



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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Second Sunday of Easter			Year A Year 2	Sunday 19th April 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 18th April	Easter Saturday			Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund
Sunday 19th April	Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)			People of the Parish
Monday 20th April	Feast of Saint Bernadette			Sister Teresita Lambert OCD (LD)
Tuesday 21st April	Weekday of Easter			Siobhan Buckley (LD)
Wednesday 22nd April	Weekday of Easter			Patsy Farrell (LD)
Thursday 23rd April	Solemnity of Saint George			Margaret Theresa Bellion (LD)
Friday 24th April	Weekday of Easter			Phil McNamara
Saturday 25th April	Feast of Saint Mark			Successful Operation Thanksgiving
Sunday 26th April	Third Sunday of Easter		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.....

The Gospel that we hear today, all about the man we often know as 'Doubting Thomas, always reminds me of that 'back-to-school' feeling. I can recall often hearing that read at Mass and thinking about what homework I'd need to do, if not for the day after then certainly for that coming week. I can also remember hearing that Gospel with bags packed and being ready to set off once again back to university. Those memories have always affected the way I approach that Gospel reading. But will it stir up the same feelings this year? This year, it's not back to school this week, at least not normal school in a classroom that isn't also a bedroom or living room. Will it be back to work? Again, it may not be back to work as normal for so many this week. We might be wondering if things will ever be the same again.

I think Jesus' first disciples will have had just those feelings, wondering if their lives would ever be the same again, following Our Lord's Resurrection and certainly after the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost. I'm sure that they, like us at the moment, would have had many questions but not many answers. It's right that when things seem to be going wrong and when we struggle, we ask where God is in all this and also ask for his help. But when things are going right how ready are we to thank God for those times, for allowing the power of the risen Christ to be seen and felt in our lives? How ready were those first disciples of Jesus, I wonder?

In the Acts of the Apostles, our guide in this Easter Season, we see a young Church, the earliest Church, alive with that power of the Risen Christ and with the Holy Spirit. It's a Church that was filled with the excitement of the unknown, it seems, as they joyfully grew in number, but also one that seemed lacking in certainty, as great trials and persecutions befell those Christians young in their faith. Now, there are places in the world that know this sort of persecution even today and we must keep them in our prayers. We might say too that there are different forms of persecution, of a more subtle but no less effective form. Surely though, as we in these days celebrate the power of the Resurrection in our lives, now is the time to show our solidarity with all who struggle and suffer, in whatever way and with whatever faith or none. As we struggle on like the characters of the Acts of the Apostles with few answers but joy in our faith, let the light of the Risen Christ help us to affirm Jesus as *my* Lord and *my* God.

Fr. Joe

A Litany for Spiritual Communion

Leader: Lord our God,
we wish we could gather today
with our parish community,
but we gather here
out of love and concern for others.
You teach us that when two or three
are gathered in your name, you are there.

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Christ Jesus, you are present
in a special way
when bread and wine are turned
into your Body and Blood.
Since we cannot receive you in this way today,
we ask that you enter our hearts
so that we may receive you spiritually.

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God, watch over your family
and keep us safe in your care,
for all our hope is in you.

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

A message to the children of our parish

Thank you for all the rainbows you have drawn. They certainly cheer me up as I see them in windows while I'm walking my dog. I can't wait to see you all again in church when we can come together once more for Mass, and maybe even in school too! Sometimes we might feel sad and like we don't really understand what's going on and why things just seem to be so different at the moment. Why not have a look at this book: <https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus-ABookForChildren.pdf> ? It might help. Praying at home alone or with your family certainly helps. I hope you're still enjoying Easter. Have you got any eggs left to eat? Mine are all finished so I'll have to find other ways to remind myself it's still Easter for another 6 weeks!

God bless. Fr Joe

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.



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

CATHOLIC YOUNG WRITER AWARD
extended until 31 July 2020

A project for pupils at Catholic schools, in Years 9-11

Imagine that a friend has asked you

"Why is Sunday Mass so important?" Write a reply.

Full information at

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk **News & Events**

Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

A message from the Safeguarding Department of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

"The coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak is going to have an impact on everyone's daily lives, as the government and the NHS take necessary steps to manage the outbreak, reduce transmission and treat those who need medical attention. It may be difficult, but by following guidance on [social distancing](#), or [staying at home](#), you are helping to protect yourself, your family, the NHS and your community. During this time, you may be bored, frustrated or lonely. You may also feel low, worried, anxious, or be concerned about your health or that of those close to you. Everyone reacts differently to events and changes in the way that we think, feel and behave vary between different people and over time. It's important that you take care of your mind as well as your body and to get further support if you need it." (Government, 2020)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-mental-health-and-wellbeing-aspects-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

Also, at home shouldn't mean at risk, but sadly for many people the lockdown has meant that they are trapped in isolation with their abuser under a pressurised situation.

THANK YOU

Many thanks from Deacon Paul and Fr Joe for remembering us at Easter with your prayers, cards and gifts.

