

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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The Solemnity of St. Wilfrid				Year A Year 2	Sunday 11th October 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 10th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Lancashire Secular Clergy Fund Bernard Holden (RIP)	
Sunday 11th October	The Solemnity of St. Wilfrid	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Christine Hegarty	
Monday 12th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Margaret Hoctor (RIP)	
Tuesday 13th October	Memorial of Saint Edward the Confessor	SFA	9.30am	Wilf Pate (B'day Remembrance)	
Wednesday 14th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Lewi Michael Birchall	
Thursday 15th October	Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor and Virgin	SFA	9.30am	Sisters at Carmel	
Friday 16th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 17th October	Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Fr Peter Sheahan (RIP) Nancy Sinnot (RIP)	
Sunday 18th October	Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Arthur Kearney (RIP) People of the Parish	





Refer to Parish Newsletter for future updates

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....

The prophet Isaiah in the first reading tells us about this feast that the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food and of fine wines. Depending on where this banquet is held, will there be just one household/bubble present to eat up all those good things or can up to 6 be invited? Alas, as we come to celebrate our feast this year, not even the rule of 6 can apply in this neck of the woods and so our celebrations will be quite different to what we've been used to in recent years. Isaiah pointed to the banquet that is heaven, prefigured for us here on earth in the Mass. Saint Wilfrid did some pointing out himself (a little bit bossily too, some might have said!) in the way he steered the Church in our land. Instrumental at the Synod of Whitby, our saint insisted upon the Roman way, as opposed to the Celtic Way. This heralded a change for many Christians in what was most important and dear to them, not least when they would celebrate Easter.

Change is something that this parish dedicated to Saint Wilfrid has known and we might still look for meaning to this change. The readings remind us that it's only in the experience of God that we find the full meaning and fulfilment of our desires. Both Isaiah and Jesus must have known what a good feast, a good celebration entailed. The date for this great banquet of which Isaiah speaks is set in the future when the Lord God will provide a feast, take away the veil that keeps us from seeing, put an end to suffering, destroy death. On that day people will rejoice on seeing God and experiencing His salvation. Saint Matthew's Gospel speaks of the future but reminds people of the past too. There seems either indifference or disdain amongst some of these banquet guests in the parable; some are downright wicked and this is the way in which the prophets of old were treated. But God reissues and reopens to the invitation. This time, anyone found worthy will be on the guest list.

To be worthy we need to make more good choices and choices for the good. In the Old Testament the prophets warn God's people time and again not to substitute the worship and trust in God for fabricated idols. All things find their meaning and measure in reference to God. The Gospel shows how easy it is to become distracted from the true source of life and happiness and so we're reminded to lift our desires and so recognize and choose God's invitation among the many other clamouring interests of life. Well, today we've been issued with an invitation to honour and celebrate our patron's feast day well. Happy Feast!

Fr Joe



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

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

ST FRANCIS IS OPEN FOR MASS!

It's been really good to be able to welcome more people back to church for the celebration of Mass with numbers steadily increasing. However, things are by no means back to normal—we're not back to how things were back in March. For more information about how we can come to Mass, see the front page of the Liverpool South Pastoral Area website. Everyone attending Mass 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 follow the one way system for getting in and out of the car park. The capacity of our church is now about 50. This is severely restricted from normal. We are 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 by helping people come to church for Mass in new ways too. *Please do consider joining the volunteer team. If you would like to help stewarding, 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 attend, to go to the Mass of their choice. 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 - 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 6pm on Wednesday. Your household is defined as those you live with. These are the only people you will be able to sit next to in church before leaving a gap for others.

The church doors will open half an hour before Mass giving time for private prayer, and preventing queues as people enter and wait to be seated by the stewards. Please be seated at least 5 minutes before Mass.

Do take a copy of the Saint Paul Sunday Missal if you haven't already, but keep it to bring to Sunday Mass. Do not leave it behind or place it on the shelf. There may be a possibility that more Masses will be celebrated on Sundays and through the week if we know there is a demand and we have enough volunteers. The more we are aware of who is coming, the better we can place people in church safely and ensure as many can be seated as possible.

Book your place in early especially for weekend Masses which fill up quickly. If you book and cannot attend, please let the office know asap so others can be accommodated.

Email the parish office detailing which Mass you wish to attend and how many people will be present with you.

Wear a face covering in church at all times.

Please avoid the queue to enter church by arriving in good time.

Follow the one way systems.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

Find us on Facebook! Do have a look at our page. It's buzzing at the moment! Let us know what you want to see on it. Facebook ID is **StWilfridGarston** – do "like us" on **Facebook**

Social Media Volunteers: we are delighted that since Amy Hayes has started to look after our Facebook page, we are receiving a significant increase in hits and likes on our Facebook page, so please keep it up and also share with your friends. You can contact Amy 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. We have the Novena coming up (below) and as Advent and Christmas aren't far away, perhaps you have some ideas that we can share to keep us connected and praying together as one loving community.

