



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year B Year 1	Sunday 17th January 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 16th January	Weekday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Ann Hogg (Sick) Trish Lewis (RIP)	
Sunday 17th January	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Ken Needham (Anniversary)	
Monday 18th January	Weekday of Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Mary McCormack	
Tuesday 19th January	Weekday of Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Christeena Ginanapragasam (Anniversary)	
Wednesday 20th January	Weekday of Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Intentions of the Rainford Family	
Thursday 21st January	Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	SFA	9.30 am	Alice Gregg (RIP)	
Friday 22nd January	Weekday of Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 23rd January	Weekday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Ann Hitchmough Beryl Furner (RIP)	
Sunday 24th January	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Hugh O'Donovan (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

By Appointment

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....

After a few weeks of us seemingly always focusing on 'the baby Jesus', our readings of Ordinary Time come to focus on the adult Jesus as he begins his public ministry. "Come and see!" is the command issued to those first disciples, then, in turn, to all of Jesus's disciples. But what at first sight appears just to be a run-of-the-mill issue to come round to someone's house (well, what is 'run-of-the-mill' in more normal times, I suppose) for a cup of tea (it is 4 o'clock, after all) turns out to be something much more important for these disciples. Nothing really happens here. Far from there being any miracles or lofty discourses to behold, we merely see a few brief, personal encounters: though memorable enough for Saint John (one of the two who followed the passer-by pointed out by the Baptist, perhaps) to recall as an old man that "it was about four in the afternoon", the tenth hour, when he first met Jesus. For the first disciples, it was a true epiphany: "We have found the Messiah". None of them can contain their excitement. Children in Spain may enjoy the excitement of presents in shoes on Epiphany Day, but these disciples at this, their own epiphany experience, sense the excitement of something new which means they need to tell another (Philip finds Nathaniel and Andrew tells Simon). Telling another is a sign that you know something of the importance of what's been revealed to you.

These may appear to be casual encounters described to us, but in Jesus' zeal for the kingdom, the invitation issued to everyone is urgent. The disciples were quite young; Samuel was younger still, perhaps not even a teenager. God has no age limits. He can, and does, create child saints whom the Church can rightly celebrate as heroes. The wise priest Eli does not attempt to impose any limits on Samuel either once he realizes what's happening. The advice he gives the boy is the best advice anyone who has care of, or cares about, a young person, can ever give: when God speaks, answer with total readiness: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening".

That one of our most popular hymns, *Here I am, Lord*, known by so many young and old, echoes today's 'calling' theme is indicative of how it corresponds to a profound need of the human person: to be called, by name, by God. Every disciple needs to encounter Christ, the Saviour, in a very personal fashion. In this mini-season of Epiphany and Theophany leading us out of Christmastide and into this Ordinary Time, we might let this notion of our calling be our guide to how we too will come to encounter the glory of the Lord, not in the lights of Christmas, but in the blessings of our 'everyday'.

Fr Joe



We pray for all the children in our parish who will be baptised this year and their families.

Please keep them and their families 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. Perhaps you have some ideas that we can share to keep us connected and praying together as one loving community. Helen

St Wilfrid's Catch up with a Cuppa

Starting **Thursday 21 January** every week from 2:00 – 2:30pm you are invited to take a break and drop in to Zoom for a chat with a cuppa (you'll have to supply!) The link will stay the same whatever the weather!

Go to www.zoom.us and put in Meeting ID: **865 3759 2799** and Passcode: **227211** when prompted.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Since church has reopened for Mass and other sacraments, it has been a joy to see a number of children baptised in our Church. Unfortunately, due to lockdown we are unable to offer the Baptism Preparation course or Baptism at this present time. As soon as we are allowed to offer these Sacraments again, we will publish details in the Parish Newsletter.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Taking into account all that we need to do for the safe celebration of this sacrament, including the need for good ventilation, we will therefore be holding this Sacrament in Church. **Please note, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is now by appointment only due to the current Government restrictions. Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.** When you arrive for your appointment, follow the instructions you will be given and make use of these opportunities to receive and celebrate God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

Saint Paul Sunday Missals

Please take a new copy with you.

