



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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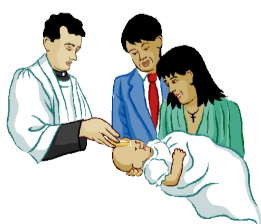
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| Fifth Sunday of Lent | | | | Year B Year 1 | Sunday 21st March 2021 |
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| DAY | FEAST | LITURGY TIMES | | MASS INTENTION | |
| Saturday 20th March | Weekday of Lent | SFA SFA | 10.00am 6.00pm | Tony Ellis (LD) George Preston (Anniversary) | |
| Sunday 21st March | Fifth Sunday of Lent | SFA SFA | 9.30am 11.15am | Kath Silken (RIP) People of the Parish | |
| Monday 22nd March | Weekday of Lent | SFA | 9.30am | Stewart Rhodes (Anniversary) | |
| Tuesday 23rd March | Weekday of Lent | SFA | 9.30am | Joan Ball (RIP) | |
| Wednesday 24th March | Weekday of Lent | SFA | 9.30am | Srs. Josette, Lalaine and Gregoria (Birthday Intentions) | |
| Thursday 25th March | Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord | SFA | 9.30 am | Sheila Welsh | |
| Friday 26th March | Weekday of Lent | SFA | 9.30am | Service of the Word | |
| Saturday 27th March | Weekday of Lent | SFA SFA | 10.00am 6.00pm | Freda Ventre (RIP) People of the Parish | |
| Sunday 28th March | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | SFA SFA | 9.30am 11.15am | Mr & Mrs Malone (RIP) Alice Gregg | |

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 to 9.15am
Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

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....

"Listen, my son, to your master's precepts, and incline the ear of your heart." So begins the famous Rule of Saint Benedict, important to us in our parish with our Benedictine tradition, both before and after the Reformation. But today we might well just stop at the first word: listen. Obedience really comes from the word meaning to listen. Jesus listened to the will of the Father. He was obedient to that will. We too are called to be like Jesus. As Jesus makes this second recorded visit to the city of Jerusalem in today's Gospel given by John, we might get an inkling of what this obedience is about.

Today on this fifth Sunday our readings ask us to see and acknowledge the historical reality and importance, then and now, of the Cross and the whole mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. It's no historical accident, but the key element of God's great plan of salvation. By this sacrifice God will create in his people a new heart, free from sin and ready to embrace his law ("a steadfast spirit", as we hear in the Psalm today) not as something foreign and imposed, but as the law of the heart itself, as both the prophet Jeremiah in our first reading and the psalmist would suggest to us. Obedience to God's plan, expressed in his law can be a source of suffering for us human beings but it is simultaneously the source of our salvation, which follows the paradoxical law of life springing from death, as both the letter to the Hebrews and Jesus himself in the Gospel, would teach us today. Like Christ, the one who freely gives up his life in obedience to God's will recovers it in all its fullness.

Obedience, though, may not be the most popular notion in our age today. If there were any doubt about the value of obedience, the life and death of Christ could be said to be designed just to dissipate our doubts. The implication of the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews, as the Fathers of the Church understood it, is that since Christ saved us by his obedience not only did he become "the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him" (as we hear in our second reading) but that all who obey *like him* become *with him* a source of salvation for others. So we really have to believe that what Jesus did for us on the Cross, he really did. Filmmakers may well play fast and loose with the truth, but we can't do the same with the truth of Jesus. The historical reality of what Jesus did on the Cross in obedience to the Father has to shape how and why we are obedient to God too, listening to his will for us.

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

Easter Triduum 2021

*What Sunday is to the week,
the Easter Triduum is to the year*

Our celebration will be at the following times:

**Maundy Thursday, 1st April
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm**

**Good Friday, 2nd April
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm**

**Holy Saturday, 3rd April
Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter, 9 pm**

This is one celebration spread over three days. Please come and join us and enter into the story of our salvation from the beginning, through the middle and all the way to the end, even if our liturgies this year will inevitably have to be a little different owing to the restrictions still in place.

Early booking will really help us to plan for these important liturgies and ensure we can seat as many people as safely as possible. If you would like to come on **Maundy Thursday or Good Friday**, please let the office know

no later than 12 noon on Monday, 29th March.