Helen

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

As we are not able to easily come together at the moment we will be planning a Zoom Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Tuesday evenings at 7pm starting on **Tuesday 27 October, every** week until **Tuesday 22 December.**

If you would like to be involved please let me know h.jones@rcaol.org.uk or 0744 9633977— we need readers for prayers and for scripture readings which can be done on Zoom on the night or pre-recorded. We will be live streaming it to YouTube so you can pray with us on the night through Zoom, via YouTube or watch at a later date. Please send in any petitions to the parish office.



O Mother of Perpetual Help, Sweetest Mary, I ask you with your divine grace to watch over me, give me the strength to take one day at a time.

PRAYER TO SAINT WILFRID

Loving Father you gave us Saint Wilfrid to be our patron.

May he inspire in us a new faithfulness
in witnessing to your son Jesus Christ.

We place our trust in you and may the prayers of Saint Wilfrid come to our assistance.

We praise you for the graces we receive from your hands.

We pray especially for our for parish under the patronage of St Wilfrid, and all our schools.

We pray that we may never neglect those who need our help and prayers.

We pray for our families and friends and all whom we know.

Give comfort and healing to all who are sick.

Give peace to the dying and eternal rest to the dead.

Amen



TEST & TRACE



In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, we are taking contact details (name, contact number and address) for all visitors, as well as recording times entering and leaving the church of St Francis of Assisi, Garston in the Parish of St Wilfrid. If you have downloaded the NHS Test & Trace App on your smart phone you can scan the **QR code** instead which is displayed in church.

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 sacraments, it has also been a joy to see a number of children baptised. As with everything else currently, these celebrations have been restricted in some ways. Following recent clarification from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, only the child to be baptised, parents and godparents - a maximum of 6 people (including the child to be baptised) - may attend the celebration.

It is now possible to offer preparation for parents who have a child to be baptised but in different ways to "normal". If you wish to have your child baptised please contact the office.



We thank all those who have kept our parish going in these difficult times and continue to do so. It is our love and care for one other that makes St Wilfrid's such a special community. We thank especially the members of our Saint Vincent de Paul group who continue to work with some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

We are now very low on food to distribute to the needy, if you can donate, please bring all food to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Pastoral Associate Update

As I was driving over the Mersey Gateway bridge to link up with the M56, I was struck by the amazing infrastructure we have here. In his new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, the Pope takes his idea from Laudato Si of "integral ecology" and reflects this in the connectivity of everything during the pandemic focussing on frontline workers who understand that "no one is saved alone" (#51). We do have opportunities to connect, but many of them do exclude those who do not have access to technology. Perhaps we can phone a parishioner this week to keep our networks active and interconnected. Synod Sunday will be celebrated next week — so watch out for ways to keep connected and shape the future of our church in the Archdiocese. Keep safe, God Bless, Helen

"Each of us can learn something from others."
No one is useless and no one is expendable."

Fratelli Tutti (#215)

For those who are sick:



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 McDonald, Kathleen Walsh, Bernard Martin, Anthony Scullion, Maureen Hampson, Teresa Mathews, Mary McGerty, Alan Joseph Humphreys, Doreen Thompson, David Brady, Thomas Barry, Richard B. Connelly, Margaret Ryan, Ann Hall, Bernard Dunmore, Terence Joseph Butler, Margaret Whiteside, Angela Comber, Eileen Archer (SB), Mary Dowker, Mary O'Brien, Ellen O'Regan, Stanley Raymond Jones, Andre Zuluetta, Alfred Ashcroft, Lizzie Holt, Ethel Dickinson, Anita Smith, Mary Rose Hyland, Robert Hughes, Denis North, Josephine Dixon, Fr. David Morland OSB, Michael Cottee, Cyril Gallagher, Tony Joyce

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY ONLINE AND BY STANDING ORDER

Whilst we are still not back to normal, it is very helpful if those who are able, could contribute to the parish by means other than cash or cheques.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has provided a way of contributing online.

If you would like to contribute in this way 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 October 2020

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism,
the laity, especially women,
may participate more in areas of responsibility

in the Church.



www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Livestream Mass:

Sunday Mass – 9:00am Vincent De Paul Church, Facebook Live; 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

Sunday Gospel Reflections:

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections-readings

Christ is Alive Zoom Retreat:

with the Ireneaus Project: Tuesdays - 20, 27 Oct & 3 Nov 7-8.30pm. Book with Jenny at jenny@irenaeus.co.uk for the link.

Fratelli Tutti Reading Group:

on Zoom with the FCJs in Wavertree. Fridays at 4pm. For more details and the link email fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com.





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

