



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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Second Sunday after Christmas			Year B	Sunday
			Year 1	3rd January 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
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
Monday 4th January	Weekday of Christmas	SFA	9.30am	Bill Anderson (RIP)
Tuesday 5th January	Weekday of Christmas	SFA	9.30am	Raymond Burns (RIP)
Wednesday 6th January	Solemnity of the Epiphany	SFA	7.00 pm	People of the Parish
Thursday 7th January	Weekday after Epiphany	SFA	9.30 am	Shirley LaHive (RIP)
Friday 8th January	Weekday after Epiphany	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word
Saturday 9th January	Weekday after Epiphany	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Intentions of the Hart Family People of the Parish
Sunday 10th January	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Stephen Flannery (RIP) Nick Laird (RIP)

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....

The trees have already started to pile up, I noticed. The pile of old, discarded Christmas trees in the designated place on Garston park is a sight I walk by often and it seems to appear earlier each year. When they've had the blessed thing dropping needles on the living room floor since November I suppose their owners will want shut of them now. The New Year welcomed in (as best it could be this year), the signs are all around us that the world thinks it's all over. But we are given this Second Sunday of Christmas to remember that while we may not be able to sing, Wisdom has sung its own praises, as we hear in the first reading, and that same loving Wisdom of God chose to pitch its tent among us, the Word having been made flesh. It's that same Wisdom, that Word, that Logos that the wise men travelled afar to behold and worship and so must we.

As Pope Francis told us a few years ago now, "why... did the Magi alone see the star? Perhaps because few people raised their eyes to heaven. We often make do with looking at the ground: it's enough to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment. I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky. Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need a lofty goal and we need to keep looking up."

How we need to hear that message this year. The lofty goal of a world rid of a dreadful virus is certainly one we all want to score but it's only in recognising who this Christ child really is and how this Incarnation came to be, that we'll get there. The life that came to be in the manger at Bethlehem was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. But that light shone in a tiny, weak, defenceless baby. That was the power required to overcome the darkness. As we enter into a New Year looking up, longing to build anew that post-Covid world, we need the Christmas reminder not just on this Second Sunday but all through the year of *how* God chose to exercise his power in humanity. Going back to the old ways of the world's powerfulness of might and violence will get us nowhere. It's in letting God work his power through our weakness that we will come to behold his glory in 2021 and beyond.

Fr Joe



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

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 3: 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.

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 .

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 in the room in which it happens, **there are now regular opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Parish Meeting Rooms. These times will be the usual Saturday afternoon slot before the evening Mass, 5.15 p.m. to 5.45 p.m., and in addition Wednesday morning before Mass, 8.45 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.** Please do follow the instructions you'll find as you arrive at the Meeting Rooms at these times and make use of these opportunities to receive and celebrate God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

Christmas Prayer Intentions

If you would like your prayer intentions at Christmas to hang on a star on our Christmas tree in church those names and intentions

at Christmas to hang on a star on our Christmas tree in church this year, please write down

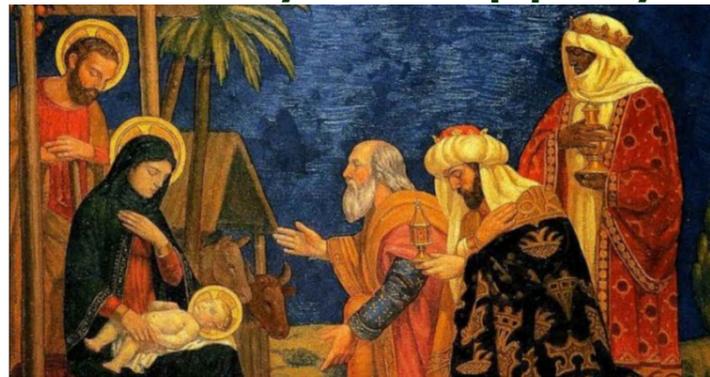
send them into the parish office in an envelope. Those intentions

you'd like to pray for and

either by email or on a note will 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.

Solemnity of the Epiphany



This most important feast in Christmastide, celebrated by the Church probably since before even Christmas Day came to be celebrated, falls on **Wednesday, 6th January**. Although this, like Sundays, is not a holyday of obligation this year because of Covid-19 restrictions, **Mass will be celebrated in the evening at 7 p.m.** to allow more people to come who otherwise would be in work at the usual Mass time in the morning.

We will be joined by some of the musicians and singers who provided our music at the 11.15 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning to give our celebration of this feast some greater solemnity.

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/.

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.

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: Peter Thompson

For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Joseph Peters, Ken Needham, Frank Bryne, Caroline Bryne, Shelagh Knight, Thomas



Harding, Eamon Hughes, Mary Hamill, Francis Moore, Margaret Robinson, Douglas Cranford, Joseph Lund, John Joseph Moran, William John Pearson, Noel Calland, Florence Weston, Margaret Dunmore, Mary Jost, Geoffrey Savage, Barbara Power, Esther Ginner, John Michael Sweeney, Marie Heffie, Mick Keane, John Fury, Frank Rowan, Anthony James Clarke, George Henry Craven, Mary Masher, Elizabeth Ann Mooney, Isabel Mary Dunn, John Byrne-Rice, Elizabeth Crompton, Margaret Mullen, Anita Fielding, Francis Edna O'Connor, Frank Lines, Gordon C.Gee, Stanley Rawlinson, Patrick McCarthy Axworthy, Agnes Keane, David Price, Patrick Foster, Kathleen Ryan, Dooreen GHandy, William Swanson, Amelia Anderson, Mary Cain, Joseph Hughes, John Mulcahey, Mary Carruthers, Esther Skinner, John McGrail, Francis Xavier Chan-You, James Mullen, William Peter Carter, Mary Millea, John Lynch, Margaret Keegan, Patrick Bryne, Joseph Rylands, Peter Kane, Lena McCoy, Florence Wright, John Byrne, John McInnes, Elizabeth McDonald, George Need, Joseph Dunn, Veronica Loughney, Patricia Allen, Eileen Casey, Bernard Talbot, Michael Caffrey, Mary Ungi, William Turner, Mary McTavish, Monica Moorhead, Elizabeth Stevenson, Eileen Robinson.

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.

Sunday Gospel Reflections:

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections-readings

The Coming of the Light Pastoral Area Online Advent Service
– Still available to view at St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube
<https://bit.ly/2JZJNMv>.



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

