



# 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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Pentecost Sunday			Year A Year 2	Sunday 31st May 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 30th May	Weekday of Easter			Kathleen Goodchild (Birthday Mem)
Sunday 31st May	Pentecost Sunday			People of the Parish
Monday 1st June	Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of the Church			Ann Florence O'Reilly (LD)
Tuesday 2nd June	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Joan Cosgrove (LD)
Wednesday 3rd June	Memorial of Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs			Irene Holland
Thursday 4th June	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest			Mike Smith (LD)
Friday 5th June	Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr			Nora Patricia Brument (RIP)
Saturday 6th June	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Nula Carron (RIP)
Sunday 7th June	Solemnity of the most Holy Trinity			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



The sisters are all continuing  
to support us with their prayers.

You can request special prayers from the  
community through the Liverpool South  
Pastoral Area Website

## Can I just say....

One of the sad stories I hear in these times are of people who have been celebrating or are due to celebrate birthdays, and often significant ones with '0s' involved, during this time of lockdown. Often it's family members who might feel more aggrieved at missing out on that big party they were looking forward to as much as, if not more than, the birthday boy or girl. Well, as with so many other things we need to remind ourselves that our time will come. It's a good reminder as we come to celebrate the Church's 'birthday' on this Solemnity of Pentecost. Our birthdays remind us of our creation. Pentecost reminds us not just of Creation, but God's work of re-Creation with his life-giving Holy Spirit working in the hearts of his sons and daughters together.

We can't limit God's work of Creation to just those seven days of Genesis. The culminating event of Pentecost brings about the full extent of God's action in women and men. It is truly the crowning act of Creation. God imparts his Spirit on the minds and hearts of those prepared to receive it. The dramatic images of thunder and fire indicate the dynamic nature of God's Spirit, and the immediate effects it has on the fearful apostles. The Spirit is the fire of God's love and it will, through the apostles, "renew the face of the earth." This is what it means to be Christian: to have within oneself the Spirit of God and to live according to the impulse of that Spirit. Its effects are to enlighten, to strengthen, to fill with a holy zeal, without dispossessing humanity of its freedom and its nature.

We have to consider human nature in the light of the Creation event, and in the light of this culminating act of Creation at Pentecost. When God finished creating, he seemed to say to himself, "That's not just good. That's very good." Human nature was something created and it has to fall into this 'very good' category. It's also filled with God's own spirit. The solidarity we are then called to establish with others as Christians runs deep. It goes deeper than being called to be my brother's keeper. I'm called to be my brother and my sister's brother and sister. Perhaps we've come to see this even more clearly in these days with the individual acts of kindness we might see, and certainly with the generosity shown by many of our parishioners in making sure others in the parish who could be isolated stay in touch. We have seen that our concern for others as Christians runs to an even greater extent: to be true brothers and sisters we need to be concerned not just with our own but with others' salvation too. **Happy Feast! Happy Birthday!**

**Fr. Joe**

### Looking ahead...

As there are moves towards and easing of the 'lockdown', many will be asking when we might get back to church. The truth is we don't know yet and have no dates. What we do know at the moment is that before we get back to celebrating Mass and other liturgies in public our churches will reopen for private prayer, but again we have no dates for when this might happen. The archdiocese does not envisage that all churches will open at the same time. Any church that does reopen will need a team of volunteers to work together before reopening to prepare and get the space ready (not least to clean the church), and afterwards too, to help parishioners and visitors use our much-loved and familiar buildings in unfamiliar ways. There will be new and different procedures in place, such as a separate entrance and exit, to try to ensure that we can pray in our church buildings in a safe way for all. We do look forward to that, though, and I would encourage you all, when we get the chance, to come and take that opportunity to pray in church. We'll let you know as soon as we have any more information and pray that that time will come as soon as we have any more information and pray that that time will come as soon as it's safe and possible.

### WITH YOU ALWAYS

We miss you all—our families would have been celebrating along with our parish community in these weeks, as our parish children received their First Holy Communion. To support our sacramental preparation families in these times and indeed all families, please visit:

[www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk](http://www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk)

*and keep talking and walking alongside your children  
on their journey in faith.*



### 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!

### From the Archdiocese: Life in Lockdown

We would like to share what individuals/parishes/families/schools/groups have been doing in this time of lockdown. So much good work has been done over the last few weeks, but it can be easy to not know what is happening even in the next door parish. To help us spread the good news that is happening in the Diocese, and maybe even give you some ideas, we would like either short videos or short sections of text with photos. You can email videos or text directly to Fr Simon Gore ([s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk](mailto:s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk)) or Kenny Lawler ([k.lawler@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:k.lawler@rcaol.org.uk)) Videos should aim to be no more than 30 seconds. They can be very simple 'selfie' style clips of someone talking about what they have been doing. Text should be around 250 words with photos, if possible. If you are unsure about any of the technical side of recording or sending a video please just email Fr Simon or Kenny and they can talk you through how to do it.



