



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			Year A Year 2	Sunday 6th September 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 5th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Geoff and Terry Bremble (Get well) James and Agnes Flynn
Sunday 6th September	Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Mark Holland (Birthday) People of the Parish
Monday 7th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Louis Ventre (Ann)
Tuesday 8th September	Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SFA	9.30am	Peter Atherton (LD)
Wednesday 9th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Doreen Varanese (RIP)
Thursday 10th September	Memorial of St. Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr	SFA	9.30am	Michelle Barnes (RIP)
Friday 11th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA		
Saturday 12th September	Holy Name of Mary	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Catherine Fisher People of the Parish
Sunday 13th September	Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Anthony Ventre (Ann) Angela Raissis (RIP)

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....

What's a guideline and what's the law? When will the police step in and when are people expected just to get on with following advice and playing their part? These questions are on the lips of many today with all that's going on, but similar questions have always been around in the life of the Church. Today's Gospel is part of what's sometimes called the "discourse on the Church". Jesus speaks here more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In Saint Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community. Jesus doesn't necessarily discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It's in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

We might ask ourselves too: how much of my life is governed by "we" and how much is it governed by "me?" Whether we live with others or alone, we all need to see that all of life comes from God. We are made in God's image and likeness. Remember too that we say that God is a community of Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each with his own characteristics but at the same time in mutual interdependency. Being excessively independent is not Godly. Many people, though, want to "go it alone." There is a "me and God" religion and declare that their relationship with God is nobody else's business. The great danger is that they thereby make God over into their own image and likeness. But living with others isn't always easy either. Selfishness and the desire to control others can surface. Such was the case in early Christian communities. Such is still the case today. It is sad to see that sort of disagreement and criticism in Christian families and in the family that is the Church. Why would anyone want to join us in the Christian family if they see us relating to others in that way, tearing down rather than doing the building up to which we're called?

So really that's why we still need this discourse of Jesus on the Church and moreover why we need his Church. It's not just me and God. We need that Church that gives a loving criticism and continues to communicate to us the standards and norms for how we should behave that Jesus gives to us. That's why we need this Church that God gives to us so that we can live together in his love and in peace and justice together in God's family.

Fr Joe



We pray for all those who have been Baptised in our Parish.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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) 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.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Taking into account all that we need to do for the safe celebration of this sacrament, including the need for good ventilation in the room in which it happens, **there are now 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 do follow the instructions you’ll find as you arrive at the Meeting Rooms at these times and make use of these opportunities to receive and celebrate God’s love, mercy and forgiveness.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Since church has reopened for Mass and other liturgies, it has also been a joy to see a number of children baptised. The parents of these children attended their preparation before April and have waited a long time but, as with everything else at the moment, these celebrations have been restricted in some ways. **At this time, only the parents, godparents, grandparents and siblings of the child being baptised may attend the celebration in our church.**

It is now possible to begin again offering preparation for parents who have a child to be baptised but in different ways. If you have a child to be baptised, please contact the office and the details of this preparation can be explained to you.

Pastoral Associate Update:

As the vibrancy of summer begins to fade, the rhythm of the seasonal change makes itself known: my morning alarm is now honking geese as they pass my window and gather for migration on the marsh - this Creation Time Season seems very real (resources online). Our environmental interconnectedness, especially during COVID has highlighted our interdependencies and watching those geese flying in formation together, I was struck with gratitude for the support we have been able to give one other during these months, however modest. I spotted a cartoon online by James Norbury of a tiny dragon riding on the back of a giant panda travelling along the road: “Which is more important,” asked Big Panda, “the journey or the destination?” “The company,” said Tiny Dragon. Have a great week ahead especially to our youngsters and school staff as they settle into their first full week of studies.

God Bless, Helen.

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

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.

4 weeks of Guided Prayer: FCJ Centre St Hugh’s – Facebook for more details (starts Sunday 6 September 5-6pm, online/in-person)

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, Stephen Skillicorn, Amanda Melia.



Those who have recently died: Antonia Skillicorn.

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Ann Turpin, Agnes Cooney, Michael Ginner, Joan Rosario,



Marcia Nellist, Arthur Mason, Ted Southern, William and Vera Smith, Charles Smith, Edward Hughes, Josephine Palmer, Tony Bullen, Esther Twohig, Joan Kilkelly, John McDonald, Vincent Clarke, Stephen Brough, Mary Nicholas, Sue Cunniffe, Magdalene Rangel, Irene Walsh, Rosaleen McCarthy, Maria McGuinness, Esther Ost, Fr. Maurus Green OSB.

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 September 2020

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the Planet's resources will
not be plundered, but shared

In a just and respectful manner.



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

