vocal and instrumental music, including folksongs, soul classics and sacred music. Tickets £5. Speak to Tony Taig (07944 893 351)

## TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES 27<sup>th</sup> April - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

5.30pm	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Carmel Barnes Int.
6.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Albert Jacobson
9.15am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Margarida Monit
11.00am	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Priest's Int.
11.15am	<i>St Bede's</i>	Joan Hall
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b><i>St George</i></b>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Jean Sullivan
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b><i>St Catherine of Siena</i></b>	
10.00am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	UCM Int
7.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Holy Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b><i>St Pius V</i></b>	
12.00pm ( <i>Rosary at 11.30am</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Patricia Hughes
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b><i>St Joseph the Worker</i></b>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Helen Lloyd
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Gerry Cummins
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b><i>St Athanasius</i></b>	
9.30am	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Abbey Croft Vets Int
12.00pm	<i>St Bede's</i>	Jim Rafferty Int
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b><i>Ss Philip &amp; James</i></b>	
11.00 – 11.50am ( <i>Exposition</i> )	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
12.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Frank Jefferay
5.30pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>Our Lady's</i>	Parishioners
6.00pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<i>St Bede's</i>	Victor & Denise Brzezicki
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		
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>	Joan Cosgrove
4.00pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
5.30pm	<i>St Wilfrid's</i>	Salvador Do Carmo Rangel

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ~** Pope Francis, Bernadette Boonstra, Susan Russell and  
Therese Mearing who have died recently.

**LENTEN CHARITIES ~** Many thanks for your generosity throughout Lent. £6,000 has been raised and has been split between Cafod, Mary's Meals and Aid to the Church in Need. See how your donations are spent, go to: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) / [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) / [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org) Thank You.

**FOOD BANK ~** Items required: laundry items, cordial, milk, tea bags, tinned fruit, washing up liquid. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**A PARISH TRIP TO LLANDUDNO ~** Is planned: Three nights, four days: **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**; stopping at the Loreto Retreat Centre. £66 per night (Dinner, bed & breakfast). Places are limited. Pick up a letter from Fr Paul.

**PARISH FINANCE ~** Easter Offering: £1897.90. Thanks for your continued generosity.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

“Christ has taught us that we not only receive and experience the mercy of God, but we are also called to practice mercy to others... It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love”

St John Paul II

### JUBILEE 2025 ~ THE YEAR OF HOPE!

“To hope is to savour the wonder of being loved, sought, desired by a God”  
(Pope Francis)