If you would like to come to the **Easter Vigil or either of the Easter Sunday morning Masses**, please let the office know

no later than 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 31st March.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Following the latest guidance received recently from the government and the archbishop, it may be possible to celebrate Baptism after the 12th April.

This is subject to the government moving the country to that step on the roadmap out of lockdown by that date. Only the household family of the child to be baptised will be allowed to attend. **Godparents** may not be present but must stand by **proxy**.

Parents who have completed the **Baptism preparation course** and need to rearrange a date for their child's baptism should contact the parish office to arrange it. Parents who have not completed a **Baptism preparation course**, after which a date for baptism may be arranged, should contact the parish office to book onto the course.

LENT 2021 ONLINE

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Facilitated by St Wilfrid's Parish

23/3 J&P Focus

30/3 Divine Mercy (St Faustina)

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

Stations are now on line and can be found at Stwilfrid,garston on Youtube

Wednesdays

LENT REFLECTION & DISCUSSION 2-3pm

Be Holy without a Halo—The Beatitudes

Week 5 “Blessed are the merciful”

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

Caritas Veritate – starts Friday 19 March, 4-5pm

Email fcjcentresthughs@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.

Pastoral Associate Update

It seems almost inconceivable that a year ago we went into lockdown on 23 March 2020 and a year on over 25 million of us have had at least one COVID vaccination, the roadmap out of lockdown is beginning and the days are lengthening. With the Annunciation on Thursday it is a reminder that “Emmanuel” God-is-with-us throughout this time and indeed always. The Archdiocesan Romero Mass will be livestreamed on Tuesday 23 March at 7pm from Our Lady Star of the Sea, Parish of St Oscar Romero, Seaforth & Waterloo. Details of how to view will be published on the J&P Website jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk. We congratulate the Parish of OLMC & St Patrick's on the start of their bicentennial celebrations for St Patrick's Church and look forward to their future events. Do keep a look out for Synod news as the recommendations have now been published (www.synod2020recommendations.org.uk) ““There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried” From St Oscar Romero. God bless and keep safe! 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, 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, James Dutton.

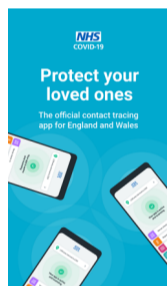


Those who have recently died: Honora Penlington, Kathleen Deegan, Patsy Palmer.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Mary Teresa Powney, Margaret Sykes, Mary Sheila Bullen, Rosina Coyne, Ronald Whitehead, Joan McGorian, Michael James Metcalf, David William Atkinson, Peter Dunmore, Kathleen Anderson, Margaret Jones, Margaret Rose Pharoah, George Jones, Margaret Loftus, Sam Savage, Hedley Turner Barron, Anthony J. Tallent, James Palmer, Mary Wovals, Ellen Christine Kelly, Ronald Whitehead, Frances Dunbar, Henry Duncan Hawley, Bill Keogh, William Aldridge, James Ryan, Thomas Clifford, Thomas George Martin, David Charles Thomas, Patricia Ashcroft, Terrence Kirby, Margaret Moore, Margaret Quirk, Sarah Kearney, David Thomas, Ellen Bernard.

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

Archdiocesan Romero Mass Tuesday 23 March 7pm – livestream from Our Lady Star of the Sea, Parish of St Oscar Romero, Seaforth & Waterloo . Details on jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

LENT Online

Monday - 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 during Lent facilitated by St Wilfrid's - all welcome. Zoom link: www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 864 6245 8572 Passcode: 970104. Divine Mercy Stations.

Wednesday – Beatitudes: Be Holy without a Halo: 2-3pm Wk 5 "Blessed are the merciful" www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 874 4148 6211 Passcode: 833658

Thursday – St Wilfrid's Catch up with a Cuppa: 2-3pm www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 865 3759 2799 Passcode: 227211
Friday – FCJ facilitated Zoom Reading Group: Caritas Veritate – starts Friday 19 March, 4-5pm Email

fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com No meeting 12 March.

Stations of the Cross at 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>