



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time				Year A Year 2	Sunday 19th July 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 18th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Lancashire Infirmary Secular Clergy Fund Agnes Flynn (B'day)	
Sunday 19th July	Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Pat Halewood (RIP) People of the Parish	
Monday 20th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Catherine Murray and Josephine Clarke	
Tuesday 21st July	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	David Furness (Ann)	
Wednesday 22nd July	Feast of St. Mary Magdalene	SFA	9.30am	Mathews Family	
Thursday 23rd July	Feast of St. Bridget, Religious Patron of Europe	SFA	9.30am	Tom McCormick (RIP)	
Friday 24th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Mary Kelly	
Saturday 25th July	Feast of St. James, Apostle	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Tom Harding People of the Parish	
Sunday 26th July	Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Peter Lambert Herbert Jones	

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...

Despite all that's going on around us, all that affects us human beings so much, there seems to be no stopping the growth that we can see in our gardens, fields and parks. The flowers, plants and grass all grow (and how!), but so do the weeds. The parable of the wheat and the darnel that we hear today is one that can still be readily imagined. This same parable, though, points out something that can be uncomfortable to live with, let alone understood: the mutual growth of good and evil is part of our understanding of God's Providence. This may dislodge certain simplistic notions of ours about earthly success and good always triumphing on this earth; life isn't always like Hollywood. Our human experience of history confirms a much more complex understanding of human events, one that the Gospel, not films, makes vividly clear and doesn't shy away from. Implicit in the Gospel parable is the Jewish (and Christian) notion of Creation and human time as a purpose directed towards an end. This reality of time (the sort of time that in Greek is called *kairos*) and human purpose (really God's purpose as perceived humanly) differs greatly from the cyclical notion of time (the other sort of time, the one in Greek called *chronos*).

So we are pointed towards an end time, a time of the harvest when the difference between good and evil will be very crucial, but God's presence works in our lives now and in the world. God's action in our lives is discreet but real, moving us to understand and to want what God wants for us: the true fulfilment of our lives. If we respond actively to this action, we begin growing as Christians. If we are faithful, we will achieve a capacity and fruitfulness far beyond our initial expectations. So just what are our expectations? What are our expectations of God?

Sadly, these can become all too readily clouded by our way of thinking as human beings and the images others might present to us, not least Hollywood again. We need to clear our minds of vague and misleading images and notions of who God is and what he wants. He doesn't fit into our human categories of thought; he defies all we know. God invites us to recognize, maybe even embrace too, our lack of knowledge and experience, and so to open our minds and hearts to the experience of the Presence that is for us human beings both terrifying and fascinating. Are we then ready for that exciting quest, that adventure of knowing God? We don't have to wait for the end. The grass is growing apace now, this summer time. The harvest is ripe for reaping now. God is revealing his presence to us now, if we're open to him.

Fr Joe

OUR CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

It's been really good to be able to welcome people back to church for the celebration of Mass once again. As everyone will see however, things are by no means back to normal. We're not back to how things were back in March. Please see more information about how we can come to Mass on the front page of the Liverpool South Pastoral Area website, or on a flyer inside a printed newsletter. You'll see that when we come to Mass, everyone attending must wear a face covering. You'll see lots of other information there too that applies to every church in the archdiocese that is able to open for Mass. Please bear in mind a few other things particular to our church. Please use our car park and please use the one way system for getting in and out of the car park. The capacity of our church is now around 50. This is severely restricted from what we are normally used to. We are so very grateful to all our volunteers who have helped to welcome people and use our church in new ways and are now even more needed helping people come to church for Mass in new ways too. Please do consider if you could join the team of volunteers. If you would like to help by being a volunteer steward, please speak to one of the team at church.

Owing to the severely restricted numbers, it may not be possible to allow all who wish to go to any particular Mass. **Please contact the parish office, preferably by email, to let us know which Mass you would like to attend and how many in your household wish to come. For Masses Monday to Friday, please contact us at least 2 days before the Mass you wish to attend. For all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, please contact us by 6 pm on Wednesday.** Your household is defined as those you live with. They are the only people you will be able to sit next to in church before leaving a gap for others. The doors to church will open half an hour before Mass is due to begin. This should give an opportunity for some time for private prayer, but it is also intended to prevent there being too much queuing as people enter and wait to be seated by the stewards. Please try to be seated at least 5 minutes before Mass is due to begin. There may be a possibility that more Masses will be celebrated both on Sunday and through the week but only if we know there are people who wish to come and we have enough volunteers to help.



