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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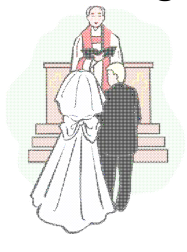
Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday				**Year B Year 1**	**Sunday 13th December 2020**
DAY	**FEAST**	**LITURGY TIMES**		**MASS INTENTION**	
Saturday 12th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Intentions of Catherine Sweeney Marie O'Shaughnessy	
Sunday 13th December	**Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday**	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Phil and Annie Moss People of the Parish	
Monday 14th December	**Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor**	SFA	9.30am	Peter Ryden	
Tuesday 15th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	9.30am	Fr. Michael Youell (LD)	
Wednesday 16th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	9.30am	Herbie Carson (RIP)	
Thursday 17th December	Weekday of Advent II	SFA	9.30am	May and John Fletcher, Carmel Davies	
Friday 18th December	Weekday of Advent II	SFA	9.30am	John Gray (LD)	
Saturday 19th December	Weekday of Advent II	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Deceased members of the Ferguson family People of the Parish	
Sunday 20th December	**Fourth Sunday of Advent**	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	McGuinness and Rowan family All deceased family and forgotten Souls	

Baptism

Refer to Parish Newsletter for future updates

Weddings



By Appointment with the Parish Priest. 0151 427 4015

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions

Wednesday 8.45am-9.15am

Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm

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....

Rejoice, we're told on this Gaudete Sunday. Rejoice as we're about half way there and salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. "Come, Lord Jesus, come," we say in this season, and yet we'll also hear the message to be still and ponder, to wait for the Lord whose coming is promised and will surely come. Amidst our rejoicing, should we have that impatience for the Lord's coming, for the better world promised to us in his presence, or should we strive after that patience that will let the Lord work his marvels in our lives?

The task of the missionary disciple of the new evangelization (and every Christian is a missionary disciple by Baptism) is to smooth the way for a rediscovery of Christ, first of all, by making this discovery himself or herself, every day, for only then can he or she share it with others with the conviction of personal experience. Saint John the Baptist, who's our guide again for this Sunday with his strong personal conviction, knew both the urgency of the message he was sent to bring, an urgency just as great as the task with which we missionary disciples are entrusted, and he knew too that going to the obvious place with this message, the crowded market place, perhaps, was not where he was called. He was the voice crying out in the wilderness. And yet the people came to him. They came to this witness who spoke for the light that would come into the world. Where do we go to encounter the true light, Jesus, whose coming among us we await? We encounter him in the Eucharist, certainly, but also we'll see his face in the poor, the suffering and of those prisoners who are bound up often in the prisons of their own making. If we bring them joy this Advent, we ourselves will find it.

Where do we go to meet God and where and how will God come into our lives? What form this intervention will take sometimes we cannot know or find ways of expecting. But maybe if we're to learn about the present and the future then we need to learn from events of the past. The way in which God came to dwell upon earth, the way in which the Incarnation happened, was unexpected, and yet in this surprise is our cause for rejoicing. Babies are always a cause for joy and rejoicing. Let the *bambinelli* we bless this week be our reminder of the joy one baby brought to us. Don't forget to wrap up those blessed figures when you get them home, only to unwrap them in a week and a bit's time to be reminded once again of that joy that the first present of Christmas brings to us.

Fr Joe

We pray for Jake Anthony Judge who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

St Francis of Assisi Church

ST FRANCIS IS OPEN FOR MASS FROM WEDNESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER

It will be really good to be able to welcome people back to church for the celebration of Mass. 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 as possible 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.

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"

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.

Bambinelli Sunday

Don't forget to bring your baby Jesus to Mass this weekend to be blessed.

Holy Trinity and St Austin's Reception admissions September 2021

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 they will be due to start reception class next year. The deadline for submitting your application forms to both the Local Authority and our schools is 15th January 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this year all information will be electronic including forms.

Please see the school websites at www.holytrinitycatholicprimaryschool.co.uk/admissions/ and www.st-austins.co.uk/early-years-admissions-1/.

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 .

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve	8.30 p.m.
	12 Midnight
Christmas Day	9.30 a.m.
	11.15 a.m.

Please book your places for the celebration of Mass at Christmas in the usual way, preferably by emailing the parish office. Please state clearly how many adults and how many children of 12 years of age or younger you are booking for. This helps us to place as many people as safely as possible. Preference will be given to families with young children at the Christmas Day Masses. We are very grateful to all those who have volunteered to help steward these Masses allowing an extra Mass to be celebrated and in turn more people to have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas at Mass this year while numbers in church are still so severely restricted.

Early booking is essential. All bookings to be made by Monday, 21st December by 12 Noon, preferably by email.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Since church reopen for Mass and other sacraments, it will be a joy to see children baptised again. 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, as we are now in Tier 2: Only people from one household may be present so godparents will have to stand by proxy.** 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.

Archdiocese of Liverpool ***J&P Commission***

ADVENT REFLECTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF FRATELLI TUTTI

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald (MAfr) on Mondays in Advent 7—7:30pm starting 30 NovemberZoom registration at: **jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk**

Also broadcast on: YouTube **liverpooljusticeandpeace**

Facebook **jpliverpooljp**

Pastoral Associate Update

It's Gaudete Sunday! I was in the presbytery at St Francis a few weeks ago and the Parish Administrator and I were talking about the Steeleye Span chant "Gaudete" (Joy). She played it in the office and I could hear it in the adjoining room and we both sang along – it felt **so** good to sing! The joy of being in harmony with another "real" person (albeit socially distanced) and expressing joy in song was quite overwhelming! I was delighted to receive another "singing" video for inclusion in our Advent service –all will be ready for broadcast on Sunday 20 December at 4pm on YouTube. O Antiphons are online now – do download them either to colour (NB adult colouring IS meditative) or cut out the ready-coloured ones and place in your windows. A very short O Antiphon reflection will be on the website (www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk) each day from 17 – 23 December. *"A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love. She gives most who gives with joy."* Mother Teresa. Stay safe and well, **God Bless, Helen**

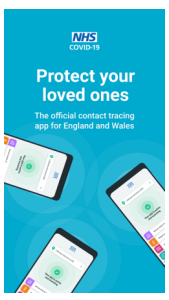
For those who are sick:

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: Joan Jones, Joseph Simm, Tricia Lewis (nee McNally), Henry Rainford.

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: James McCabe, Julia Mulholland, Tony Reid, Robert Joseph Falls, Patricia Halewood, Mary Elizabeth Murphy, Carol Brady, Reg Maddock, John Grice, Patricia Atherton, Mary Elizabeth Jackson, Francis Lines, Albert Edward Steward, Edith Wood, Gerard Loftus, Olive Jones, Patricia Mary Bromilow, Ellen Harrison, Maureen Lund, Gerald Terence McGillicudy, Susan Quirk, James Cloherty, Kathleen Warren, Colette Josephine Johnstone, Lillian Donnelly, Ada Russell (SB), Frederick Todd, Edward Mogan (SB), Martin Pryer, James Garvey, John Holmes, Patricia Chandler, Louise Garrett, Elizabeth Hughes, Garvan Hoyen-Chung, Ah Tsung Ling, Kathleen Dunn.

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 December 2020

For a life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

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'

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

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.

CAFOD Virtual Fun run – 27 December – see our website for local details

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