### 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.

Prayer Resources: [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com)  
under Pastoral Resources – Bereavement Care



# Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary



**Find us on Facebook!** We are up and running with three Administrators – thanks to Chris Johnson for having set us up. If you are of the younger variety and would like to help do get in touch with the Parish Office. Our Facebook ID is **StWilfridGarston** – do pop over and like us if you are on **Facebook**

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](mailto:sfa@rcaolp.co.uk)) or **Helen** ([h.jones@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:h.jones@rcaol.org.uk))

## VIRTUAL ROSARY

Please continue to send in photos of Marian statues or pictures – this resource will continue to live and grow. It is live and there is link will be on the front page of the Liverpool South Pastoral Area website. Do take an opportunity to pray a decade of the rosary along with parishioners and sisters from Carmel, who have recorded the prayers for you to pray with them.



## 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.

## Trinity Afternoon Tea Zoom



Sadly, we can't be together physically, BUT we can meet on Zoom—JOIN US on **Trinity Sunday 7 June at 3pm** for a virtual tea and cake catch up!

Bring your own tea, bring your own cake and Zoom in !

**www.zoom.us**

**Meeting ID: 852 0980 6336**

**Password: TrinityTea**

Never Zoomed? Its not that hard!

Contact the parish office and we'll get you up and running— you need WiFi and a device that is WiFi enabled with a camera.

## 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.

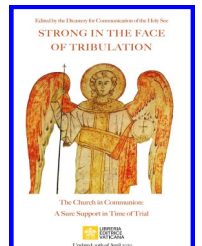
We ask this of you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## 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:** Our Zoom "Stations of the Resurrection" on Ascension Thursday was a virtual collaboration of about 40 parishioners from St Wilfrid's and we had almost 50 from the parish and pastoral area praying them. It was a learning curve for all of us and a wonderful way to come together as one Catholic community in this virtual sacred space. I was also mighty relieved it ran so smoothly! An online version will be made available in due course. We especially pray with children and families at this time who should have been receiving their first sacraments in these weeks. However, the conversations don't stop because our churches are physically shut – parents, as the first and best teachers, continue sharing their faith. To support and encourage our families, the Liverpool "God Who Speaks" website [www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk](http://www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk) can help with many simple activities and ideas that all ages can join in with to create those conversations, as we journey in faith together. The Virtual Rosary created with the help of the St Wilfrid's Legion of Mary has received over 143 views (by Wednesday), so do take a look and pray along with parishioners and the sisters at Carmel. A friend commented that at her school, a sister had said that praying the Rosary was like sitting down next to Mary and looking at her photo album.

As we celebrate the birthday of the Church this Pentecost, we can reflect on what Church is for us today. A Pope Francis quote inviting us to pray: "Come Holy Spirit, free us from being closed in on ourselves and instil in us the joy of proclaiming the Gospel!" Stay safe and keep well, God Bless, Helen

**EVENTS** [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk) Facebook LiverpoolSouth

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 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

**[www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://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 Wincławski, 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, Myrtle Rhodes.



**Those who have recently died :** Margaret Hudson, John McMahon, Joseph Hamblin.



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Gerard Cloherty, Doris Mary Taylor, David Meredith, Agnes Corbett, Eileen Stamper, Richard Gill, Canon Arthur Maguire, Barbara Brodrick, Christine Hooton, Robert Poynton, Alf Cooper, Fr. John Cavanagh, Jane Smith, Mary Jane Smith, James Rylands, Edward James Ferguson, Monica Higham, Fr. Francis Woods, Mary Bridget Byrne, Margaret Grace, Arthur Ferns, Christopher John Wells, Gerard Bernard, Gertrude Walsh, Catherine Jameson, Thomas Kearns, Mary Ziolo.

## 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 STANDING ORDER

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>

To donate by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office and a form will be sent to you.

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](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream)

### Resources for Prayer at Home

Ideas for family prayer at home  
[www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com)

