



# The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Seventh Sunday of Easter			Year A Year 2	Sunday 24th May 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 23rd May	Weekday of Easter			Michael Keefe (Ann)
Sunday 24th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter			People of the Parish
Monday 25th May	Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor			Mike Lalor (LD)
Tuesday 26th May	Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest			Rose Areh
Wednesday 27th May	Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop			Fr. Andrew Unsworth
Thursday 28th May	Weekday of Easter			Joyce Psariotis
Friday 29th May	Memorial of St. Paul VI, Pope			Mary Walsh (RIP)
Saturday 30th May	Weekday of Easter			Kathleen Goodchild (Birthday Mem)
Sunday 31st May	Pentecost Sunday			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

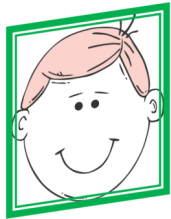
## Can I just say....

The Ascension of Our Lord marks the culmination of Christ's mission on earth and marks the beginning of the apostles' mission to all nations. The apostles and disciples are to spread to the entire world what Our Lord accomplished in his human life on the Earth. This is how God has planned our salvation. Essentially, our task is to communicate the divine life of God, through Baptism, and to instruct those we meet in the ways of Christian life. This is what makes the Ascension so important: we are now to act in persona Christi, to take the place of the physically absent Christ in the world and make him visible and audible through our earthly lives. But if we're to do all this doing, all this action, taking Christ to the world, hadn't we better get in touch a bit with that Christ? This time of year only really goes to show the importance of prayer for all Jesus' followers. That's what we see the apostles do in the first reading we hear today, immediately after Our Lord ascending to heaven, joining in continuous prayer. They don't do it alone either. They're joined by several women and Mary, the Mother of the Lord, is mentioned – an example for us too in the month of May.

And that's, I think, how we should see this in-between time, this strange sort of time between the feast of the Ascension and the feast of Pentecost. It's a time for praying: the time of the original novena, nine days of praying, in imitation of the apostles. We're praying that the Holy Spirit will come afresh on us all. We need this Holy Spirit so that we too can share in the mission Christ had and which he passed on to the apostles. We can't be tempted just to stay behind walls and closed doors. That's not our mandate. Christians are to be in the world, to build on everything that's positive, and to permeate all reality with Christian life and meaning. This is all true even now in the time of 'lockdown.' Again, we need to follow that example set by the apostles for us of prayer. Even as we long for that time to come again, as surely it will, when we can come together to pray, we can let the Holy Spirit lead us in new ways of praying by ourselves and with our families.

These will be gifts from the Spirit that we can take into the future. These will be ways in which we can now and in the future lift up our eyes to the Father and give glory to him. These will be the ways in which we come to see, as Jesus in the Gospel assures us today, that we belong to him and are precious to him.

**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!

### 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) or Kenny Lawler (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))

## MONTH OF MAY—VIRTUAL ROSARY

Please continue to send in photos of Marian statues or pictures – this resource will continue to live and grow. It will be live on Saturday 23 May – a 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, in this month of May.



## 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)

**THANK YOU** – to all who participated in the stations of the Resurrection on Ascension Thursday evening. The very fact that just shy of 40 Parishioners were able to collaborate during lockdown to enable this virtual event to take place - a time of shared prayer and reflection reaching out beyond the boundaries of our own parish - was a testament to the Easter heart of this beautiful community. The resource will be available online and we'll look to produce a paper copy too, for those who wish to receive one. Please let Fr Joe or Helen know if you'd like one sent to you.

## 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.

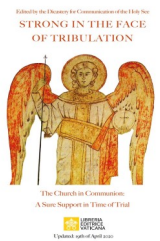
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.

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 Tornelli, 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:** This week has been awash with inspiration from Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*. There are some excellent resources and two I commend to you are: [eco-catholic.com](http://eco-catholic.com) which has very meaningful bite size animations and the FCJ blog [fcjsisters.wordpress.com](http://fcjsisters.wordpress.com) with short reflections. The Archdiocese is compiling a Resource of **Life in Lockdown** to spread our Good News stories and needs your help in providing 30 second video clips or words (250) with pictures to be send 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)) to inspire us all – do email them with any contributions. "May your life preach more loudly than your lips" was my Facebook find this week. Stay safe, keep well God Bless, Helen

**STOP PRESS:** The Legion of Mary at St Wilfrid's, Garston have helped create a virtual rosary resource online, do take a look.

**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 recording available afterwards on [YouTube Channel](#)); 11:00am [St Philip Neri Church Facebook Live](#) and [www.cathchap.org.uk](http://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 - 1pm on 31 May *Virtual Sessions, Real Conversations* Facebook: @fcjvocation



## 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, Muriel 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:** Bishop Vincent Malone, Joan Cosgrove, Fr. Joe Weston, Ann O'Reilly.

**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Richard Kelly, Patricia Ann Greenwood, John Putt, Lawrence



Smith, Agnes Josephine Davies, Anthony B. Mallon, Thomas Vincent McNally, Patricia Ann Erbil, Odd Hermanson, Michael Aloysius Kelly, Joan Rowan, Patricia Maria Stirling, Edna May Smith, Ada Rawlinson, Therese Oskiewicz, Margaret J. Edwards, Veronica Burke, Elizabeth Holt, William Egerton, Richard Kilkelly, Michael Kelly, Bernard Cummings, Elizabeth Reynolds, Frederick John Caveney, Peter Prendergast, Kathleen Feeney, Ann Cain, Stephen Burke, Joan Ryan, Frank Connolly, Colin Brown, Kathleen Williams, Frank Crowley, Jeanne Burns.

## 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** 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** 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** 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** 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](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)

