



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			Year A Year 2	Sunday 15th November 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 14th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Lancashire Sick and Infirm Secular Clergy Fund
Sunday 15th November	Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			People of the Parish
Monday 16th November	Memorial of St. Edmund of Canterbury, Bishop			David Furness (Anniversary)
Tuesday 17th November	Memorial of St. Hilda, Abbess			Louis and Annie Ventre (Anniversary)
Wednesday 18th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Fr. Des Power (LD)
Thursday 19th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Elaine Cielor (RIP)
Friday 20th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Marie Friery (Sick)
Saturday 21st November	Memorial Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			Pious Lists
Sunday 22nd November	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King			People of the Parish

Baptism

Refer to Parish
Newsletter for
future updates

Weddings

By Appointment
with the Parish Priest.
0151 427 4015

Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Confessions

By appointment only

Call 427 4015

**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...

We tend to think of talents not in terms of currency but rather in terms of skills and gifts put to good use. But actually, the talents of which Jesus is speaking today are really units of currency. That's why now when I hear this parable I'm reminded of the occasion a man at the end of Mass once handed to me an old sixpence he'd found on the floor of church. Had it lain there all those years since those coins were last legal tender accruing next to no value whatsoever? But these talents were unity units of measure, but as they were usually the units of measure the Greeks would use for gold, I think we can call them units of currency. Now if these are units of currency that people would use with gold then I think it's safe to assume that these servants weren't dealing in sixpences. These servants must have been well trusted in the first place. To be given just one talent was to be given an awful lot.

Now why, you might ask, would a master give his servants such large amounts with the expectation that they'd do something with them and make even more wealth with them? There must surely be some urgency about the task. Urgency is a key feature of this Good News that Jesus entrusts to us. There's an urgent need to hear and accept this Good News because there's an urgency to Jesus' coming to us again. At this time of year, even before Advent begins, our readings are already drawing us to the fact that Jesus will come again and there's an urgent requirement to get our house in order. It's not enough for a servant, that is, a disciple in God's kingdom, just to preserve what's been given to him or her. The Master expects the results of his investments. The message might really be about what will happen to us at the end of this earthly life, but the earthly, human language of the parable means that we need to think about things in the here and now. It's those servants who assume their responsibility and put their minds and hearts into creative ways of multiplying their capital who are praised. It's the servant who wants only to hold onto what he's got that is judged as lazy and wicked.

We can all of us be those good servants; that's who we're called to be. It's for all of us, no matter what our position in life is or even how poor we might think we are at discipleship in God's Kingdom, whether we think we've been given a sixpence or a lump of gold. The Lord wants us all to do our best, whatever that best is and only God and ourselves can know that.

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 of Assisi Church

Due to Government guidelines published on the 31st October 2020
Between Thursday 5th November and Wednesday 1st December inclusive there
are to be no acts of public worship in our churches.

However, our church will be open for private prayer on the following days and
times commencing on **Sunday, 8th November 2020**



Sunday 9am to 12 Noon
Monday to Friday 9am to 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday
And Thursday



We look forward to seeing you.

***If you are unwell, suffering from symptoms of Covid-19 or are shielding,
please continue to pray at home.***

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

Our Zoom and YouTube Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on **Tuesday evenings at 7pm weekly until Tuesday 22 December** is a very beautiful way to take a moment to be with others in a virtual space connected in prayer.

Zoom details: www.zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 874 0155 0372 Passcode: 601897. For phone only connection (landline or mobile) call **one** of these numbers and follow the instructions (there is no need to enter a participant ID): 0203 481 5240/ 0203 901 7895/0131 460 1196. Copies of the Novena are on the website and YouTube access via link on the website or search for "St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube" All three weeks of the Novena are available to pray with.



*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

A summary of the theme proposals is now available to download from:

<https://synod2020.co.uk/proposals>

(If you are not able to access the internet and would like a paper copy of these proposals please ring the parish office and leave your details and we will make sure you receive a copy.)

