



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Second Sunday of Lent				Year B	Sunday
				Year 1	28th February 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 27th February	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Patricia Bromilow (RIP) People of the Parish	
Sunday 28th February	Second Sunday of Lent	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Kevin Smyth (Anniversary) John Mulhall (RIP)	
Monday 1st March	Feast of St. David	SFA	9.30am	Intentions of Joseph Wightwick	
Tuesday 2nd March	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30am	Thomas Campbell (RIP)	
Wednesday 3rd March	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30am	Elizabeth O'Donnell (LD)	
Thursday 4th March	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30 am	Michael Joseph Glennon and Tony Glennon (B'day Mem)	
Friday 5th March	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 6th March	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Sr. Maria Theresa Montiero (RIP) People of the Parish	
Sunday 7th March	Third Sunday of Lent	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Joan Ball (RIP) Tadeuze Kubluczenko	

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....

Today we're off up that mountain with Jesus and his three main men, Peter, James and John, once again. Which mountain, we're not quite sure. Was it Hermon, whose snows would have melted into the streams flowing into Caesarea Philippi, where they'd just been, or was it Mount Tabor, on the way to where they're going? Either way, they would certainly have broken a sweat climbing up to the top. But was tiredness from the climb the real reason they wanted to stop? Of course, when 21st Century pilgrims arrive there they'll be driven up by taxi drivers who seem now (to the disappointment of some, perhaps!) to have lost their reputation for crazy and wild driving up the winding mountain roads. But Tabor is quite a peculiar mountain. It seems to appear and jut up unexpectedly from the plains of the Jezreel Valley. It is a good place to stop on the journey.

In a way it is wonderful to be up there on top of that mountain. It must have been even more wonderful for Peter, James and John. To be in the presence of the Law and Prophets, everything that they as good Israelites, as true sons of and inheritors from Abraham, whose very name would be a famous blessing, everything that they would hold most dear, really was wonderful. But they could not stay there in that presence. Wonderful as it was, it was not the homeland for which they were destined. Wonderful as it was, they had to go; they had to be obedient however difficult it was. We see today the obedience of their father Abraham to the Lord their God. Abraham loved his son Isaac with a love beyond all telling and yet Abraham, in the obedience of faith to a God whose mystery and whose thoughts surpass him, recognised that he loved God and God loved him; God the Father, in obedience to his own faithful love for human creatures, gave Isaac the reprieve. And yet, as the apostles would painfully have to move on to see, as we will too this Lent, there would be no reprieve for the Son of God, Jesus.

Peter, James and John glimpsed something of the glory of God up there on that Mountain of the Transfiguration but to want to stay up there was to miss the point. This was certainly not the end of the journey of discipleship for them. Whether it was Tabor or Hermon, the Mountain of the Transfiguration was pretty hefty. But Peter, James and John would be led to see glory revealed in another place, actually not much more than a stump of a hill. We call that place Calvary. That's where we're headed this Lent. That is where we'll really see the glory of God fully displayed.

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

SYNOD TALK

“LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS” Rev Dr John Bell

Iona Community

Reflections on

coping with the COVID crisis and Q&A

MONDAY 1 MARCH at 7pm Go to www.zoom.us and put in Meeting ID: **822 3528 9988** 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.

World Day of Prayer Service

This year it will be held on zoom only.

**If you wish to join this service,
please contact mgtberbrett@tiscali.uk**

Or telephone 0151 427 2544 where details will be given

**Some booklets are available from the Parish Office,
please call and request a copy.**

Service time is Friday, 5th March at 1.30pm

Pastoral Associate Update

I have been out on the highways and byways getting in my 10,000 steps for CAFOD's Walk for Water through sunshine, wind and rain, through mud, fields and on the pavements. The slight discomfort I experienced when walking my steps is nothing compared with the 10-hour daily trek for water which was so starkly illustrated when we prayed the CAFOD stations online along with Colette our CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator last week. You can see the edited version on the St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube channel: they are moving, inspiring and thought provoking. On Monday do look out for the Synod Talk on *coping with the COVID crisis* given by John Bell (Iona Community) which promises to be excellent (7pm www.zoom.us Meeting ID 822 3528 9988). Much of our activity has gone online and I know all our communities are doing their best to reach out to those who are not on the virtual network and keeping in touch. Our prayers combine spiritually for a safe end to this enforced isolation. A quote by the Japanese author Haruki Murakami from *Kafka on the Shore*.

