



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 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
Monday 23rd November	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Gibson Family
Tuesday 24th November	Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs			Bob Doyle (Sick)
Wednesday 25th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Peggy Curley (LD)
Thursday 26th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Stella Rotherham (LD)
Friday 27th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Mr & Mrs McManus (Sick)
Saturday 28th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time			Pious Lists
Sunday 29th November	First Sunday of Advent			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....

There seems to have been much speculation recently about how we might get to celebrate the Lord's nativity this year. What might we expect? How many might we expect to sit around the dinner table? But today's feast of the Lord might ask us more about what's expected of us because we are baptised. Christ is our king but then he never really was the sort of king that some of his contemporaries might have been expecting, still less not the sort of king they might have wanted. Some faithful contemporaries of Jesus might have been quick to say that they would never have wanted one of those bad old kings of the past, the faithless ones the prophets like Ezekiel would have railed against. Yet still they might have wanted their leader to have something of the power and military might of the kings of old. Still they weren't listening to the surprising and uncomfortable message that Ezekiel brought. The Lord told us through his lips that he wanted shepherds, not warriors. He wanted leaders that looked after the weak and the vulnerable, not ones that killed the lambs. What kingship do we proclaim as the prophets we are by baptism?

And so Christ is our king but he's not a king of old that would lord it over his subjects. Christ is our king and by our baptism we too become kings but only in that we share in his kingship. How are we to be kings? We need to look to today's Gospel. When we feed the hungry and clothe the naked, when we comfort the sick and visit the prisoners, but also ask why it is that people are hungry, naked, sick or in prison, then we are being kings after the likeness of the servant king. Christ teaches us that to be a king is not to be a power unto oneself. Christ is the servant who did the will of his Father in heaven. Christ is the servant king who would suffer grievously even unto death. It's into that servant kingship that we are all baptised.

Christ is our king but we might as well call this feast too Christ the Prophet and Christ the Priest. Saint Paul, writing to the Corinthians, reminds us very clearly of how Christ is the Universal High Priest and just what he offered: himself. This king is not one that sends others to battle in his stead, who risks the lives of others for his own vain glory. This is the priest who is also the victim whose only glory is that seen when he's nailed to a cross. In sharing in Christ's priesthood by our baptism, in living lives that bring a daily offering of ourselves to the Lord, where do we seek glory?

Fr Joe

ADVENT

Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent, the season of waiting and watching in joyful hope.
We pray that this will be a blessed and holy time of preparation for all in our parish
despite our having to keep it in different ways this year.

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. Let us know what you want to see on it. Facebook ID is **StWilfridGarston** – do “like us” on **Facebook**

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 are holding our Novena attracting visitors from across the Mersey (!) and our Advent Service is coming together. 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 previous 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.*



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.**

Saint Cecilia’s Feast Day

Happy Feast to all our parish musicians and singers as, had this not been a Sunday, we would have been celebrating your patron, Saint Cecilia. Thank you for all you do for us and we look forward to your being able to exercise your ministry fully once again in the future.

12 Carols of Christmas

To help keep us joyful and in good song you are invited to vote for your top Christmas carols so we can compile a St Wilfrid’s “12 Carols of Christmas” ! Let us know your top 5 and we’ll do the rest. Ask your family, ask your friends! We may not be able to meet and sing in church but the music goes on: watch this space for what will emerge...

**Vote on the website or email Helen
h.jones@rcaol.org.uk or text 07449 633977 .**

SYNOD 2020

Zoom Discussions

**Theme 1 (Called & Gifted by God) &
Theme 2 (Sharing the Mission of Jesus)**

Wednesday 25 November at 7:40pm

Theme 3 (How we pray together) &

Theme 4 (Building Community, nurturing belonging)

Thursday 26 November at 7:30pm



Both sessions will finish by 9pm and are open to those from other parishes.

To join, please email Sue Faulkner sue_4@hotmail.com or register online www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk/synod-proposals-2020

Copies of the proposals for each theme and online forms for you to submit which proposals you are most drawn to are on the website (link above).

A summary of the proposals is also available to download from the synod website at: <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.)

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 and help us to become the church that God is calling us to be.

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.

Pastoral Associate Update

As we approach the end of the liturgical year it has been a time of disquieting news reports, uncertainty, but also some tangible hope, as the vaccines seem to be imminent. I have finally caved into pressure from my sons and will be acquiring a cat – so changes for us (and Klaus the cat) entering into a different home future too! The **Pastoral Area Advent Service** has involved many schools, a few pets and parish communities with parishioners of all ages participating. It will be on the St Wilfrid’s, Garston YouTube channel on Sun 20 Dec at 4pm: do contact me an email if you can help – readers and announcers needed! h.jones@rcaol.org.uk or 07449 633977. Our **Synod** proposals are online with a form facility to capture your proposal choices. The results are anonymised (email is required only in order to send you a copy of your choices) and will be sent to your Parish Synod Member. Links to the proposals are also there: please do connect to help your synod members discern. Two zoom meetings next week hosted by St Wilfrid’s, Garston are open to any who wish to participate in discussing proposals for Themes 1 & 2 on Wed 25 Nov at 7:40pm and Themes 3& 4 on Thurs 26 Nov at 7:30pm finishing by 9pm. Zoom links will be emailed out to you if you register online at: www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk/synod-proposals-2020 . Cardinal Michael will be sharing **Advent Reflections in the Light of Fratelli Tutti** on Mondays at 7pm beginning on 30 Nov: Info on the J&P website.

*“We cannot always build a future for our youth,
but we can always build our youth for the future.”*

Franklin D Roosevelt

Happy Feast of Christ the King especially for our wonderful young people who keep inspiring us, and keep us smiling!
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:

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:



Catherine Buggy, Mary Frances Cook, Leonard O'Brien, Ruth Stansfield, Sarah Rice, Patricia Kilgallon, Ann Doyle, Maureen Fagan, Michael Anthony Powney, Tony Lord, Patrick McDonald, Kathleen Hassett, Peter J. Gunning, Robert James Quayle, Bernard Dunmore, Anthony Burquest, Rosemary Wall, Maureen Broughton, Margaret Morphet, Mary Colette Brown, William Whitfield, James McNamara, Mary Burrows, James McAdams, Nellie Knight, Laurence Charles Ety, George Brown, Patricia Lundon, Frances Davies, Kitty Thomas, Ellen Mallon, Alexander Martin, Martin Keeley, Maureen Wilson, Mary Byrne, Christina Byrne, John O'Rourke

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention November 2020

Artificial Intelligence

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



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Livestream Mass: *Sunday Mass* – 10:00am 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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Tuesdays until 22 December 7-7:30pm. Zoom links on: www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk Also on YouTube 'St Wilfrid's Garston'

Fratelli Tutti Reading Group: Fridays 4-5pm. Next week Chapter 7 – do join at any time! For Zoom link email: fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com

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

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 25 Nov *Care for Creation & All of Life*.

Synod 2020: Zoom discussions for proposals for Themes 1&2 Wed 25 Nov at 7:40pm; Themes 3&4 on Thu 26 Nov at 7:30pm. Zoom registration: www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk/synod-proposals-2020

Prepare the Future: Advent Reflections in the light of Fratelli Tutti (J&P Commission) given by 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 Online Advent Service – Sun 20 Dec at 4pm on St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube.



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

