



# 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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StWilfridGarston



Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time			Year A Year 2	Sunday 23rd August 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
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)
Monday 24th August	Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle	SFA	9.30am	Pat Soundie (Birthday)
Tuesday 25th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Ann O'Reilly (RIP)
Wednesday 26th August	Memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God	SFA	9.30am	Michelle Barns (LD)
Thursday 27th August	Memorial of St. Monica	SFA	9.30am	Catherine (Renee) Fisher (LD)
Friday 28th August	Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word
Saturday 29th August	Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Rosa (Birthday) People of the Parish
Sunday 30th August	Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Agnes Lalor (Anniversary) John and Kevin Cook (Ann)

**Baptism**

Refer to Parish Newsletter for future updates  
0151 427 4015

**Weddings**

By Appointment with the Parish Priest.  
0151 427 4015

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions**

Refer to notice inside Newsletter

**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....

It's tough at the top! That's what they say. Still, Saint Peter might have wondered if he really was at the top of anything. Yes, Saint Peter received a charism. He received the gift of being the leader of the Church, as we heard in today's Gospel. The Lord said that the Church would be founded on the Rock, Peter. Isn't a rock that's stood on usually at the bottom, though? Yet still he couldn't really be walked all over. Like Eliakim of the first reading, Peter would have the keys to admit people into the presence of the Lord. It's clear in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Saint Paul that Peter was first among the apostles, among those called to proclaim Jesus' Good News. Peter took leadership in the Church at Pentecost. After the apostles, Our Lady and he received the Holy Spirit, Peter led everyone out to the Temple and began preaching the Good News to the people. After Saul's conversion from persecutor to promotor of the Church and after his years in the desert of Arabia, Paul then went to Jerusalem to receive Peter's blessing and commission to bring the Good News, the Gospel to the world.

All the apostles recognized that Peter was given the charism to lead the Church. And Peter realized that he had to take up his position of leadership at the centre of the then known world, Rome. We don't know how Peter got to Rome but we know he got there. There are stories that Paul consulted Peter in Rome. We know that Peter died in Rome, crucified head down. The excavations under the Basilica of Saint Peter revealed a tomb with the words, "Here Lies Peter", and the body of a large man of Palestinian origin. We also know that when Peter died, the charism he was given to lead the Church remained active in Rome. As time went on, these bishops of Rome would be given the title, Pope, Father of the Family, leader of the Church.

So what does all this mean to us? It means that the charism of Peter lives on in the Catholic Church. This leadership is experienced in the teaching of the Holy Father and the teaching authority of the Church. It means that we know who we are as Catholics. The charism of Peter remains in the Pope and in the Magisterium. The way we live our lives flows from our faith. But this leads us to know too that as human beings we need the help of God to be His Presence for others. The Church provides for us. We treasure the gift of the Eucharist entrusted to the apostles and their successors as the food we need for the journey of life.

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. If you have booked and cannot attend, please let the office know asap as some people are not turning up for Masses after previously booking.***

***Wear a face covering in church at all times.***

***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.***



# 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](mailto:sfa@rcaolp.co.uk)) or **Helen** ([h.jones@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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.



## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Throughout the period of lockdown, the Sacrament of Reconciliation has only been available by appointment. As time has drawn on, more guidance and instructions have been received as to how this sacrament may be celebrated in these times. As well as making sure of the usual considerations of secrecy and the safeguarding of both the penitent and confessor, we now have to think about our physical safety and health too. The confessional room in our church is deemed too small and confined a space to be used as there would be insufficient ventilation and air flow. **It now seems possible, however, to offer regular opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Parish Meeting Rooms. These times will be the usual Saturday afternoon slot before the evening Mass, 5.15 p.m. to 5.45 p.m., and in addition Wednesday morning before Mass, 8.45 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.** Please follow the instructions you’ll find as you arrive at the Meeting Rooms at these times. As on all other occasions and in other spaces, all surfaces and seats will be sanitised before and after use each time. Please do make use of these opportunities to receive and celebrate God’s love, mercy and forgiveness.

## 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](http://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

## Pastoral Associate Update:

I hope you are able to make the most of the summer sunshine these days. I’ve had a chance to visit family and friends - a change of scene very much revived spirits! Prayers have been with all those who have exam results this summer. With my eldest being part of the GCSE cohort, it’s been an anxious time. I would like to affirm the great job our teachers do, and am so grateful to them for all their efforts in ensuring a fair system of assessment. Exams are such a narrow indicator of ability and does preclude from the rainbow of attributes that make a truly wonderful human person – may all our young people continue to be beacons for the future! A reminder that Synod is on track to complete in June 2021 and your views are still being sought – please do log on to the Synod website and submit them. *“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass; it’s about learning to dance in the rain”* quote by Vivien Greene. May all our young people dance well! **God Bless, Helen**

## ZOOM SYNOD MEETING - THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020 7pm.

As our Synod reflection time draws to a close on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> August any time after 6.40.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87992092600?pwd=eUxNMldlSjR5cWNgV0E2NW9Qd2RiUT09>

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: 1<sup>st</sup> September at [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk)

Sunday Gospel Reflections: [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections-readings](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections-readings)

[www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://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, Stephen Skillicorn.



**Those who have recently died:** Catherine (Renee) Fisher, Michelle Barns.

**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Moses Hendrick, Anthony Joseph McLoughlin, Emily McLeod, Cathleen Durrant, Michael Atherton, Maureen Rawlinson, Morgan Burke, Michael Healey, Ann Pauline Gillat, Vera Naughalty, Augustine Harris, Margaret Mason, Sarah Cullen, Michael Casey, Winnie Clark, Esther Williams, Anthony Nearly, Winifrid Wang, Norman Rigg, Bridget Connolly, Gerard Leckie, Henry Robinson, Maureen Stranack, Bernadette Cunningham.



### 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](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream)

Resources for Prayer at Home

Ideas for family prayer at home

[www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com)