Over the weekend, the government launched its **#YouAreNotAlone** domestic abuse campaign to reassure victims of domestic abuse that there is still help for them during the Covid crisis, and that the household isolation instruction as a result of COVID-19 does not apply if you need to leave your home to escape domestic abuse.

The most important message is:

If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police - the police will continue to respond to emergency calls.

If you call 999 from a mobile and cannot speak, press 55 to [Make Yourself Heard](#) (link embedded to scheme) and this will transfer your call to the police. Pressing 55 only works on mobiles and does not allow police to track your location.

National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247 or www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk.

Pastoral Associate Update: I've had a few days off after the rather surreal Holy Week and Easter celebrations. I was very moved on Good Friday and still rather delicate at the Easter Vigil. As the first notes of the Exsultet were sung so beautifully I remembered the other Exsultets I had heard or sung with my parish community and simultaneously felt a sense of being apart and yet unity in our being one body of Christ.

As it's St George's Day on Thursday I wondered if you'd like to have a go at the St George Quiz I found online (The Guardian). I am ashamed to divulge I only got 4/9 right... Answers next week! God Bless, Helen

EVENTS www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Live Streams (all links online)

Sunday Mass – 9:00am [Vincent De Paul Church Facebook Live](#) ; 9:00am [Met Cathedral Facebook Live](#) (and recording available afterwards on [YouTube Channel](#)); 10:00am [St Anne and St Bernard's YouTube Channel](#); [St Philip Neri Church](#) check [Facebook Live](#) for times and www.cathchap.org.uk

Daily Mass – 10:00am: [St Anne and St Bernard's YouTube Channel](#)

Candle of Hope 8:15 [FCJ Centre St Hugh's Facebook Live](#) materials online (live Mon, Wed and Fri)

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

1. According to the stories of his martyrdom, where was St George executed for refusing to abandon Christianity in the year 303?
a) Byzantium b) Nicomedia c) Carthage d) Elysium
2. Which red flower is traditionally given as a gift on St George's Day in Barcelona? a) Anthurium b) Tulips c) Poppies d) Roses
3. What was Saint George's occupation? a) Tinker b) Tailor c) Soldier d) Spy
4. "Saint George!" was the battle cry of which European navy in the late middle ages?
a) Dutch Navy b) Belgian Navy c) Venetian Navy d) Portuguese Navy
5. Which two Mediterranean islands have Saint George among patron saints?
a) Corsica and Sardinia b) Malta and Gozo c) Sicily and Sardinia d) Cyprus and Crete
6. Which English king first adopted the Saint George emblem of a red cross on a white background?
a) Æthelred the Unready b) Henry V c) Richard the Lionheart d) William II
7. It is traditional to give your love a red flower on St George's Day in Catalonia. What could you expect as a gift in return?
a) Food b) Books c) Something silver d) Wine
8. Which English chivalric club, set up by Edward III, invokes Saint George?
a) Order of the Garter b) The Star Chamber c) Knights of the Royal Guelphic Order d) Knights of the Royal Oak
9. St George's Day is widely celebrated as one of the most important Name Days in Bulgaria. But when is it celebrated?
a) 23 April b) 30 April c) 1 May d) 6 May



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 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, William Ash, Chris Johnson.



Those who have recently died : Sr Teresita Lambert OCD, Lynne Jones, Margaret Therese Bellion, Joseph Rowan.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Josephine Jones, Peter Jones, Margaret Jones, Maureen Ross, Ellen Fielding, Margaret F. Chen, Mary Jones, Dorothy Maria Thomas, Meryl Josephine Olive, James Weston, Thomas Goulding, John Jackson, James Kelly, Ursula Marie Slack, Anthony John Cain, James & Aileen Kempson, Kathleen Margaret Hudson, Peggy Ornellas, Doreen Dovey, Bernard Abraham, Jane Smith, John Jackson, Christina Brady, Mary Edwards, Kathleen Byrne, James Weston, Albert Williams, Ellen Higgins, Hilary Gaskin, Margaret Evans, Irene Rawlinson, Dolores Lee, Roberta Linford, Mary Hastings, Ted Burns, Elizabeth Michael.

Please continue to pray for the sisters in our Carmelite Monastery especially as they mourn Sr Teresita, a much loved and active member of their community.

Quiz Answers from last week: 16 books of the Bible in bold

I once made a **remark** about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a **fluke**). It kept people **looking so** hard for the **facts** and for others it was a **revelation**. **S**ome were in a **jam**, **es**pecially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the **truth** finally struck home to **numbers** of readers. To others it was a real **job**. We want it to be **a most** fascinating few moments for you. **Yes, ther**e will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require **judges** to help them. I will quickly admit **it us**ually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud **lamentations** when it is found. A little lady says **she brews** a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can comp**ete**. **R**elax now. There really are sixteen names of books in this story. **Did anyone get all 16?**

Resources for prayer at home

Lots of good ideas for praying at home with your family may be found here:



www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

offers a full programme of prayer, devotions and liturgy, including Mass, streamed online.

www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream



The Archbishop has asked us to pray together:

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