

The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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StWilfridGarston



Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time			Year A Year 2	Sunday 20th September 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
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)
Monday 21st September	Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle	SFA	9.30am	Angela Raissis (RIP)
Tuesday 22nd September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Rosa Tamarit
Wednesday 23rd September	Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	SFA	9.30am	Joe Brophy (Birthday Ann)
Thursday 24th September	Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham	SFA	9.30am	Isobelle Deare (Ann)
Friday 25th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word
Saturday 26th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund People of the Parish
Sunday 27th September	Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Bertha Nichols (RIP) Nora and Lenny Widdowson

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....

“This isn’t Jesus’ advice to ACAS,” was how I remember a priest, when I was a lad, explaining this gospel parable. What we are presented with is a demonstration of the difference between our ways and God’s ways. If we do more, like the early labourers in the vineyard, our natural reaction is to claim more for ourselves than the latecomers who do less. The parable reminds us that service in God’s vineyard is selfless; the parable isn’t actually anything about a fair day’s pay for a fair day’s work. It’s about our salvation. Our wage comes just from being in the vineyard and working there. The fact that we’re rankled by the Lord’s generosity is a sign that our system of justice is creeping in and clouding our judgment, preventing us discovering the Lord’s ways.

But discover the Lord’s ways we must. That’s the sort of relationship we’re called into with him. But we might be surprised at what we find. The prophet Isaiah exhorts his people to search actively for the Lord. He reminds them that the Lord’s ways are not obvious to us and need to be sought while we have the opportunity. It’s necessary to balance our knowledge of the kindness and mercy of God with the knowledge of the fear of God that those prophets of the Old Testament knew so well and inspired them to be bold in proclaiming God’s Word. We might say that the psalmist today reminds us of both these realities of God: his awesome power and might and his equally awesome and wonderful kindness and mercy. It is a wonder. As the Lord reminds us through the lips of the prophet Isaiah, ‘my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.’ God most certainly is ‘other.’ God is holy.

The Holiness of God is the forgotten doctrine for many today, it seems. If the message presented in church is merely that ‘God is love’ without this being balanced by the fact that he is also infinitely holy and requires us to change, then the danger is that he’ll be ignored and we’ll make no effort: we might see our actions as unnecessary and irrelevant. But Saint Paul would argue that our actions most certainly are relevant. Christ will be glorified in my body – he said of himself but he could be saying it of all of us. That God is holy, that God desires our continual conversion of heart shouldn’t make us run a mile. That is sadly what many have done over the years, misunderstanding both how God reveals himself and also the great wonder that is our humanity and our relationship with God. God’s holiness is his invitation. It’s the mystery he’s inviting us into, looking at us not with the human eyes of retributive justice but with divine eyes of love.

Fr Joe



We pray for Joshua Kai Davis and Annabelle Ivy Davis who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Please keep them and their 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

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)

FaceBook Help—Is anyone able to help update our FaceBook page? It doesn’t need lots of time – just a willingness to spend less than 20 minutes over a week posting Fr Joe’s “Can I Just Say” and a few other notices. Support will be provided! Please contact **Helen (07449 633977)** or **Janet in the Parish Office** if you can help.

St. Wilfrid’s during lockdown

Lockdown certainly has challenged us all. Staying and praying together as one community and showing our love and unity by supporting one another has meant being more creative. The use of technology has certainly played a central role for many of us. Of course, not everyone is fortunate to have a young person on tap to steer them round the intricacies of the internet or have the facility to connect virtually. Our Care Call network was set up to reach out to those who were feeling isolated and wanting a friendly chat. With over 70 people on the call list a team of volunteers made regular calls to keep parishioners up to date with what was going on. We used information from a census taken in 2014, which gave us a base for our contacts (just imagine what we could achieve if we had more up to date records – more later). Our calls will continue in the next weeks but in a slightly different format as some parishioners are now out and about and many of our dedicated volunteers have returned to work. The community that has built up because of these calls is a great legacy to our lockdown time: one parishioner even had Happy Birthday played to her down the phone: we can’t wait to meet up once we are able to!

Our St Wilfrid’s SVP was also active at this time delivering food and doing shopping for those who needed it as well as their regular support network. A meals service was arranged by the parish for those in need and was provided by a local restaurant. The parish also distributed food donated by parishioners. The presbytery was a focus for many needing support, many coming to the door, and help given.

Virtually we have had opportunities to meet online for Synod discussions both at the beginning and the end of lockdown; we held a virtual Stations of the Resurrection where parishioners made and read the stations or made recordings (including sisters from Carmel); we had a virtual tea to celebrate the feast of St Wilfrid’s. Together with the Legion of Mary, we created an online rosary on the Liverpool South Pastoral Area website using photos of Marian statues from parishioners, from our church and from Carmel with the Legion of Mary, parishioners and sisters from Carmel reciting the prayers.

Newsletters have been delivered to those who have no internet access – we printed, distributed, hand delivered or posted **30** newsletters at the height of Fr Joe’s postman duties to those who requested them. Greetings cards with prayers were sent to those in care homes and on our call list.

From lock down it is clear that we need to update our census information with more meaningful details and as such we will be working on a new GDPR compliant census which will be available online as well as on paper. We hope by gathering this information we will be able to keep in touch with each other more easily and identify those in our community who would welcome a bit more support at certain times.

We thank all those who have kept our parish going in these times and continue to do so. It is our love and care for one other that makes St Wilfrid’s such a special community.

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.

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.

Pastoral Associate Update:

It’s great to finally be back in Liverpool and out and about again. Technology is all very well, but actually physically seeing people and being in a different environment reinforces our need for human contact and companionship. We’re exploring a possibility of forming a loose knit Justice and Peace forum for the Pastoral Area. If anyone is interested, do get into contact. We have a virtual event in mind. It’s not to replicate what is happening in parishes, but to do things together occasionally and draw on our own strengths and experiences, supporting one another where we can and sharing resources. Looking after those who have no voice is more important now than ever. “*The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.*” Mother Teresa. Stay safe and have a good week. **God Bless, Helen.**

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: Mary Elizabeth Ament, Joseph Anthony Ryan, Agnes Copoc, Jimmy McNamara, Robert G. Kelley, Margaret Cavanagh, Janet May Dugdale, Stephen Humphries, Audrey Worsley, Nancy Sinnett, Gertrude Lynch, Christopher Maloney, Daniel Cavanagh, Marie Collette Baird, Richard Woods, Thomas Walsh, Elizabeth Coyne, Kathleen Mary Davis, Fred Halewood, George Keogh, Allen Sankey, William Anthony Pugh, James Vincent Kilkelly, Elizabeth Parsons, Paddy Walsh, Mary Kelly, Mary Minton, Deogracias Burgana, Margaret Pickthall, John Ashcroft.

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.

LIVE STREAMS (all links online)

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

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

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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
Sunday **Gospel** **Reflections:**

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections-readings

Justice and Peace Commission: *Prepare the future: Taking the Common Good Seriously* - A follow up to "Making All Things New – our Christian response to the COVID crisis with input from Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD. Saturday 10 October, 10 – 12 noon. Registration to follow (this is a virtual event online via Zoom).

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

