



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ			Year A Year 2	Sunday 14th June 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 13th June	Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor			George Cottrell (LD)
Sunday 14th June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ			People of the Parish
Monday 15th June	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Roy Stewart (LD)
Tuesday 16th June	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Monica Hamill (LD)
Wednesday 17th June	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Julia Hyland (Ann)
Thursday 18th June	Memorial of St. John Rigby, Martyr			Vinnie Ogg
Friday 19th June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus			Priests and deacons celebrating jubilees
Saturday 20th June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary			Philip Howarth
Sunday 21st June	Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time			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....

Chatting to people on the phone, those who've been receiving calls each week from one of our dedicated volunteers, has been a joy over the past few weeks. The same has been true of those snatched conversations from a safe distance on a pavement or in a park. In either case, the conversation might turn to where that person has been to Mass that day. That might sound strange at first but, of course, it's about where the Mass watched on a screen was streamed or recorded. Some people have been travelling afar for Mass: some to Ireland, some to Rome or even Canada. Usually, we don't have to travel so far to celebrate each week or more the gift our feast today gives us to celebrate. And yet, as we know, very much in our parish we have the tradition of keeping this Solemnity of Corpus Christi which involves some travel: our procession. Even just this movement means that we stand in a long line of those called to give thanks to God. The called-together people of Israel gave thanks too and we hear of that in our first reading. For them, they had their very lives to give thanks for, lives that were saved by their passing through the Red Sea with dry feet and lives that were fed and nourished with this manna from heaven.

Even amidst all the difficulties of this time, what gifts to we need to give thanks for as we remember the gift that is that thanksgiving, this Eucharist? Even as so many are denied the gift of receiving it at the moment in Holy Communion, we can still give thanks for Christ's presence amongst us. The risen Christ's presence in Holy Communion is something we cannot just give thanks for but believe in, for Jesus himself told us it is so: "This is my body," "This is my blood." This is the cup of blessing that we bless, the bread broken that is our communion; so it was thousands of years ago for the Christians in Corinth to whom Saint Paul wrote and so it is for us.

Whether we travel afar to celebrate this or just to our living rooms, believing all this cannot be something static for us. A Corpus Christi procession tells us about ourselves, as well as revealing God to us: it's a reminder that life itself is a procession with Christ in our midst leading us forward, giving meaning and direction to the journey. This is true of our lives as individuals, but also of our lives together, as the Church, as members of Christ's Body into which the Eucharist makes us. We walk together in a procession reminding ourselves of the solidarity that binds us all as members of this Body of Christ, of this Church.

Fr Joe

LOOKING AHEAD: You may have heard that the Government is allowing the opening of places of worship from the 15th June for private prayer only. After consultation with clergy, the Archbishop has decided that our church is one of two that will be opening in our pastoral area which will be able to open in the first phase. This is part of a phased approach. We have a team of volunteers working to get the church cleaned and sanitized and also assist in helping direct people coming into church when it is open. In this period we'll all be learning to use our church building in a new way. **We are still looking for a few more volunteers to assist in this process so that we can have a rota in operation. If you are not in the Covid 19 'shielded' category due to health conditions or age, we would appreciate any help you can give.** We do not know yet when the church will be open for private prayer, but please refer to the pastoral area website and also future parish newsletters where the details will be published as soon as possible.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

We miss you all—families would have been celebrating along with the parish in these weeks, as children received their First Holy Communion.

Resources for our families in these times are online at: www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk and keep talking and walking alongside your children. on their journey in faith.



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 under Pastoral Resources – Bereavement Care



A Message to Children

I'm sure there are many things we feel we're missing out on. Some of you may feel you're missing school at this time and especially being with your friends. Some of you may be in school but think it's all very different and strange. Today we celebrate the Feast

we call Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. It's a day when usually we celebrate in a special way in our parish when, as well as Mass, we have our procession outside and all the good things that follow that procession. You're all missing out on that special celebration this year, and the food and ice creams and the bouncy castle. I'll think of you as I'm bouncing on the castle by myself! Maybe you could do some bouncing too to celebrate, even if it's on a pretend bouncy castle, and celebrate the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion. Some of you will have received that gift. Some of you may not have yet. Some of you may be preparing to receive that gift of Holy Communion for the first time this year and are having to wait until it's safe for those celebrations. We'll remember and pray for you all especially on this special day. **Fr Joe**



St Wilfrid Care Calls



There are now over 70 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. A massive thankyou to all those making the calls. Some of our volunteers are now returning to work so if you are interested in helping out and calling a few people, do let the parish office know.

Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary



Find us on Facebook! Do have a look at our page—we try and keep it current and busy—let us know if we can improve it. Our Facebook ID is **StWilfridGarston** – do “like us” 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) or Helen (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



Thank you to everyone who joined our virtual tea and cake catch up on Trinity Sunday.

It was so good to see you all, not face to face, but near enough as we continue to find ways of connecting with each other!

Watch out for future zoom events on the Pastoral Area web site and also in the Parish Newsletter

EVENTS www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk  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* 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* (Mo, We, Fr)

Daily Evening Prayer 6:30pm St Vincent’s – materials online

J& P Annual Assembly– 28, 29 June, 1 July 7:30-8:30 pm; 4 July 10-11am. “Making all things New our Christian Response to Covid”

Registration: jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

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.

Pastoral Associate Update: Corpus Christi is always a great time of joy especially as it marks the point at which most of our children preparing for the sacraments have received their First Holy Communion, and for some parishes it’s a day of the Corpus Christi procession. To encourage this year’s cohort, the Archbishop has recorded a message (link on the website). Materials are available on the Archdiocesan website to support all our families.

Activities online: Do check the online parish newsletters for virtual faith sharing opportunities: St Anne & St Bernard’s and St Vincent’s have regular virtual events. On Facebook, if you follow *FCJ Centre St Hugh’s* there are also regular virtual activities many geared towards young adults. Do register for the J&P Annual Assembly if you wish to take part in the interactive Zoom sessions – **places are filling up fast so don’t delay!** All details on website.

God Bless and stay safe, Helen

*“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference”*

from Niebuhr ‘s Serenity Prayer

STOP PRESS: The opening dates and times of the two churches in our Pastoral Area – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 27 High Park Street, Toxteth, L8 8DX and St Francis, Earp Street, Garston, L19 1RT - that have been granted permission to open for prayer, will be posted on the Liverpool South Pastoral Area Website when they are confirmed.

For those who are sick:



Elizabeth Loyden, Maria Jones, Siobhan Fennell, Sydney O'Brien, Cynthia Wilcock, Connor Daly, Maxwell Hughes, Luke Reid, Daniel Stranack, 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, 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, Myrtle Rhodes.



Those who have recently died : Roy Stewart, Kathleen Bateman, John Anthony Dignan, Adelaide Stamper, Paul Moorhead, Frances Reid.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Sarah Fury, Arthur Andrew Jones, Mary Elizabeth Deakin, Vincent Ogg, Patrick Thomas Kelly, Bertram Hall, Cecilia Rowan, John Joseph Lawler, Elizabeth Lowe, Eileen Leckie, Dennis Eaves, Patricia Frain, Julie Fisher, Julia Hyland, Agnes Powderley, Mary Mallon, Aidan Conroy.

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.



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us pray for reconciliation and peace.

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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

Resources for Prayer at Home

Ideas for family prayer at home

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com