“And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, whether the storm is really over. ... When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about”.

God bless, keep safe! Helen

LENT 2021 ONLINE

Mondays

Echoes of God 7-8pm

A warm supportive 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.: Week 6—Gospels. Register for Zoom link at

www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk

Tuesdays

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Facilitated by St Wilfrid's Parish

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)

Meeting ID: **864 6245 8572** Passcode: **970104**

Wednesdays

LENT REFLECTION & DISCUSSION 2-3pm

Be Holy without a Halo—The Beatitudes

Week 2 “Blessed are the meek”

Meeting ID: **874 4148 6211** Passcode: **833658**

Thursdays

Catch up with a Cuppa 2-2:30pm

Social time to catch up with one another.

Meeting ID: **865 3759 2799** Passcode: **227211**

Fridays

FCJ Reading Group

Let us Dream by Pope Francis

To join email: fcjcentresthughes@gmail.com

For zoom events log on with www.zoom.us and enter the ID and passcode for the relevant session when prompted unless otherwise indicated.

LENT REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

Be Holy without a Halo—The Beatitudes

Wednesdays 2-3pm on Zoom

ALL WELCOME!

Week 2 “Blessed are the meek” A chance to reflect and share our responses guided by Pope Francis' insights in a relaxed, friendly virtual space. www.zoom.us

Meeting ID: **874 4148 6211** Passcode: **833658**

Resources provided by Archdiocese of Liverpool J&P Commission

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, Pam Foster.



Those who have recently died: Christine Harwood, June Walsh.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Michael Culbert, Michael McGuigan, May Elliott, Ann V. Moore, Stephen Malley, Jean Cooper, John Edward Doyle, Ann Rowe, Kathleen and Edward Johnson, Brian Preece, Hilda Light, Thomas Edward Connell, Fr. Arthur Darragh, Fr. Joseph Keller, John Fitzsimmons, Michael Moore, Mary Catherine Crowther, Mary Theresa Smith, Elizabeth Doolan (SB), Mavis Grice, Theodore Knuckey, Carmen Garcia, Ronald Cobain, Agnes O'Leary, Mary Oritt, John Brookes, Ann Thomson, Mary Elliott, Jack Brookes.

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.

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

March 2021 *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



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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

Zoom Drop in – hone up on Zoom skills in a supportive and friendly environment Wed 17 March at any time between 11:30 – 12:30pm
www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 856 0287 2001 Passcode: 338180

LENT Online

Monday – Synod Talk: 7pm **Light in the Darkness:** reflections on coping with the COVID crisis by Rev Dr John Bell (Iona Community) and Q&A.

www.zoom.us Meeting ID 822 3528 9988. ALL WELCOME.

Scripture-Echoes of God 7 – 8pm, Wk 7 – Paul and his letters – **not on this week, next one 8 March.** Join any time: register for Zoom link www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk

From Ashes to Eggs 5pm, Fr Chris McCoy's weekly reflection which takes inspiration from a mix of poetry, readings and scripture: Cathedral Facebook and YouTube

Tuesday - Stations of the Cross 7pm facilitated by St Wilfrid's - all welcome. Zoom link: www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 864 6245 8572 Passcode: 970104
2nd March: Our Lady of Walsingham Stations.

Wednesday – Beatitudes: Be Holy without a Halo: 2-3pm Wk 2 "Blessed are the meek" www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 874 4148 6211 Passcode: 833658

Thursday – St Wilfrid's Catch up with a Cuppa: 2-2:30pm www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 865 3759 2799 Passcode: 227211

Friday – FCJ Zoom Reading Group: 4-5pm Let us Dream Pope Francis, fcjcentresthughes@gmail.com

Stations of the Cross: 3pm, Canon Anthony O'Brien: Cathedral Facebook and YouTube.



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>