



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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StWilfridGarston



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			Year A Year 2	Sunday 16th August 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 15th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	People of the Parish Murad Ghorbal (Anniversary)
Sunday 16th August	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	George Tabberner (LD) Willie Johnstone and Rita Ney (Anniversary)
Monday 17th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Fr. Peter Sheahan (RIP)
Tuesday 18th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Nancy Doran (RIP)
Wednesday 19th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Ethel Burke (LD)
Thursday 20th August	Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor	SFA	9.30am	Art O'Leary (RIP)
Friday 21st August	Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope	SFA	9.30am	Tino, Lucia, Mary, Peter, Neil, Hugh, Sanath, Rosalin and Syril
Saturday 22nd August	Memorial of the Queenship of Mary	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund Geoffrey Slack (RIP)
Sunday 23rd August	Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Nawab Khan (RIP)

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....

With all the programmes you see on television about antiques and people who restore old furniture, you might wonder if there's a market out there at all for new furniture. How far does this craze go back? We might think of the Regency and Queen Anne and all that, but if you'd seen the way the ancient Israelites treated a certain timber box you'd know it all went back much earlier than that. The timber box in question is the Ark of the Covenant, carried around the land of Israel in great state until King David thought that he ought to build a house suitable to cover it permanently, and his son, Solomon, got on with building the great Temple. They thought they'd better do something since this ark was not just any bit of furniture. The Ark of the Covenant, containing the two tablets of stone with the law Moses brought down from the top of Mount Sinai, was where the people of the Old Testament believed God's presence had chosen to dwell.

Saint John, recording his vision in the Book of the Apocalypse, rather confounds the conspiracy theorists in telling us that he has seen this long-thought lost item in heaven. But this revelation points to a deeper meaning. In the New Testament, the Ark of the Covenant is no longer a piece of furniture, but rather a person. Mary is the Ark of the Covenant because she welcomed Jesus within her; she welcomed within her the One who is the new and eternal Covenant, which culminated in the offering of his Body and his Blood: a body and blood received through Mary. We rightly invoke Our Lady in litanies as *Foederis Arca*, the Ark of God's presence, the Ark of the Covenant of love which God desired to establish with the whole of humanity, in Christ, once and for all.

Just like the timber box of old, this Ark of the Covenant went a-wandering the hills of Judah. Elizabeth exclaimed: "From the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy." Saint Luke uses the verb "*skirtan*", "to leap", the same verb we find in one of the ancient Greek translations of the Old Testament to describe the dancing of King David in front of the ark. In his mother's womb John the Baptist danced like David before the Ark of the Covenant; he recognized that Mary was the new Ark of the Covenant, before which the heart exults with joy, the Mother of God present in the world who does not keep this divine presence to herself but offers it, sharing the grace of God. Maybe we should do a bit of that sort of dancing before that presence of God which Mary bears and shows forth to us.

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. The number of people coming to church for Mass has steadily increased over these last few weeks. 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. Please let us know you are coming as indicated above. **The more we are aware of who is coming in advance, the better we can place people in church safely and ensure as many people can be seated as possible.**

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 have received Holy Communion for the first time in the last two weeks

MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Good News! We are now allowed to have altar servers and readers back exercising their ministry on the sanctuary during Mass.



Things are not quite back to normal, however. If you would like to serve or to read please see Fr Joe or Deacon Paul and then Paul and Chris will help you to see how it is we are doing things at the moment. It will be great to see you back!

We look forward too to when its possible to have singing once again in church and for children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word together in Little Church once more.

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

ZOOM SYNOD MEETING.

THURSDAY 27th AUGUST 2020 7pm.

As our Synod reflection time draws to a close on 1st September, we thought we would have a final gathering to share our thoughts on “Reflections on Synod during COVID-19”. This meeting will take place via zoom and all are welcome to attend, simply click on the link below on Thursday 27th August any time after 6.40.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87992092600?pwd=eUxNMldlSjR5cWNqV0E2NW9Qd2RiUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 9209 2600

Passcode: 595760

This will provide us with an opportunity to come together and reflect on how we would like the church of the future to look after our experiences of great change during the pandemic.

We look forward to gathering your ideas and thoughts.

Sue Faulkner

Church Mass times

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

Synod Reflection deadline: 1st September at www.synod2020.co.uk

Sunday Gospel Reflections: www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections-readings

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:

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: William Robert Keen, Roy Southern, Nora Malley, David Hopkins, Vin Keegan, Christine Gillaspy, Michael Quirk, Pauline May Bradshaw, Robert Jost, Charlotte Doyle, Maureen Rawlinson, Mary Handley, Sally Murray, Joseph Bernard Flaherty, Patrick Joseph Cunliffe, Alf Threlfall, Daniel Walsh, John Kevin Byrne, Haley O'Malley, Margaret Millea, John O'Shea, Marjorie Willman, Margaret Foster, Kevin Edwards, Violet Sheridan, Eileen Barrett, Thomas Cook, Helen Rhodes, Ann Polychronakis, Kevin Duggan, Gregory Warnick, Michael Morgan.



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

