



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter			Year A Year 2	Sunday 17th May 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 16th May	Weekday of Easter			Pat McGann (Ann)
Sunday 17th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter			People of the Parish
Monday 18th May	Weekday of Easter			Tony Moore (LD)
Tuesday 19th May	Weekday of Easter			Anthony Doyle
Wednesday 20th May	Weekday of Easter			Sue Abbot (LD)
Thursday 21st May	Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord	Zoom	6.45 pm	People of the Parish <i>Via Lucis</i> —Stations of the Resurrection—Way of Light
Friday 22nd May	Weekday of Easter			Sr. Dominic
Saturday 23rd May	Weekday of Easter			Michael Keefe (Ann)
Sunday 24th May	Seventh 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....

This Sunday we should have been celebrating our May Procession. That's just one of the many things we'll be feeling we're missing out on this year. But please pray too for all those children who should have been receiving Holy Communion for the first time in these coming weeks, and their families. They'll be patiently waiting now until the time comes for us to be able to enjoy those celebrations. We don't know when they will be yet but we hope they will be as soon as possible. Those children will be waiting a few years anyway for the Sacrament of Confirmation, that other sacrament of initiation that strengthens us for our Christian mission by our receiving the Holy Spirit once again. This Holy Spirit helps us discern the relative value of all things in relation to God's wisdom, and to act accordingly. The Spirit strengthens us to acknowledge God as Lord and Creator. We are strengthened to fulfil the mission of Christian evangelization, with gentleness and reverence, and definitely in imitation of our blessed Lady, whom we must still honour in this month of May (details elsewhere in this newsletter as to how we might all do just that).

Next week, from the Ascension onwards to the feast of Pentecost, we'll be thinking a lot more about that Spirit, but already our readings are drawing us that way. Both Saint John's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles refer to God's Holy Spirit. Jesus calls this the Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will live in the hearts of Christians to console and to guide them. Jesus also promises his own spiritual presence in us, reminding us that genuine love of God is shown by living a Christian life. We can only love others because God has loved us first. We can love others because we come into the presence of God's love when we celebrate the sacraments.

The presence of God's love within us is surely something to shout about. Saint Peter certainly seems to think so; he asks us to be able to explain the hope in us. This isn't always an easy thing to do, especially as we live amidst difficult and challenging times, but still hope offers a great promise and respect for human knowledge. Human knowledge is rightly revered by the Church but we don't have an explanation for everything. There's no inherent contradiction between knowledge and faith: the former must be enhanced by the latter. Christianity doesn't simplify or bend the facts of a complicated and often contradictory life; it keeps us open, in search of truth and, most especially, hopeful. This is what Saint Peter would have us shouting about! As this Season of Easter progresses, just how ready are we to share what we've got, the hope God gives us and the love he shares with us?

Fr. Joe



A Message to the Children of our Parish



Keep on sending in those mug shots and self portraits. We've had some really good ones in so far but there are still lots I'm missing! Spread the word to your friends. This will be a really good way for you to be in church with me in a different way while I'm missing you all and a way of celebrating Easter when we remember that we were baptised. Often we do this by being splashed with holy water.

What I thought was if I had some pictures of you I could stick them to the benches and splash them. You could then get your parents to **send in those pictures by post or they could send photos of them in by email.** I could try and get some pictures of you all sitting in the benches in church onto our pastoral area website. Adults, you can join in too if you're missing being splashed with holy water!



St Wilfrid Care Calls

Working from the parish census of some years ago, we have contacted over 60 parishioners whom St Wilfrid volunteers are calling for a chat. If you would like a call or know someone who would appreciate one, please let Fr Joe know (either email or call/leave a message) with a phone number and name. We are aware some parishioners' details aren't up to date! A massive thankyou to all those making the calls and for the inspiration that has been passed on by those receiving the calls – the volunteers get so much from your positive attitudes and resilience: thank you for your presence and witness to our community here at St Wilfrid's!

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



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.



Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

PARISH PROJECTS DURING COVID

We've come up with some ways of being church in these times and praying & staying together. Please join in with as much or as little as you feel able and do inform any parishioners who may not be virtually connected. All are welcome! Items can be sent to :

Fr Joe (sfa@rcaolp.co.uk) or Helen (h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk)

MONTH OF MAY—VIRTUAL ROSARY

Our Virtual Rosary is coming on in leaps and bounds – each picture we have received denotes a decade of the rosary and we need 20 to complete for all the Mysteries of the Rosary. The Legion of Mary have provided their voices in prayer along with a few others from the parish. Keep sending in your pictures of Statues or pictures of Mary and we'll have a beautiful reflection of the loving prayer to our mother, Mary from the heart of our parish community.



REFLECTIONS IN A TIME OF COVID



These are unprecedented times for all of us. How has God spoken to you during this time? How have you found space for prayer? What have you noticed about your relationship with God, or with others? If you have

time to write down your thoughts, your experiences, your feelings we'd love to read them and create a collective memory of the parish during this time. They can be in any format (electronic, handwritten, typed, drawn) and we'll compile them into a booklet once we're together as a memory of this time and how God spoke to us.