In brief:

Wear a face covering in church.

More volunteer stewards needed.

Email the parish office in good time detailing which Mass you wish to attend and how many people will be present with you.

Please try to avoid the need to queue to enter church and try to arrive in good time.

Follow the one way systems.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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.



First Holy Communion 2021



If your child is currently in Year 3 and will start Year 4 next September, or if he or she is older and has not yet begun the preparation for First Holy Communion, now is the time to start thinking about your child's First Holy Communion. If you would like your child to prepare for First Holy Communion during the coming school year please contact the parish office for an initial letter & application form before

Friday, 21st August 2020.

We continue to pray for those children who have been preparing this year with their parents and who are waiting until we are able to enjoy those celebrations of First Holy Communion as soon as we can and it is safe.

MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Things are slowly starting to change. Soon it may be possible to come to Mass once again with your families. As those of you who have come to church to pray over the last couple of weeks, church looks quite different and maybe feels a little different too. When we first start coming to Mass again, that will be different. Unfortunately, it will be possible for children to go to Little Church to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word together there. We are also not able to sing at Mass.

Unfortunately, Archbishop Malcolm is not allowing altar servers or readers to come onto the sanctuary to do what they normally do and exercise their ministries. We hope that this will not last too long. We want you to know how much everybody in our parish values all that you do for us. People will see that without your help our celebration of Mass is not as joyful and as meaningful as it should be. But we are doing it like this for the time being to stay safe. We pray that you will all be serving, singing and proclaiming God's word (and going to Little Church) as soon as possible.



EVENTS www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk



LiverpoolSouth *Live Streams (all links online)*

Sunday Mass – 9:00am [Vincent De Paul Church Facebook Live](#); Sunday 10:00am [St Anne and St Bernard's YouTube Channel](#); 11:00am [Met Cathedral Facebook and YouTube Channel](#); 11:00am [St Philip Neri Church Facebook Live](#) and www.cathchap.org.uk

Daily Mass (Mo-Fri) 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)

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

Pastoral Associate Update:

Please check individual newsletters online for details of Mass times at www.liverspoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk . I'm having a bit of a break this week. *“Learn to get in touch with the silence within yourself and know that everything in this life has a purpose, there are no mistakes, no coincidences, all events are blessings given to us to learn from.”* Elisabeth Kübler-Ross I wish you abundant blessings in the week ahead. God bless, Helen

All information online at www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk [Facebook LiverpoolSouth](#)

Mass in Church: *Please check individual newsletters for details of Mass times.* All churches, including the Cathedral are open for Mass in some capacity other than St Anthony of Padua which may open for private prayer and will be open for Mass from Monday 20 July. I have updated Sunday Mass times on the website. **Private Prayer Cathedral** 12 – 4pm daily, *St Anthony of Padua* and *OLMC* check newsletter.

Please Note—the car park at the back of church will be closed from Monday to Friday this week due to the work on the land following the removal of the temporary Nursery buildings.

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, 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, 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, Joan Harding, Patricia Doyle.



Those who have recently died : Leo Barnett, Chris Johnson

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Patricia Ann Wright, Thomas G. Owens, Frances Shilcock, Julianne Maria Tobin, James Kilkee, Jean Wright, Benjamin Anthony Delahunty, Michael Welsh, Leonard Slack, Sheila V. Speed, Lawrance Joseph Stanley, Jim Coogan, Sheila Abbott, Anne Marie Devine, Ellen Casey, Elizabeth Halliwell, William Spragg, Margaret Tosh, Edith Shepherd, Liz O'Donovan, Elizabeth McKeown, Joseph O'Brien, Margaret Saville.

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention July 2020

*Let us pray that today's families
may be accompanied with love,
respect and guidance, and
especially, that they may be
protected by the State.*



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

