

For those who are sick:



Elizabeth Loyden, Maria Jones, Siobhan Fennell, Sydney O'Brien, Cynthia Wilcock, Connor Daly, Maxwell Hughes, Luke Reid, Daniel Stranack, Paul Moorhead, Michael Gannon, Adam Pelligrenie, Sally Rattigan, Margaret Green, Sophie McAuley, Catherine Crist, Sandra Cota, Loretta Brown, Sophie Bainbridge, John Ryan, Vanessa Denver, Jean Dolan, Abby Mooney, Jean Long, Sean Armstrong, Joseph Ball, Joan Ball, Linda Barry. Elaine Keane, Mary O'Neill, Maria Winclawski, Tom Kenwright, Greg McCullough, Gerard Doyle, Murial Mitchell, Frances Reid, David Parry, Paul Roberts, John Tallon, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Bethany Gaunt, Peter Thomas, Michael Hogan, Margaret Glennon, John Riding, Gerard Hughes, Paul Connor, Margaret Teresa Bellion, Chris Doyle, Kenneth Shillcock, Robert Jost, Pat Toner, Jane Shanley, Vincent Ferns, Gore Davitan, Kathleen Deegan, Keith Garcia, Tracy Hobson, Mary Devaney, Sheila O'Neill, Gerard Murphy, Gerry Simpson, Michael Peter Holmes, Christopher Brown, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Michael Holmes, Sue Abbott, Josie Malone, Susie Bell, Grace Garnett, Joan Harding.



Those who have recently died :



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Rosina Coyne, Ronald Whitehead, Joan McGorian, Michael James Metcalf, Peter Dunmore, Kathleen Anderson, Margaret Jones, George Jones, Maragaret Loftus, Sam Savage, Hedley Turner Barron, Anthony J. Tallent, James Palmer, Mary Wovals, Ellen Christine Kelly, Ronald Whitehead, Frances Dunbar, Henry Duncan Hawley, Bill Keogh, William Aldridge, James Ryan, Thomas Clifford, Thomas George Martin, David Charles Thomas, Patricia Ashcroft, Terrence Kirby, Stephen Burke, Joan Ryan, Frank Connolly, Colin Brown, Kathleen Williams, Frank Crowley, Jeanne Burns, Elizabeth Reynolds, Kathleen Feeney.



Parish of St Wilfrid Piety Stall

The Piety stall is located at the back of St Francis of Assisi Church and has on display, a wide range of beautiful cards and gifts for all different occasions.



Don't forget that on

Monday- Wednesday

We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayer of the Church and Benediction at 9.00 am.

We have Mass at 9.30 am.

Many people find this a wonderful and prayerful way to begin the day.

Do join us if you can.

Suspended

Prayer for Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

We pray every **Thursday** at St Francis of Assisi for Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life. Holy Mass is at **9.00am** followed by Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction.

“Without our Priests we would have no Eucharist”

We pray for their wellbeing and protection.



“Can you not watch with me one hour?”

Suspended



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter

Incorporating the Four Church Communities of Garston, Grassendale and Allerton.

Holy Trinity, St Francis of Assisi, St Bernadette, St Austin



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Newsletter items: to Janet Keefe, Parish Administrator by **12.00 noon**, Thursday. **E-Mail: sfa@rcaolp.co.uk**

| Fourth Sunday of Lent | | | (Year A) (Year 2) | Sunday 22nd March 2020 |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| DAY | FEAST | LITURGY TIMES | MASS INTENTION | |
| Saturday 21st March | Weekday in Lent | | George Preston (Ann) | |
| Sunday 22nd March | Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday | | People of the Parish | |
| Monday 23rd March | Weekday in Lent | | Flo Mottram (Ann) | |
| Tuesday 24th March | Weekday in Lent | | Geoff Bremble | |
| Wednesday 25th March | Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord | | Mary Teague | |
| Thursday 26th March | Weekday in Lent | | Dermot Moore (Birthday Memorium) | |
| Friday 27th March | Weekday in Lent | | William Watkinson | |
| Saturday 28th March | Weekday in Lent | | Jackie McGowan | |
| Sunday 29th March | Fifth Sunday of Lent | | People of the Parish | |

Baptism

By Appointment with the Parish Office
0151 427 4015

Weddings

By Appointment with the Parish Priest
0151 427 4015

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions

By appointment

Carmelite Monastery Maryton Grange

Saturday
Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

All Masses Cancelled

Can I just say.....

