

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: Ellen Hughes, Melvin Chappell, Kathleen Hindle, Margaret Ann McGeachin, Ellen Patricia Higham, Thomas Wilson, James Rowan, William Baden Southart, Frances Cunningham, Daniel Shanahan, James Cloherty, Patricia Bernstein, Lynn Curreton, Mary Ryan, Jane Teresa McGarrity, Norman Rigg Jnr., Christopher McMaddy, Idris Hughes, Mary Catherine Bond, Winnie Burton, Janice Thomas (SB), James Patrick Ryan, Cornelius Kost, Mary Murphy, Christine Jeanne Shannon, Brian Edward Holland (SB), Margaret Jones, Margaret Moore, Margaret Quirk, Sarah Kearney, David Thomas, Ellen Bernard, Eileen Baxter, Eileen Greenwood, Phyllis Sweeney, Joseph Ward, Jeanne Shannon.



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.



A Message from the Catholic Pic

We are offering a digital download of the April edition. The link is here <https://bit.ly/2Uz4oix>.
The digital download is also available on the Catholic Pic website <http://www.catholicpic.co.uk/>
The Catholic Pic official Twitter account [@PicCatholic](https://twitter.com/PicCatholic) will also post links to the digital download as well as share content from this issue across the month of April.

Other opportunities to watch and pray Mass at home

<http://www.ourladysportico.co.uk/index.html>
<http://www.catholic-penwortham-longton.btck.co.uk/>
<http://livemass.net/>

The archbishop has asked us to say this prayer.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER AND ILLNESS

God Our Father, each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the Sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ.
AMEN.



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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Fifth Sunday of Lent			(Year A) (Year 2)	Sunday 29th March 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 28th March	Weekday in Lent			Jackie McGowan
Sunday 29th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent			People of the Parish
Monday 30th March	Weekday in Lent			Mary Teague (Sick)
Tuesday 31st March	Weekday in Lent			Geoff Brenible (Get well)
Wednesday 1st April	Weekday in Lent			Peggy Mulholland (RIP)
Thursday 2nd April	Weekday in Lent			Kevin Smyth (RIP)
Friday 3rd April	Weekday in Lent			Tilly Joiliffe (Special Intention)
Saturday 4th April	Weekday in Lent			Mark Soundie (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 5th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord			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.....

In these days when we might feel everything feels different, out of routine and unexpected, we might find a response from Jesus in our Gospel for this Sunday that we might not have expected of him. He says, "Lazarus is dead, and I am glad I was not there." Being 'glad' about such an occurrence doesn't feel like a normal thing to say. But Jesus isn't giving us a lesson in pastoral theology today. The lesson he's giving us is essentially the same as the one he's given us the past two Sundays. The question he puts before us is this: what will it take for you to believe?

Jesus tells us before he sets off for Bethany that this illness will not end in death but in God's glory. Remember he told us last week that the man had been born blind not because of any sin but so that in him the works of God may be displayed. It's the same with Lazarus. We have to believe what Jesus says. That's why his hanging around for two days is not Jesus being callous; he can hang around because he is serenely convinced that there will be a happy ending. But how convinced are we of the happy ending? Our 'hanging around' may well be for more than two days. Well, we've still got this Lent to take time to consider something rather important: resurrection. It's not always easy to understand what resurrection means. How do we sort out in our hearts the apparent contradiction between what we see and what we believe? Pain and sorrow are compatible with Christian belief. We're not stoical nor do we try to deny the profound tragedy of death. We certainly cannot deny the confusion, pain and suffering we see around us at this time.

It may be that, by his delay, Jesus also wanted to show Martha and Mary that the tears of suffering do not contradict his promise of resurrection, that things can be different, that what seems baffling and painful now can be wonderful if we hope in him. And that's really the whole point of all his actions in Bethany and before. He's not really acting callously in his delay and in his strange words. He wants us to see that there is hope that things really will be different. The prophet Ezekiel wanted his hearers to see that life really could be different for the people of Israel and that their days of exile could be ended. But with Jesus' actions in Bethany, the hope is of something even greater. It's that same sort of hope that we need even now in these final days of Lent such that we can still, amidst all we see, feel and fear, make our greeting be: Happy Lent.

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

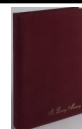


Knights of St Columba

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



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**



Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

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.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday evening it is now unfortunately not possible for us to keep church open. Please follow the government's advice about social distancing, stay home and stay safe.

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

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Pastoral Associate Update: I do hope you are all safe and well. Getting used to a surreal new reality has been challenging. Working from home has meant not doing the washing, cleaning, gardening and odd jobs during "office hours" and ensuring my sons are focussed on schoolwork: not always easy! This week I've been phoning parishioners, populating the website, learning new tech to help communicate better, meeting virtually, and essentially seeing what can be done in some parishes to support those most vulnerable. However prayer is often the only thing to do, especially in these times of social distancing. A new section for **Prayer Requests** on the website allows individual prayer requests to be sent to the sisters at Carmel and connects us with the community in a very special way. The FCJ Centre at St Hugh's are offering prayers via their Facebook page and we can join with them every evening at 8pm by lighting a candle in our window and praying for our world. Many have been able to access the live-streaming of Mass. Please note that Fr Peter is now live streaming from his home chapel daily (including Sunday) at 10am. It is our communal prayer that encourages, strengthens, sustains and unites us, despite our physical distance. *"God is not calling us to go to church; God is calling us to be his church, the hope of the world."* From mybible.com: 1 Cor 12:27. Stay safe, you are all in my daily prayer. God Bless Helen

EVENTS www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Mass Live Streams

Sundays - 9am: Met Cathedral *Facebook Live* (recording from 11am on *YouTube*); St Vincent's *Facebook Live*

Daily and Sunday – 10am: St Anne and St Bernard's *YouTube Channel*

Other Prayers Together

Daily 6:30pm Evening Prayer (St Vincent's) – materials online

Daily 8pm Prayer for the World FCJ Centre St Hugh's – Facebook for more information