



# 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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Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time Synod Sunday				Year A Year 2	Sunday 18th October 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
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 SYNOD SUNDAY	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Arthur Kearney (RIP) People of the Parish	
Monday 19th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Lucas family, healing of the sick	
Tuesday 20th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Jack Brayley RIP	
Wednesday 21st October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Patrick and Sara McLoughlin	
Thursday 22nd October	Memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope	SFA	9.30am	Lucia, Tino, Cyril, Mary, Peter, Neil, Hugo, Saneth, Nesita	
Friday 23rd October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 24th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6pm	Thanks for Our Lady's prayers People of the Parish	
Sunday 25th October	Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Sara Hughes and family Broy Hassett	

**Baptism**



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....

My enemy's enemy is my friend. What a dangerous maxim to hold but one which has sadly directed the foreign policy of many a nation state through the last century and up to the present day. The Pharisees hated the Roman tax. The Herodians, those Jews who supported the Roman puppet King Herod, supported the tax. Both groups, the Pharisees and the Herodians, hated each other. But in our Gospel we find them joined together in a combined effort to trap Jesus, to discredit Him, and thus do away with Him, each trying to trap Jesus for their own reasons. I think Jesus understood all too well what a strange alliance pitched itself against him that day. He certainly responds cannily. Both groups, as good Jews, rejected graven images as violations of the First Commandment; statues and any images were right out. No Jew of any stripe would countenance the idea that idols were to be worshipped.

Still, though, this is a tricky question. Jesus goes for a visual aid in order to answer it, asking them for a coin, which they gave Him. Note that both they and Jesus were in the Temple area when this incident took place. Note, too, that the Roman coin had carved upon it the image of the infamous Tiberius Caesar, the one who had so desecrated the Jewish Temple. One side of the coin had: "Tiberius Caesar – Son of the Divine Augustus". The other side described him as "*Pontifex Maximus*", supreme bridge-builder. For Jews, this was blasphemous idolatry. The fact that they had carried that coin with them into the Temple precincts tells us that they thereby discredited themselves. No good Jew would be caught with such a coin on the Temple's grounds, that holiest of places.

Furthermore, we need to realize that Jesus' response was directed at the precise issue of whether or not the Roman taxes should be paid. Jesus said nothing about the autonomy of Caesar in his secular role. Nor was Jesus making any statement here at all about separating religion from society; the answer evades the question rather than solves it. Whether Caesar has a right to rule is not touched by the answer. Jesus doesn't say what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God; this Jesus left up to the personal decision of each of his disciples who must solve the opposing claims of God and Caesar, whoever "Caesar" might be in any particular age. Jesus' teaching in Chapter 6 of Saint Matthew's gospel is valid here: "No one can serve two masters." In short, I think Jesus is saying that he's got bigger fish to fry and so should we be concerning ourselves with more important things. Who really is our master? Surely it's what rules our life such that we live for God and for our neighbour?

**Fr Joe**



***We pray for Charlotte Elizabeth Porterfield who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend  
Please keep her and her family 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!**





# Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

## SOCIAL MEDIA



**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](mailto: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.

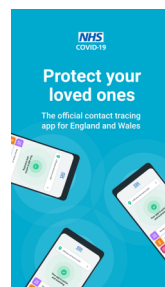


*O Mother of Perpetual Help, Sweetest Mary,  
I ask you with your divine grace to watch over me,  
give me the strength to take one day at a time.*

## Synod 2020

This Sunday we celebrate Synod Sunday. This weekend was due to be when the principal Synod 2020 events were to take place but owing to the Covid-19 pandemic we will wait until next year and continue to journey on the road with the Lord and with each other. We'll find out a bit more about that at Mass. We will also bless the new banner that has been made for our parish to use at Synod events and at many other occasions too. We thank our talented parishioner Kathy Green not just for making our banner but also for all the other things she has made to make our church and the celebration of the liturgy more beautiful.

## 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.



**SVP**

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 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 we continue to be challenged in coping with more restrictions on our lives, staying connected in innovative ways fuels our efforts to support one another. Our Synod journey will be challenging in the next weeks ahead, but I have been so encouraged by the virtual connections we can experience: the FCI's *Fratelli Tutti* Reading group literally crosses the globe in its outreach; the *Christ is Alive* retreat is a beautiful way of nurturing togetherness and encountering God where we are; in the next weeks we will be trying to come together virtually for Synod Proposal discernments; a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour led by St Wilfrid's, Garston starts on Tue 27 Oct; if you feel called to explore your faith in relation to ministry do look at the Diploma/Certificate programme for Pastoral Ministry & Leadership – zoom info sessions start on 27/10 details at [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/diploma](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/diploma); Cardinal Michael will be sharing reflections on *Fratelli Tutti* during Advent and there may be a few Christmas projects in the pipeline - watch this space! "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about" from Meg Wheatley, American writer. Keep safe, 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:** Bernadette Makin

**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Mary Savage, Charles Elliott, Mary Calland, Albert Fellows, Anthony Gerard Mulholland, Kathleen Meenan, John Clarke, Daniel Ireland, Anthony Cooney, John Campbell, Mary J. Murphy, Angela Murphy, Sara McLoughlin, Margaret Walsh, Jim Cloherty, Stanley Orrett, Lynn (Selina) Martin, Bill Reid, Paul Rodriguez, Phoebe Flewitt, Philip Macauley, Agnes Bryan, Stephen Keane.



## 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.

[www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://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](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections-readings)

### Christ is Alive Zoom Retreat:

with the Ireneus Project: Tuesdays - 20, 27 Oct & 3 Nov 7-8.30pm. Book with Jenny at [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com)

**Diploma/Certificate in Pastoral Ministry & Leadership:** Free info sessions - Tue 27 Oct 10:30am – 12 noon; Thu 29 Oct, Wed 4 Nov, Tues 17 Nov at 7 – 8:30pm; Sat 7 Nov 2-3:30pm. Details and Zoom link



## 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.



**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)

