



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

Parish Clergy: Fr. Joe Kendall, MA. Parish Priest; Paul Whitehead, Deacon.

Pastoral Associate: Helen Jones h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk 07449 633977 **Web:** www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Postal address for all communications: St Francis of Assisi Rectory, Earp Street, Garston, Liverpool L19 1RT.

Office hours: Monday and Thursday, 9.00 am - 3.00 pm; Friday, 9.00 am - 1.00 pm. **Telephone:** 0151 427 4015

Newsletter items: to Janet Keefe, Parish Administrator by 12noon, Thursday. **E-Mail:** sfa@rcaolp.co.uk StWilfridGarston



Fourth Sunday of Advent				Year B Year 1	Sunday 20th December 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
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	
Monday 21st December	Weekday of Advent II	SFA	9.30am	Paul Sawden	
Tuesday 22nd December	Weekday of Advent II	SFA	9.30am	Michael Lalor (Birthday Anniversary)	
Wednesday 23rd December	Weekday of Advent II	SFA	9.30am	Dawn Hinton (Get well)	
Thursday 24th December	Weekday of Advent II	SFA SFA SFA	9.30 am 8.30pm Midnight	Patrick Microsingham (4th Anniversary) People of the Parish People of the Parish	
Friday 25th December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish People of the Parish	
Saturday 26th December	Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Parish Altar Servers Michael Kay (RIP)	
Sunday 27th December	Feast of the Holy Family	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Rose and Mick Byrne (Anniversary)	

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
In the parish meeting rooms

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....

In our first reading today, old King David seems to be getting pangs of conscience. He's had himself a nice big house of cedar wood built but he's worried because the Ark of the Covenant is still just resting under a tent. If you'd asked a faithful Israelite of David's day just where God chose to dwell, they'd most likely have told you at the Ark of the Covenant. This was most definitely God's word in tangible form, the commandments of God put on tablets of stone and given to Moses. King David having come to live in Jerusalem, the Ark of the Covenant no longer needed to go a-wandering around the hills of the land of Judah, as it had been. Mary of Nazareth, Our Blessed Lady, whom we meet in our Gospel today, has just heard tell some marvellous news of her kinswoman Elizabeth who lives in that same hill country. Mary too will go a-wandering those hills of Judah... but she isn't alone. She is now bearing inside her the Word of God made flesh. If we wanted to know where God chose to dwell at that precise time about 2000 years ago, it was with this blessed Mother. And so we remember Mary, in our praise of her, as the Ark of the Covenant.

But Mary is going to teach us in this week of Advent, on the cusp of the great feast of her son's birth, just what our relationship should be with the Word of God and the presence of God. David wanted to do something for the Lord: build him a house. He hadn't understood that it's always God who does for us, not we who do for God. We're the needy ones. We can't do him any favours, even if, in our moments of greater generosity, we tend to think of ourselves as doing just that. Our salvation is always God's initiative, always totally gratuitous, and always surpasses human logic. Salvation does not come from human beings.

It's not what we can do for God but what God does for us. This Christmas, we all need to be very clear about the fact that what we do to make it special is simply nothing compared with what God has done. This Christmas, we won't be able to do all that we normally do or want to do in church, at home or anywhere else we might celebrate. But Christmas is God's work, not ours. It's his coming for our salvation. If we really must be 'doing' in these last days of preparation, and in the days of Christmas, let's make all we do reminders of his mysterious yet very real presence among us. Then we'll be able to approach it all with the deep sense of need and anticipation of a genuine, personal encounter with God.

Fr Joe



We pray for Albie and Stanley Brown who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Please keep them and their 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.*

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 Mass	8.30 p.m.
Midnight Mass	12 midnight
Christmas Day Mass	9.30 a.m.
Christmas Day Mass	11.15 a.m.

Please see the information on the following page.

Fr. Joe, Deacon Paul

and all the Parish support staff wish all our parishioners a happy and peaceful Christmas.

