



# 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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Fourth Sunday of Easter			Year A Year 2	Sunday 3rd May 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 2nd May	Memorial of Saint Athanasius			Peter Allen
Sunday 3rd May	Fourth Sunday of Easter			People of the Parish
Monday 4th May	Feast of the English Martyrs			Intentions of all in the seminary communities of England & Wales
Tuesday 5th May	Weekday of Easter			Phil Dobbins (LD)
Wednesday 6th May	Weekday of Easter			Water James (LD)
Thursday 7th May	Weekday of Easter			June Doyle (LD)
Friday 8th May	Weekday of Easter			Patricia Gallagher (LD)
Saturday 9th May	Weekday of Easter			Geoffrey Skipper (LD)
Sunday 10th May	Fifth 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...

Driving out and seeing a hillside full of sheep (and, at this time of the year, lambs too) might just be one in a whole list of things we feel like we're missing out on at the moment. I'll just have to make do with putting on my sheep ears. The image of their Parish Priest looking daft in these is one I hope has stayed with the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in our parish over the last few years. If I look and feel daft in those ears then it's a reminder to me how I often haven't always been a good sheep in the fold of the Good Shepherd, making daft mistakes and even wrong choices deliberately. Even if I'm called to share in the task of shepherding, I need to remember that, like all of us who are baptised, my first vocation is to be a good sheep in the fold of the Good Shepherd.

The truth that sheep anywhere, either the real or the human ones, even the slightly cleverer ones of the Middle East that Jesus observed listening out for their shepherd's voice to follow, are prone to mistakes has been observed for a long time in the scriptures. The First Letter of Peter seems to echo the words of Isaiah 53 as it recalls how we had all gone astray like sheep, each taking his own way. Jesus takes on himself the task of reuniting the sheep, as shepherd and guardian of our souls. The Acts of the Apostles portrays Peter proclaiming how to return to the Lord's flock, by personal repentance, the purification of Baptism and by receiving the Holy Spirit.

And that's just why this flock needs priests like Peter, the shepherds, the other side of Jesus' analogy today. Today's Readings recall a central aspect of the ordained priesthood that Jesus teaches: the priest as shepherd. The metaphor needs to be understood correctly, especially in a technical rather than a pastoral age. The priest is one who, by his consecration, lives for others. The title "Father", like "shepherd", expresses essentially a relationship with others, his way of being for others, much more than a mere anonymous function. It's this intentional (and real) way of being for others that gives life to everything he does even in a time of lockdown when we might have to try hard at finding different and new ways of being for others. This spirit of charity is still an essential part of a priest's vocation and ministry. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, please pray for your bishops, priests and deacons who have been called to share in the Lord's task of shepherding. Please pray too for all those seminarians and students discerning a vocation to the priesthood and diaconate and receiving their formation with loving hearts even in these difficult times. **Fr. Joe**



### A Message to the Children of our Parish



I'm missing seeing you all in church but what I'm really missing is splashing you all with holy water. As you might remember, that's something we do a bit more in this Season of Easter to remind ourselves that we were baptised. It's a way of being blessed and reminding ourselves how important that Easter sacrament is to us.

What I thought was if I had some pictures of you I could stick them to the benches and splash them. Maybe you could draw some self portraits. Maybe you could get the paints out if the house isn't messy enough already! 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](http://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

## STANDING ORDERS

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. In these circumstances it might be best for those who wish to contribute to the parish to do so by standing order. If you would like a standing order form please contact the parish office and one can be sent to you by email or post.

## 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**



**CAFOD** has launched an urgent appeal to respond to the unprecedented global challenge of tackling the

spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities.

"Coronavirus is a tsunami heading towards the homes of millions of poor communities who have nothing to protect themselves from its devastating impacts," said Christine Allen, CAFOD's Director.

**Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal can be made by phone 0303 303 3030 or online: [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)**

## 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.

## EASTER QUIZ

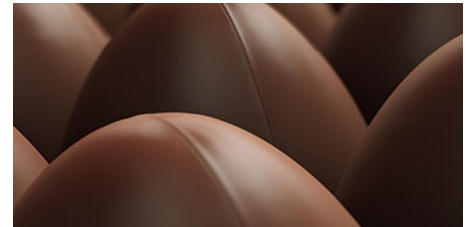
*How did you get on?*

Answers: **1.a) 8 2.b) They represent Jesus and the apostles (minus Judas)**

**3. c) Coriander 4. a) Germany 5. c) Around the weight of a large African elephant**

**6. b) To cover up any imperfections in the chocolate 7. d) All of the above**

**8. d) Lamb 18. 9. d) 1.5 million 10. b) A little over 1 metre**



**Pastoral Associate Update:** It was a real sense of "putting out into the deep" for over 30 from the pastoral area who participated in the Zoom Synod meetings last week. The overwhelming sense of community despite being on screens with limited communication possibilities, was incredibly strong. Discussions in small groups of 3 or 4 allowed a deep sharing and reflection with people forming new bonds across parishes that surprised and delighted them. All ages were represented from the wisest and most experienced amongst us to those with youth and vigour. Well done everyone and let's zoom again soon! **A musical challenge this week:** many thanks to our high school violinists **Beth and Anna from St Wilfrid's, Garston** who have recorded a medley of hymn tunes which are now on our pastoral area website – can you guess the melodies? My quote this week is from Pope Francis – especially apt for our times and as we commemorate VE day on Friday "*Like the Good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try to heal them with concrete acts of love*" Stay safe, keep well. God Bless, Helen

**EVENTS** [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://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* & [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





## 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, Sue Abbott, Josie Malone, Susie Bell, Grace Garnett, Joan Harding, Chris Johnson, Simon Macleod & Jess Macloud (father and daughter), Patricia Doyle.



*Those who have recently died:* William Ash, Paul McMillan, Patricia Gallagher.



*For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:* Thomas Brian Reilly, Katherine Rowan, Samuel Gaunt, Jimmy Keogh, Thomas Albert Wall, James Reed, Thomas Ryan, Frederick Harrison, John Birkenhead, Teresa Wood, Rose Litchfield, Thomas Eaton, Eddie Smith, Tom Wright, Josie Donnelly, Michael Fitzgerald, John David Millea, John Joseph Millea, Arthur McCarthy, Catherine Thomas, Jack Kelleher, Teresa Hamilton, Elizabeth Parry, Bernard Moorhead, Anthony Macauley, Catherine Smart, Antonio Salcedo, Fr Benedict Webb OSB.

## 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.

## RECRUITMENT FOR BOY & GIRL CHORISTERS

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool?

The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. We are recruiting

- BOYS currently in year 2 & 3
- GIRLS currently in year 5



All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's School (Boys, yr 3-6) and St Edward's College (Boys & Girls, yr 7-10.)

Due to our Junior Choir School, Runnymede St Edward's, becoming a Voluntary Aided School from September 1st 2020, for the first time ever, **there will be NO school fees payable for any boy or girl choristers at the Metropolitan Cathedral.** This means that a first class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost.

Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral, alongside application forms and voice trial booking slots can be found at: [www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/)

Due to the current lockdown and social distance procedures in place, and the likelihood that these will continue throughout the recruitment procedure, recruitment for boy and girl choristers for September 2020 start will likely be carried out exclusively 'on-line' via Zoom video conferencing.



**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](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources)