Over the next few weeks we will be holding zoom meetings to discern which 5 proposals and 2 affirmations from each theme we, as a parish, would like to be taken to the next stage. There will also be other ways that people can get involved in the discerning process, please look out for these opportunities over the coming weeks, all will be advertised in advance in the newsletter.

It is really important that you contribute to this process so that the final proposals taken forward represent the needs and wishes for our parish of the future.



Month of the Holy Souls

Please send in any names of loved ones who have died which you wish to add to our parish Pious Lists. You can print a copy of the form from the website

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

and place this in an envelope, with any donation you may wish to give and pass that into the Parish Office. You can also complete an online form which will be sent directly to the Parish Office. A link to online donations is also available should you wish. Masses will be offered throughout this month of November when we pray particularly for the Holy Souls for all those remembered on the Pious Lists.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Together with acts of worship, the sacrament of Baptism has been suspended from the 5th November to the 1st December inclusive. We will wait for instructions from the Archdiocese regarding when this sacrament can take place again. We will keep all those children who were due to receive the sacrament of Baptism in our prayers.

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

Taking time to be still gives us all an opportunity to experience closeness to those who are not with us this year. Another opportunity to be still is on Sat 21 Nov and join in an hour of Worldwide adoration prayer for each other from home as part of the preparations for the International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest in Sept 2021. Details on our website. The preparations for our Pastoral Area Advent Service which will be available on YouTube on Sun 20 Dec at 4pm are really taking shape: thank you to all who have helped so far - it's not too late to join in, I need some readers (not visible) so do drop me an email h.jones@rcaol.org.uk or text 07449 633977. CAFOD in Liverpool South are getting us active and although the normal annual 5km is not possible this time, keep an eye on our website for the alternative plan – we can all join in! Do check out the Synod proposals www.synod2020.co.uk if you haven't already done so and let your Synod member know which ones you are drawn to – they need your input now more than ever! And finally – Cardinal Michael will sharing advent reflections linked to Fratelli Tutti during a time of prayer on Mondays at 7pm. Details on our and the J&P website. On Facebook this week: 'Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me. "Be still" they say. You are the result of the love of thousands' Keep safe and we keep praying for one another, **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, Bill and Pat Soundie, Barbara Brooks.



Those who have recently died: Jean Jones, Margaret Curley, Anastasia Rotherham.

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Thomas Weadock, John James Campbell, Lillian Crank,



David Campbell, Sheila Barnett, Kathleen Ryan, James Rowan, Mary Roche, Catherine Buggy, Mary Frances Cook, Leonard O'Brien, Emily Mercer, Vincent Campbell, Margaret Butterworth, David Bruder, Doreen Murphy, Kathleen Walker, John Bailey, Joseph Whelan, Mary Colette Brown, William Whitfield, James McNamara, Lisa Waddington, May Fletcher, Ina Preston Margaret McCaffrey, James Deasy, Kathleen Burns, Teresa Formela, Andrew Sander, Mary Teresa Kelly.

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.

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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

Fratelli Tutti Reading Group:

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

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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Tuesdays until 22 December 7-7:30pm. All links on: www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Armchair Retreats: Denis Blackledge SJ, Jesuit Parish Priest of St Francis Xavier's Church (SFX) delivers a series of armchair retreats
www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/armchair-retreats

Bereavement Support: www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/bereavement

Big Questions: Guided Zoom discussions for enquirers /anyone wanting to share faith in a safe space especially during COVID. Register at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/rcia Weds 6:15 - 7:30pm on: 18 Nov *Believing & Belonging*; 25 Nov *Care for Creation & All of Life*.

Prepare the Future Advent Reflections (J&P Commission) Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald Monday 30 Nov, and 7,14,21 Dec at 7pm on Zoom or YouTube/Facebook. Info www.jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Pastoral Area Advent Service – Sunday 20 Dec at 4pm on YouTube. Details on website.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

November 2020

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



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