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION: WAY OF LIGHT (VIA LUCIS)

You are invited to a **Zoom Via Lucis** on the evening of the **Ascension on Thursday 21 May 2020 online at 6:45pm** starting at 7pm sharp to end by 7:55pm. Thank you to Sue Faulkner who has been contacting households who have kindly created Stations for us. You can still get involved: some parishioners are recording readings for us (or will read on the night) – get in touch by Monday to join in: WhatsApp recordings are fine! It is a unique opportunity to come together as a parish and pray in a very meaningful way. St Wilfrid's will be hosting the event, and others from the pastoral area are joining us.

zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 912 596 3685

Password: Awareness



A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER & 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.

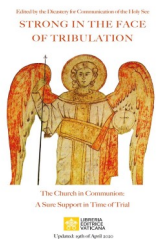
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.

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.

Strong in the Face of Tribulation

A free eBook has been made available by the Vatican, containing prayers, supplications and homilies from Pope Francis which will help strengthen and support you during this crisis.



"A little help offered to all, so as to know how to discern and experience God's closeness and tenderness in pain, in suffering, in solitude and in fear,"
Andrea Tornielli, Editorial Director of Vatican's Dicastery for Communication

Link on the website or search online for **Strong in the Face of Tribulation**

Pastoral Associate Update: Do look at our latest songs online to lift your spirits and sing along to and the link to the May Catholic Pic is live ... An invitation to you all from St Wilfrid's parish to join them on **Ascension Thursday 21 May** for an evening **Zoom Stations of the Resurrection** (Way of Light). Members of the parish have created the stations and will be hosting the event virtually. If you'd like to journey along, please email h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk or sfa@rcaolp.co.uk for the link and password. We'll be online from 6:45pm, starting promptly at 7pm, ending by 7:55pm. We hope that by praying the Stations of the Resurrection our encounter with the resurrected Christ in this time of COVID-19 may be deepened. In times of uncertainty our prayer reassures us that, with our unsteady steps, we steadfastly follow the eternal light that continues to burn in our hearts. I found this anonymous quote online: "Maybe I can't stop the downpour but I can always join you for a walk in the rain" Stay safe, keep well God Bless, Helen

EVENTS www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk Live Streams (all links online)

Sunday Mass – 9:00am [Vincent De Paul Church Facebook Live](#); 10:00am [St Anne and St Bernard's YouTube Channel](#); 11:00am [Met Cathedral Facebook Live](#) (and recording available afterwards on [YouTube Channel](#)); 11:00am [St Philip Neri Church Facebook Live](#) 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](#) (live Mon, Wed, Fri) - materials online

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

FCJ Vocations Weekend 8pm on 29 May to 1pm on 31 May - Virtual Sessions, Real Conversations - [Facebook @fcjvocation](#)

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION—THURSDAY 21 MAY 202

6:45 Open, 7pm Start

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk —for newsletters, information and MORE

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, 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, Josie Malone, Susie Bell, Grace Garnett, Joan Harding, Chris Johnson, Patricia Doyle, Monica Smith.



Those who have recently died : Mike Lalor, Sue Abbott, Vincent Ferns

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Isabel Otten, Terence Joseph Durkins, Eileen Devine, Gayle Marie



Linford, Patrick James McGann, Terence Lawlor, Roderick Ian Philip, John Keegan, Sarah Ahmed Rehmani, Mary Elliott, John Ryan, Lil Starkey, Bob Culbert, Andrew Cosgrove, Edith Byrne, Mary Regan, Kathleen Goodchild, Mary Theresa Price, Margaret Everson, Michael Gibbons, Martin Burke, Richard Sawden, Sheila McDonough, Eileen State, Alan Dugdale, Michael John Keefe, Elizabeth Sarah Beers, Thomas Comber, Rosanna Lane, Bridget Daley, John O'Brien, Hilda Larkin, Jack Cunningham, Walter Brady, Julia Poole, Sarah Davies, Michael Charles Jones, Delia and James Kilkelly, Joyce Halsall, Betty Fisher, Annie Fry, Ann McDonough, John Paulson, Joseph Symon, Teresa Evans, Joan Kennan, Bridget Daly, Marie Regan, Paul Cullen, Eithne Kennedy, Adam Grannell, Margaret Taylor.

FROM OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS, A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.



We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY ONLINE AND BY TEXT

In more normal times we rely on the great work of our volunteers who count the collection money and take it to the bank. We're very grateful to them all but in these times of the lockdown they're unable to come into the presbytery to do what they normally do. Also, we are advised not to travel more than we need to. If you would like to support our parish by donating online please visit <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-wilfrid-liverpool>.

Alternatively you can donate by text.
Text [ASSISINOINFO](https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-wilfrid-liverpool) to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting **not** to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. Text [ASSISINOINFO](https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-wilfrid-liverpool) to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting **not** to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. Text [ASSISINOINFO](https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-wilfrid-liverpool) to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting **not** to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. Text [ASSISINOINFO](https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-wilfrid-liverpool) to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting **not** to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS.

Thank you all for your support at this time and always.



The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

offers a full programme of prayer,
devotions and liturgy, including Mass.
www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream

Resources for Prayer at Home

Ideas for family prayer at home
www.liverpoolcatholicresources

