



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year B Year 1	Sunday 14th February 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 13th February	Weekday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Lancashire Sick and Infirm Secular Clergy Fund Sr Mary's Father (LD)	
Sunday 14th February	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Joe McNamara (LD) People of the Parish	
Monday 15th February	Weekday of Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Peter and Helen Kane	
Tuesday 16th February	Weekday of Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Mary Patricia Elliott (Anniversary)	
Wednesday 17th February	Ash Wednesday	SFA SFA	9.30am 7pm	People of the Parish Thanks to the Parish for prayers received	
Thursday 18th February	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30 am	Maureen and Joe Smith (RIP)	
Friday 19th February	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 20th February	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Jeannie McNeil (LD) Elizabeth Carberry (Anniversary)	
Sunday 21st February	First Sunday of Lent	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish James, Edward & Josie Flynn, Walter Garnett (Ann)	

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....

Before we say things like we want things to get back to normal, let's not forget that the pandemic may have taught us all some uncomfortable lessons and shone light on problems in society we should have been addressing anyway. Have we learnt to value our carers and cleaners, recognising that without them we couldn't have got through this, and will we continue to value them in the future with more than applause? This is the sort of 'turning things on their head' that our Lord was really good at and this encounter with a man suffering from the terrible disease of leprosy, from which there was then no known cure, is a good example of this. In attempting to halt its spread to those who were healthy, the Law condemned the leper to the solitude of a hell-on-earth. Leprosy, with its repugnant and frightful effects – a rotting of the whole person and the consequent social ostracism and alienation even from those closest and most loved - is a parable of sin. Rabbinic rules explained that the illness was caused by severe transgression of the law and forbade anyone approaching a victim of the illness. If a leper approached other people he was to be stoned. It sounds harsh and cruel to us, but, if they didn't understand how to treat the disease, the good motivation of Israelite society was to stop its spreading to others.

Everything is changed with Christ. When the leper approaches, instead of stoning him Jesus reaches out his hand, touches him, and declares him cured. Jesus is the New Man, in whom is found the mercy and power of God, and who, in reaching out and touching the man afflicted with a contagious condition (and sin is far more awful and contagious than leprosy) takes it upon himself in order to free us of it. Notice that, before this healing, the leper was the one who couldn't go into town, someone to be forgotten about. After he heals this poor man, Jesus becomes the one who can't enter any town openly. For us he became a moral leper: "He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured" as the prophet Isaiah would tell us.

Jesus gives us all a fresh chance too, inviting us in, whatever our infirmities, in coming to us in the sacraments and in the Church. We are called to be very much on the inside of this love, but also challenged to see where people in our society are excluded, left in the margins and in places we'd rather forget about, and do something about it.

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

Every **Thursday 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.

Pastoral Associate Update

As we move into a lockdown Lent I reflect on how far we have come in a year. The learning curves of connection and technology have enabled many to keep in contact and our sacred spaces, previously perhaps confined mainly within the walls of a church may have shifted to incorporate the sacred space of home or outside. You are invited to join the Stations of the Cross during Lent starting this Tuesday (16 February) at 7pm facilitated by St Wilfrid's parish – Zoom link below. Also on our website there will be some “colouring” activities for Lent for both younger and older of which encourage us to focus on a prayer intention or a person to pray for each day during Lent. I do commend you to consider joining the CAFOD 10,000 steps a day for 40 days to Walk for Water. As we enjoy some sunshine it may be an opportunity to get out and again focus on our priorities during this time of continued lockdown. Our Pastoral Area J&P Group facilitated a very well attended Human Trafficking talk which will shortly be available on the Archdiocesan J&P website as a recording – it's well worth watching. I wish you a happy Valentine's day with all your loved ones far and near – a favourite quote of mine: “*Love is just a word until someone comes along and gives it meaning*” Paulo Coelho. May we all give meaning to that Love to each another in a real way this Lent.

God bless, keep safe! Helen

My Day by Day Booklet

Booklets for Lent are now available. Please call the office to reserve your copy which will be left at the back of Church for you to collect after Mass

Our Lenten Journey

This **Wednesday** we begin our journey with Jesus through the holy Season of Lent, travelling with him into the desert.

We can make a good start on this journey with the celebration of Mass. This year, owing to the restrictions placed upon us by the pandemic, we will be following partly the tradition observed in Italy and the Vatican. At the end of Mass, after receiving Holy Communion, ashes will be sprinkled on the top of your heads as you leave church. An extra Mass will be celebrated in the evening to allow a chance for those working in the day to begin Lent in the best way possible. **Masses** then are at **9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.** Please let the office know which Mass you would like to come to and in good time.

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.

All welcome.

If you would like to participate please do contact Helen or Maurus O'Donnell.

- 16/2 St Alphonsus Stations**
- 23/2 CAFOD Stations**
- 2/3 Our Lady of Walsingham**
- 9/3 Action of the Church in Need**
- 16/3 Mary's Way of the Cross**
- 23/3 J&P Focus**
- 30/3 Divine Mercy (St Faustina)**

Go to www.zoom.us and put in Meeting ID: **864 6245 8572** and Passcode: **970104** when prompted

Echoes of God

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

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. It's very well attended and those who are participating are enjoying sharing with such a warm welcoming and supportive group.

Facilitated by Helen Jones, Eleanor Lalley 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. This Monday (15) is Week 4-Wisdom.

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

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, 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, Jimmy and Ann Lowe, Ereceli Patos, Pam Foster.

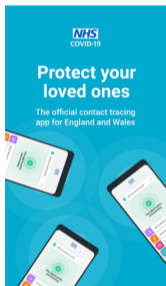


Those who have recently died:



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Mary Patricia Elliott, Bridie Keogh, Joan Cummings, Veronica Murphy, Nicholas Daniel Ring, Mona O'Brien, Angela Elizabeth Lowe, Flo Walsh, George Crompton Snr., Frederick Johnston, Thomas Martin Davies, Iris Mary Lowrie, Rodney Baxter, Margaret and Tom Cullen, Frank Pile, George Clarke, Milly Kilgallon, Cullen Family, Richard O'Regan, Jack Jennings, Fred Ehlen, Margaret Duffy, Mary Byrne, Ena Ashplant, Helen Cook, Christine Hughes, Joan Ling, Winifred 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.

Drop in Zoom

Wednesday 17 February from 2:30 – 3:00pm a chance to have a go at Zoom in a supported environment with Helen either as a participant or if you want to host your own meeting.

Go to www.zoom.us and put in

Meeting ID: **810 8412 7268**

Passcode: **603866** when prompted

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

February 2021 Violence Against Women



We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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

Scripture-Echoes of God Mondays 7 – 8pm Wk 4 – Wisdom.

Join any time: register for Zoom

link www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk

Reading Group: Let us Dream, Pope Francis, Fridays 4-5pm

Zoom fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com

Stations of the Cross during Lent facilitated by St Wilfrid's Tuesdays in Lent starting 16 Feb – all welcome. Zoom link for each week: www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 864 6245 8572

Passcode: 970104

Zoom Drop In Session Wednesday 17 February 2:30 – 3pm

www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 810 8412 7268 Passcode:

603866 try out buttons, ask questions or just practice!

CAFOD: Walk for Water 10,000 steps for 40 days www.cafod.org.uk



SUPPORTING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY ONLINE AND BY STANDING ORDER

Whilst we are still not back to normal, it is very helpful if those who are able, could contribute to the parish by means other than cash or cheques.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has provided a way of contributing online.

If you would like to contribute in this way please visit

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-wilfrid-liverpool>