As we cannot share these missals (or hymn books) at this time owing to the Covid-19 restrictions, please keep hold of your copy and bring it each week with you to Sunday Mass. These will be available on a 'first come, first served' basis. There is no charge for these books but if you would like to make a donation towards their purchase you may pass that into the Parish Office.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Directory 2021

We have 3 copies of the directory for sale at a cost of £3.50 each. If you want to purchase one, please contact the office.

Lockdown

Our country finds itself once again with the instruction for people to stay at home again. This time, however, we are allowed to gather in church for acts of communal worship such as Mass. This is maybe recognition that we have been trying hard to follow all the guidelines and maintain a safe space while walking around church and while seated. It is perhaps also a strong encouragement to us all to carry trying hard to do the right thing when coming to church, mindful of the need to maintain the safety of ourselves and others.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will be hosting the Way of the Cross each Tuesday starting on Shrove Tuesday 16 February at 7-7:45pm.

We will be approaching groups to lead these, but if you wish to get involved, do let either Jan in the parish office know or Helen. We would appreciate help with the tech—a light touch only—as we do need at least two onboard each week.

If anyone has a set of Station images they would like to share, do get in touch.

More details to come—so watch this space

Echoes of God

A zoom facilitated group session for everyone to help us get a sense of the Scriptures as a whole and to see the unfolding of God's liberating and creative love in the history of Israel and in the Church.

It's a journey with the word of God as a companion and David McLoughlin who wrote the programme, hopes that this will enable us to know our companion a little more and even ourselves as we journey together.

In 7 sessions hopefully taking us out of lockdown and into Lent, the short insights into selected scripture enable us to reflect more deeply and share our responses in small groups.

If you've never done this before, perhaps have a try—you do not need to have deep theological insights—it is how it God speaks to **you**. You can share as much or as little as you wish.

Facilitated by Helen Jones and Jo Wallace (Pastoral Associates), it is a meaningful way of deepening our faith and understanding.

To register for the link and to download or read the resources www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk or through our website. You can also use the resources alone and you don't need to commit to each week.

Do give it a try—we would love to see you there!

Pastoral Associate Update

I am noticing signs of spring as I go on my walks now and vaccinations are moving apace – my 89-year-old mother had hers in the big Epsom centre this week and said it was so well organised and is full of gratitude and admiration to the NHS, as we all are! Hope is in the air... We begin our “Echoes of God” series on Monday – it's not “heavy” and will see us through this lockdown (we hope) and beyond: register on the website.

As a Pastoral Area we are combining our Justice & Peace resources in organising a Modern-Day Slavery Zoom with input from Sr Imelda Poole (see the Tablet article 5/9/2020) on Tuesday 9 February – St Josephine Bakhita's feast day. This touches us all in some way and would be great to have the support of the Liverpool South parishioners in becoming more aware or what we **can** do to help combat this. Any ideas for a Pastoral Area Lent/Easter project appreciated. *“Once you choose hope, anything is possible”* from Christopher Reeve (former superman actor).

God Bless - stay safe, stay well—**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, Amanda Melia, Bill and Pat Soundie, Barbara Brooks, Betty Needham, Jimmy and Ann Lowe, Margaret Bellion.



Those who have recently died: Ann Rasmussen



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Vera Loughney, David Doyle, Elizabeth Jones, Eileen Roberts, Leonard Widdowson, John Richard Fellows, Carmel Rose Anne Short, James Gerard Kilgallon, Nora Hayden, Catherine Exley, William Moran, Marie Gibb, Laretta Woollam, Moira Slavin, Veronica Loughney, Ray Allerston, Maud Crisp, Joseph Dunn, Sheila Gledhill, Bernard Hughes, Peter Lynch (SB), Andrew Vinue, Johanna Doyle, Norah Byrne, Joan Schofield, John Schofield, Peter Stanton, Frank Harris, Andrew Flanagan.

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* – 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

Scripture Resources: and registration for group Scripture Sessions: Echoes of God on Zoom Mondays 7 – 8pm from 18 Jan

www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk

Reading Group: Let us Dream, Pope Francis, Fridays 4-5pm Zoom fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com

J&P Memorial Lecture: Mary Colwell, Sunday 17 January 2- 3:30pm jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention January 2021

Evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



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