The Christmas Crib

From Sunday onwards, please look out each day as the Christmas Crib gradually takes shape with its inhabitants and fittings. Look out too for Our Lady, Saint Joseph and their transport as they make their way around church to the place of the manger in Bethlehem. During the days of Christmas until New Year’s Day there will be available each day different reflections and things to think about to help families to pray at the crib.



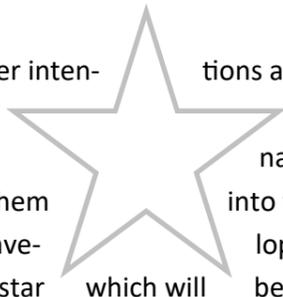
Archdiocese of Liverpool J&P Commission

ADVENT REFLECTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF FRATELLI TUTTI

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald (MAfr) on Mondays in Advent 7—7:30pm starting 30 November Zoom registration at: jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk Also broadcast on: YouTube [liverpooljusticeandpeace](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjpliverpooljp) Facebook [jpliverpooljp](https://www.facebook.com/jpliverpooljp)

Christmas Prayer Intentions

If you would like your prayer intentions at Christmas to hang on a star on our Christmas tree in church this year, please write down those names and intentions you’d like to pray for and send them into the parish office either by email or on a note in an envelope. Those intentions will be attached to the tree and then be transferred onto a star which will be attached to the tree and hang there throughout the Christmas Season as a symbol of your prayer.



Pastoral Associate Update

This Sunday at 4pm our virtual Advent Service *The Coming of the Light* will be broadcast on St Wilfrid’s, Garston YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/2JZJNMv>). Reflecting on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, it combines voices (and song) from our schools and parishes across the pastoral area, reflections from Carmel and the FCJs and you may spot our parish priest/s along with some pets! It’s an opportunity to take time, to take stock and pray together albeit virtually, as we prepare for our very different Christmas celebration (which is certainly not cancelled!) The short O Antiphon reflections (O come, O Come Emmanuel) are posted on the website (www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk) each day until 23 December. I’m having a break until the new year, and I take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness, support and willingness to try new ways of connecting during this most challenging year. I wish you, your loved ones and your families a prayerful Christmas and may we journey together with lighter hearts in 2021. Keep safe and **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, Betty Needham.



Those who have recently died: Tricia Lewis (nee O'Mally)

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Paul Sawden, Lilian Whitehead, Don Caldwell, Margaret Mary Rice,



Margaret Wilcott, James Malone, Patricia Margaret Flynn, Mary Ann Doyle, William Flatley, Mary Louisa Southern, John Edward Richardson, Gerard Hughes, Stephanie Redmond, Margaret Kilgallon, Lena Byrne, Francis Patrick Sinnott, Olga Josephine Jones, John Smith, Mary Melia (SB), Linda Francis, Elizabeth Todd, Mayree Pile, Margaret Murphy, Mildred Langley, Kevin Mullen, Jima and Nora Coogan, Anthony Francis Williams, Pat Rigby, Steven Walker, Margaret McLoughlin, Helen Murphy, Florence De Silva, Reginald Parkinson, Susan Quirk, Peter McKenna, Mary Frances Dunn, Neil Williams, Bernard Murray, John Draper, Deborah Whitfield, Joyce Fletcher, Ann Davies, Alf Williams, Peter Williams, Tess Formby, Stephen Dooley, Mary Bolger, Ronald Kavanagh.

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. Priority 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.

Feast of Saint Stephen

All our altar servers and their families will be very welcome to come to Mass on Saturday morning as we celebrate their patron saint and say our thank you to them for all they do for us in exercising their ministry throughout the year.



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: For all Christmas Services please check the newsletters – links to all newsletters, where available, are on www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk under newsletters.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Final Novena prayer on 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 21 Dec at 7pm on Zoom or YouTube & Facebook. Info www.jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

The Coming of the Light Pastoral Area Online Advent Service – Sun 20 Dec at 4pm on St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube <https://bit.ly/2JZJNMv>.

CAFOD Virtual Fun run – 27 December – see website for 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

