



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Feast of the Holy Family			Year B Year 1	Sunday 27th December 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
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)
Monday 28th December	Feast of the Holy Innocents	SFA	10.00am	Edward Tweedley
Tuesday 29th December	Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury, (Becket) Bishop and Martyr	SFA	10.00am	Daniel Klepper
Wednesday 30th December	Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity	SFA	10.00am	Alice Gregg (LD)
Thursday 31st December	Seventh day within the Octave of the Nativity	SFA	10.00 am	Geoffrey Slack (1st Anniversary, RIP)
Friday 1st January 2021	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	SFA	10.00am	Myrtle Rhodes (Get Well)
Saturday 2nd January	Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Mary Ellen Jordan Margaret Duffy (Get Well)
Sunday 3rd January	Second Sunday after Christmas	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Norman Hendrick (LD) 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

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....

As with everything else this year, it seems, our celebration of this wonderful Feast of the Holy Family will seem different. In some years we might get to this day and think we've had enough experience of family, and then more family, to last us a year! But this year, we might not have seen all the members of our families we might have expected. But still we can reflect on what role each of us plays in our own families, be those families big or small and as different or similar as any other family. Being an obedient child, a protective parent, a generous spouse are some of the best ways that we can show love for God. The vocation of being a loving family member goes a long way towards building the Kingdom and the Holy Family gives us the example. The parents of Jesus, Saint Luke tells us today, took Jesus to the Temple for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses. The Holy Family were obedient to the Law of God. Even though that family contained the God-Man, they were still obedient. The God-Man, Jesus, the Christ-child, is obedient to the Father's will and would carry on listening to the Father's will. We too can be holy families by listening to the Father's will and doing it.

Our vocation begins in our family and listen we must. As we see in the Gospel, the Holy Family had to do a lot of moving about at the Lord's behest, just so they could stay alive. Abraham and Sarah of old, as both our first and second readings remind us, had to move around too, from a place of familiarity and safety and into the unknown and all in answer to the God the Father's will. They could only do this in faith. In fear but with faith too Mary and Joseph had to move their family on. The Holy Family knew what it is to be a refugee family. But eventually they would make their home in Nazareth. I think Archbishop Malcolm reflects on both this stability in family life and also the challenge of mission, for going beyond the confines of our normal, day to day family life, when he tells us this in his pastoral letter today:

That is the mystery that we celebrate in this feast. I say 'mystery' because in a Church sense, mystery means a sign that recognises the present reality and yet points to an ideal life in Christ. The crisis we are enduring as a Church has shown us that the heart of the Church is in family life, and the loving face of the Church in reaching out to those who are needy or lonely begins in our families and the family of the parish community.

Fr Joe



We pray for Edison Winstanley 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



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.

Fr. Joe, Deacon Paul

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

Thank you for all the cards and gifts that we have received from you all.

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 .

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/.

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

A good way to celebrate and welcome in the New Year is to come to Mass and celebrate the Octave Day of Christmas, the day when we celebrate Our Lady as Mother of God and our mother too. Mass in our parish is at 10 am. Please contact the office in the usual way to let us know you are coming.

The Christmas Crib

Please take time to pray in your places before Mass before the Christmas Crib. 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, either in church or at your crib at home. These are also available to download at www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/advent-christmastide/at-the-manger-family-celebrations-for-the-eight-days-of-christmas/.



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 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

Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all.

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, Jimmy and Ann Lowe



Those who have recently died: Norman Hendricks, Hugh O'Donovan.

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Thomas Hunt, Raymond Worsley, John Joseph Power, Elizabeth Nuttal, Mary Mulville, Rose Anna Byrne, Stephen Flynn, Mary Carter, Frances Doreen Kelly, Anthony Dunbabin, George Hibberd, Anthony McCartney, Kathleen Lavelle, Annie Mina Marlow, Elizabeth Cannell, Geoffrey Charles Slack, Ken Needham, Joseph Lund, John Joseph Moran, William John Pearson, Marie Higgott, Thomas Hunt, Louise Rotherham, Kathleen Lavelle, Amelia Anderson, Joseph Peters, Frank Byrne, Caroline Byrne, Shelagh Knight.



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.

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



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.



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

