



# The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time			Year A Year 2	Sunday 27th September 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
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
Monday 28th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Intentions of the SVP Parish group
Tuesday 29th September	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels	SFA	9.30am	Dot Kilgallon (RIP)
Wednesday 30th September	Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor	SFA	9.30am	J. McGrattan (RIP)
Thursday 1st October	Memorial of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor	SFA	9.30am	Eamon McKenna (RIP)
Friday 2nd October	Memorial of The Guardian Angels	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word
Saturday 3rd October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Peter Leonard (RIP) Vinnie Ogg (Special Int)
Sunday 4th October	Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Margaret Doyle (RIP) People of the Parish

**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....

Actions speak louder than words: that could almost seem a cliché today but perhaps it's no less true and it's certainly a message underlined in today's Gospel. Jesus reminds us that words do not express the full human response to God. What is required is the integral response of the whole person: his or her thoughts, words, actions, and full human capability. It's in prayer that we can respond to God, the prayer of words and the prayer of silence too. Prayer is meant to mirror our lives, and just as there can be that person-God communication in silent prayer, we might also need to consider what others can learn just from our silent actions about any aspect of our lives, of our faith and beliefs. That could be the prayerful person-person communication to which we are called as disciples.

In Saint Matthew's Gospel, Jesus distinguishes clearly between those considered nominally good and those who actually do good. One son only says he will work; the other son goes to work. Jesus declares, in a way that must have shocked his first hearers, that prostitutes and tax collectors are entering the Kingdom of God before the chief priest and the elders. However shocking this message must have seemed, these people are more open to instruction perhaps because they had far less to prevent them seeing their sins and their need for conversion. Our search and openness to the experience of God needs to involve the heart even more than the mind. It's the heart that is the origin of our desires and actions.

And so, if our actions will tell others far more than ever we say to them, and not just about prayer, is it time to stand back sometimes and think about those actions? The prophet Ezekiel stresses individual responsibility for one's own actions. There is only one way to "life" and life in its fullest sense, life eternal, life with God: by living a virtuous life now. This way is open to anyone who, by his or her actions, does what is right. And yet, we know that we experience not just one desire, but a multitude of desires, often in competition. There can be a discrepancy between what we want to do and what we actually do, still more with what we feel we ought to do. Where is our freedom in all this? A free, personal response to God in this life is expected of each person, whatever we come to do, especially as we choose to receive the sacraments. But it's the grace we receive in those sacraments that will bring us to true freedom; it's that grace that will allow us to be free not to *do* as we please but to *be* who God is calling us to be.

Fr Joe



***We pray for Emily Georgia Whiteside, Oliver Peter Gargon and Leo Alexander Gargon who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.***

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

**Social Media Volunteers:** we are delighted to welcome Amy Hayes on board to look after our Facebook page and encourage our parish to dip another toe into the world of social media. You can contact her through our Facebook page on StWilfridGarston . We continue to keep connected in this time of COVID and welcome all ideas to stay in touch as we can continue on our Faith journey together, Helen

## 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.**

## Test and Trace

*In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, we are taking contact details (name, telephone number and address) for all visitors, as well as recording times entering and leaving the church of Saint Francis of Assisi, Garston in the Parish of Saint Wilfrid. In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else. If you book Mass via email, you will be sent a form for completion. If you book Mass via telephone, the form will be left at the back of Church for you in an envelope for you to complete and return to the Parish Office.*

**Thank you for your understanding.**

## 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:

I’m sure I share with many that sinking feeling when I listened to the news on Tuesday evening and heard the current restrictions may be in place nationally for six months. And the media speculation that “Christmas is cancelled” will no doubt be prevalent in the next months! However, Christmas cannot be cancelled, as we know, and perhaps we can challenge ourselves to reach out in creative ways to prepare for an Advent and Christmas like no other. Registration is now open as we mark the end of Creation Time with J&P Commission’s Zoom event - Prepare the Future (Sat 10 Oct) led by Christine Allen, CAFOD Director and a Liverpool native. She is an inspirational and engaging speaker if you haven’t heard her yet – now is your chance! Register on the Liverpool J&P website. “You will change the world just be being a warm, kind hearted human being” online quote this week. Keep well, **God Bless**

## 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:** Michael P. Corrigan, Edna Gherkin, Sheila Williams, Bernard Feeney, John F. O'Carroll, Brian Wycherley, Ernest Bloxham, Chan Kwan Ng, Anthony McClusky, John Hellgren, Doreen Alice Ellen Quinn, James Vincent Kilkelly, Eileen Dowdall, Christopher Cummings, Peter McCormack, Barbara Millea, William Forde, Moira Evans, Ursula St. John Murphy, Leonard Dickinson, Leslie Fry, William Low.

## 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](http://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

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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](http://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](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)

