



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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StWilfridGarston



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A Year 2	Sunday 2nd August 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 1st August	Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Intentions of Yolanda Byrne Vinnie Ogg (Anniversary)
Sunday 2nd August	Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish John David Green (Birthday Remembrance)
Monday 3rd August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Christopher Friery
Tuesday 4th August	Memorial of Saint. John Vianney	SFA	9.30am	Margaret Bellion
Wednesday 5th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Pat Gallagher (Birthday Memorial)
Thursday 6th August	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	SFA	9.30am	Doris Keelen (RIP)
Friday 7th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Vincent and Ann O'Reilly
Saturday 8th August	Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Art O'Leary (RIP) World Peace
Sunday 9th August	Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Liz and Alan Mottram (Wedding Anniversary) 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....

Over the weeks and months of lockdown, what have you really missed? Was it the pint down the pub, the odd meal out with friends, a trip to the theatre or cinema or even just a swim? Of course, alongside all those desires all of which I've probably felt at some time or other fairly recently, there is the need to remember that some people really have suffered quite badly during these extraordinary and sad times. Yes, there have been the people who have been ill. There have been the people who have died, whether with the virus or without, and their families who have not been able to give them the funeral they might always have expected. In the Gospel today, we'll find that sense of loss and bereavement too if we look. But we'll also find the consolation and the true satisfaction of all our desires, something that people are beginning to feel again now that we gradually and cautiously return to the celebration of Mass.

Saint Matthew's Gospel recalls the feeding of the five thousand, a story we'll find in all four Gospels. But notice how we begin our passage today with talk of the death of John the Baptist. John the Baptist's martyrdom must have had a tremendous impact on Jesus but Saint Matthew's account doesn't dwell on the emotions. We might notice, though, that Jesus is retreating with his disciples to be alone, maybe to mourn. Jesus begins by putting his disciples to the test by telling them to feed the vast crowd. But he takes the lead, taking what they have so that all may be fed. So Jesus may well still be mourning the death of his cousin, but his compassion is such that the sight of all these hungry, needy people moves him to love them and to help them. Jesus' gestures of taking the bread, blessing it, breaking it and giving it are described with the same verbs Saint Matthew uses to describe the same actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. More is being referred to here than the satisfaction of physical hunger. The clear Eucharistic overtones present in this account point to another type of hunger and another type of food: the hunger of the human spirit, the food that is God himself, really present in the Eucharist.

Saint Paul speaks in a different way about the same dependence of the human spirit on God, as great as any need for bodily nourishment. The experience of God's love is so great that nothing is capable of displacing it, not even "anguish or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword". Saint Paul says that not even death itself can dim the light of God's love. Tremendous words for a tremendous reality: if we only knew.

Fr Joe

OUR CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

It's been really good to be able to welcome even more 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. Do take a copy of the *Saint Paul Sunday Missal* if you haven't already, but hold onto it and keep on bringing it with you to Sunday Mass. Do not leave it behind on the bench or replace it on the shelf. 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 summary

To avoid disappointment, book your place in plenty of time especially for weekend Masses which book up quickly.

Wear a face covering in church.

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 by arriving in good time

Follow the one way systems.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

PARISH PROJECTS



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

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.

Congratulations too to all those children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time this week or next week.

MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

The summer holidays have begun. But these are probably not going to be summer holidays like normal. Like everything else, it seems, things are not back to normal yet this year and the same is true about coming to church. Some of you have seen this already by coming with your families. It’s been great to see you and we look forward to seeing more of you again over these coming weeks, even if you can’t do all that you’d like to do during Mass.



Unfortunately, Archbishop Malcolm is not allowing altar servers 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. Let’s also pray for all those children who have been waiting patiently and will receive their First Holy Communion this week or next week.

LIVE STREAMS (all links online)

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk



LiverpoolSouth

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*

Daily Mass (Mo-Fri) 10:00am: St Anne and St Bernard’s *YouTube Channel*

OTHER

Daily Evening Prayer 6:30pm St Vincent’s

Catholic Trivia Quiz for young people (and not so young!) from Westminster Diocese. Answers in next week’s Newsletter.

1. How many Popes have there been? a) 528 b) 266 c) 942 d) 97
2. Who was the first Pope? a) St Paul b) St John c) St Andrew d) St Peter
3. Including the Luminous, how many mysteries of the rosaries are there? (Extra points if you can name them!) a) 15 b) 10 c) 4 d) 20
4. What are you reminding yourself of when you cross yourself with holy water as you enter the church? a) the tears shed during the passion of Christ b) Jesus is the water of life c) Your baptism d) God’s promise after the flood
5. What is the most important day and celebration in the Church’s year? a) Easter b) All Saints c) Christmas d) Pentecost
6. How many sacraments are there? (Extra points for naming them) a) 4 b) 9 c) 7 d) 10
7. What is the official daily prayer of the Catholic Church? a) The Divine Office b) Eucharistic Adoration c) Taizé Chant d) The Rosary
8. What percentage of Catholics are Christian? a) over 50% b) over 40% c) Over 20% d) over 30%
9. Which country has the most Catholics? a) Italy b) USA c) Mexico d) Brazil
10. A Catholic priest came up with the theory now known as the ‘Big Bang’. What was his name? a) Georges Lemaître b) John Smith c) Edward Oldcorne d) Henry Richardson

Please check newsletters for all Church Mass times – some have changed so do confirm the times and protocol before you decide to attend.

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, Grace Garnett, Joan Harding, Patricia Doyle.



Those who have recently died: Elizabeth McDonald

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Christina Ellison, Robert Loftus, Betty Aspinall, Margaret Pederson, Margaret Hearne, Patricia Kilkelly, Nicky Calvin, Mirella Valente, Veronica Birkenhead, John Ginner, Frances Ivy Roberts, Joseph Kelly, Susan Frances Getty, George McQueen, Raymond Lewis, Thomas Joseph Judd, Felix Smith, Frances Ivy Roberts, Veronica Ansboro, Margaret Campbell, Peter Sweeney, Ann Nugent, George Harrison, Marguerite McGuinness.



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

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY ONLINE AND BY STANDING ORDER

While we are still not back to normal it is very helpful if those who can would contribute to the parish by means other than cash or cheques. The Archdiocese of Liverpool has provided a way of contributing to the parish online. If you would like to do that 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention August 2020

The Maritime World

*We pray for all those who work
and live from the sea, among them
sailors, fishermen and their families.*



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

