



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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StWilfridGarston



Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year A Year 2	Sunday 13th September 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
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)	
Monday 14th September	Feast of the Exhaltation of the Holy Cross	SFA	9.30am	Collette Brierly (2nd Anniversary)	
Tuesday 15th September	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	SFA	9.30am	Ian Block (RIP)	
Wednesday 16th September	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs	SFA	9.30am	Josie Tulip	
Thursday 17th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	George Leonard	
Friday 18th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 19th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Rita Kowulak (RIP) Veronica Woodward (RIP)	
Sunday 20th September	Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Tony Fearn (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

In the parish meeting rooms

Wednesday 8.45 am– 9.15 am
Saturday 5.15 pm -5.45 pm

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....

For so many, it can seem like an uphill struggle, like a mountain too tall even to contemplate climbing. This, I think, for many people who have been really hurt by the misdeeds of others, who feel the wounds of sin so deeply in their lives, can feel all too readily: how ever can they forgive others as they know they are called to do? At first sight, coming to understand this parable Jesus gives us in the Gospel today, we might feel that problem is only compounded. We have here a debtor who owes his master ten thousand talents. Now a talent was an amount of money equal to one thousand denarii, and a denarius was a Roman silver coin equal to one day's labour. Doing the arithmetic, the amount of the debt equalled ten million days' wages. That's massive. That's worrying! We're dealing in IMF sort of debts here, not current account overdrafts.

Responding to the debtor's request the king changes the obligation from a debt to a loan. It's a point all too easily missed. "The master's servant felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt." What's striking is that the debtor didn't ask for forgiveness; he asked only for time to pay it back. How could he possibly be mad enough to think he could pay back the huge obligation he owed his master? Putting to one side the man's psychological condition, look at his spiritual state, which is, of course, what Jesus is talking about. Remember too that all of Jesus' parables are not about other people; they're about you and me. The point is that the debtor was concerned only about observing the dictates of the law. His arrogant self-righteousness remained. His focus was only on himself. In place of a change of heart, there was only an attempt to manipulate laws, rules and regulations. If Laws and rules are manipulated for the advantage of one, rather than being there to help, then something's gone wrong. They're not serving their intended purpose. This is something to bear in mind when thinking about forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not "selling out;" it's not saying that what people have done to us is somehow "OK," or that it doesn't matter. Forgiveness liberates us from the ways of this world; it takes us into the heart of God. To forgive is truly divine, and the presence of God is something we all desperately need in our lives, particularly in these days. As we hear so often: we are all in this together. But when it comes to God's forgiveness and our need to forgive others, it really is true. Could we refuse mercy to another like ourselves, can we seek pardon for own sins? We need to find freedom for ourselves in forgiving others.

Fr Joe



We pray for Oscar Francis Westhead is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Please keep him and his family 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



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 4, 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 this school year please contact the parish office for an initial letter & application form **BEFORE**

Monday, 21st September 2020.

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 part of my role I am studying for the Certificate/Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, a joint initiative between the Archdiocese of Liverpool and Loyola University of Chicago. In the next weeks there will be an opportunity to find out more about this study opportunity. It fits around work (or retirement!) and although involves commitment, is not too onerous as it is very much based in the reality of where we find ourselves. Do look out for the information webinars which will be announced shortly. Also a hot off the press ‘save the date’ for the morning of **Saturday 10 October** for the **J&P Zoom** follow up in order to ‘Prepare the Future’. Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD will be providing the input into ‘Taking the Common Good Seriously’ at the end of this Season of Creation. Details to follow. My quote from the online community: “To defeat hate and fear we must love louder”. Stay safe and have a good week.

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 – See Facebook for more details

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

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:

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Winifred Ranger, Jim Keane, Patrick Walsh, James Patrick



Doctor, Skyla Gill, Marie Exley, Mary Catherine Walsh, Winifred Mialko, Margaret Connor, Agnes Cooper, Francis Austin Carney, Annie Powell, Patrick J. Walsh, Margaret Flaherty, Ian Collingwood, Joan Tittle, Myrtle Robinson, Joan Lawless, Lenny Beckett, Irene Garnell, Kate Calland, Margaret Potter, Emma Keogh, Catherine Wills, James Rodgers, John Moore, Mary Carling, Ellen O'Neill.

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/liv e-stream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/liv-e-stream)

Resources for Prayer at Home

Ideas for family prayer at home

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com