At a time when there seems to be so much darkness, our readings for this Sunday remind us of the light of Christ we share because of our Baptism, the light of the Risen Christ we will be called still to celebrate once again in a few weeks' time. We received the light of Christ as we received the gift of faith. Our Gospel today asks us to think very seriously about that. The blind man responded to the gift of faith, to light coming into his life where once there was darkness, by sharing his new faith with others. How do we respond? What stops us sharing our faith with others? Do we practise social distancing or do we practise physical distance along with social solidarity? No matter whether we face restrictions or not, do we hide away, accepting the view that even true faith and religion are not for polite society? Or do we let the mother we can all rejoice in today, Our Lady, open our eyes of faith to see, hat it's the light of her Son that will dispel all darkness? She's the one who helps the light get in.

We might think it unlikely that God would choose us to show forth his light and his glory. It was the least likely of the sons of Jesse that the Lord chose through his prophet Samuel to lead Israel, but in David the glory of the Lord did shine through. It may seem unlikely to us sometimes, dimmed as we are perhaps by the reality of sin in our lives, but God's glory and light must shine in us. Saint Paul urges the Christians at Ephesus to live lives that reflect the light of Christ they have received. They're no longer blinded by the darkness of ignorance. It's the light of Christ that makes them see the way of "uprightness, goodness and truth."

We need that same light now as we seek to work out a way forward in these difficult and troubling times. Let's continue to pray and be united in the best way that we can. When things seem impossible let's remember what we read or hear today: "Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing." Jesus is Lord. Happy Mothers' Day.

Fr. Joe

Regular Events



We pray especially in Lent for all children and adults preparing for Baptism.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

"The Word of Life"



The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the meeting rooms at St Francis of Assisi. Next meeting will be held on:-

**Tuesday, 7th April 2020 at 7.30 pm
Everybody Welcome! Postponed**

Bible Discussion Group

Meet monthly at St Francis of Assisi meeting rooms.

**Next meeting: Monday, 11th May 2020
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm**

Women in Luke's Gospel
Mary & Martha Lk 10:38-42
The Crucifixion Lk 23:26-56
The Resurrection Lk 24:1-12

ALL WELCOME

New Members Welcome! Postponed



Bereavement Care

Recently bereaved of St. Wilfrid's are offered the prayerful support of the Legion of Mary.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like us to support you in prayer.



SVP Coffee Morning

Next meeting is the 26th March 2020

**St Francis of Assisi Meeting Rooms
10.30 to 11.45am
Postponed**



Christians Together

Next Meeting is on

**21st April at
St. Michael's Church
Postponed**



Knights of St Columba

**Meet every Second Thursday of the month
at 8.00pm at St Francis of Assisi.**

Please contact:

**Aidan Carney for further information
Telephone: 0151 427 7126 Postponed**



Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

The Parish of St Wilfrid

The Bishops' Conference agreed that all public acts of worship in churches will cease as of the evening of Friday 20th March. This includes all public Masses. This decision will be reviewed regularly, but I would ask that all parishes and chaplaincies follow this directive until further notice. This is not a decision which is taken lightly, but it is one which we believe is in the best interests of all the faithful, in light of government guidance. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days is removed for as long as this crisis continues.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.

St. Francis of Assisi will be open for private prayer only, on the following days and times:

9.00am – 10.30am, Monday to Friday

4.30pm – 6pm, Tuesday and Thursday only

5.30pm – 6.30pm, Saturday

9am – 12 Noon, Sunday

The Parish Newsletter will continue to be produced and can be accessed at the following:

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Copies will be available during Church opening hours.

Pastoral Associate Update: In these uncertain times, be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families especially on Mothering Sunday. In keeping with archdiocesan guidelines, I am now working from home, but am still able to support and help "virtually". If you know of any who would like to receive a phone call especially if they are self-isolating or on their own, please do either let your parish priest know and I can arrange a regular call in the next weeks or please do pass on my phone details: 07449 633977. I will be available to call and receive calls Mon-Sat from 11am – 5pm. Perhaps we could all commit to contacting someone regularly during this time of social distancing – everyone likes to be thought of (including your parish priests!) Some parishes will already have volunteers to help to especially ensure that those without technology are supported. We can also send out messages of support to those who are known to us, who are on their own/without technology and to Care Homes. Again, do let your parish priest (or myself) know if you are aware of anyone who would appreciate this as I will be sending out cards etc to various people. Our website www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk has a COVID-19 section which includes details of Mass livestreaming in our Pastoral Area, and under the Churches section will show when churches are open for private prayer or exposition. Resources include materials for Spiritual Communion as well as retreats and from Churches Together information regarding foodbanks etc. This Mothering Sunday at 7pm there is a national call to prayer – to light a candle of hope in solidarity – may our lights be a symbol of our humanity. *Physical Distance + Social Solidarity ✓* quote from a Facebook feed. Stay safe. **God Bless Helen**

EVENTS www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Sunday 22 March – St Anne's hoping to livestream Mass, time tbc (link on Liverpool South website)

Sunday 22 March – 7pm, Light a candle of hope in a window for all to see: Churches Together www.cte.org.uk/