



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter				Year B	Sunday
				Year 1	9th May 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 8th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	10.00am 6.00 pm	Clare Rimmer Wayne Connelly (RIP)	
Sunday 9th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Ken Needham (Birthday Mem.)	
Monday 10th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Mike Lalor (1st Anniversary)	
Tuesday 11th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Olive Howard (Anniversary)	
Wednesday 12th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	James Byrne (Birthday Mem.)	
Thursday 13th May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	SFA	9.30am	People of the Parish	
Friday 14th May	Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 15th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	10.00am 6.00 pm	James Corbett Brian Hampshire (LD)	
Sunday 16th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Pat McGann (Anniversary) 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

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....

We know that Lent is forty days of fasting but how often do we remember that Easter is fifty days of rejoicing. Still, the length of time Jesus asks us to contemplate is much longer even than that, even than a whole Eastertide. Jesus tells us to remain in his love. It's the task of a whole life time, sticking at it. But with this staying and remaining, we're not just standing about twiddling our thumbs. Following Jesus' command to remain in his love cannot mean us doing nothing. We have to be following his great commandment to love because the reward of eternal life with him is at stake.

"God is love." Such a simple and absolute statement as that may be a great comfort but to enter into this mystery and truly understand it requires more than intellectual knowledge. To know that God is love requires our participation in his divine love; it's not a passive thing. Authentic knowledge of God is only born in a simple heart that is open and attentive to him. Ultimately, this knowledge of God, of divine Love, is a personal experience. Upon giving his life, Jesus not only re-opens the gates of heaven, but he gives us a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you". And it's in living this new commandment that we rediscover our happiness and peace, our very life. Jesus asks us to follow him and to imitate him along the path of love, a love which gives itself completely to brother and sister to the end. This is hard, but as Pope Saint John Paul II taught us, we can do it because we become capable of this love only by virtue of a gift received. "As the Lord Jesus receives the love of his Father," he says, "so he in turn freely communicates that love to his disciples."

This gift is love and it is the Holy Spirit. After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the upper room and breathed on them saying: "receive the Holy Spirit". Receiving the Holy Spirit regenerates the human person, puts that person in a state of grace, such that he or she is then a bearer of the Blessed Trinity, of divine Love itself. The danger of love becoming a woolly, ill-defined term is overcome by the fact of the God dwelling in us: the real presence of God dwelling in the human soul. Experience shows us that his loving presence is not enough for us to fulfil his commandment of love. It is only the condition. In this month of May, let's ask Our Lady's intercession that we will follow in the steps of she who is full of grace, joy and love to fulfil the commandment of love we receive from her Risen Son.

Fr Joe



We pray for Lennox James Chesney and Heath Michael Chesney who are being Baptised in our Parish next weekend.

Please keep them and their 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



Our YouTube channel is **St Wilfrids, Garston**. Please do subscribe. If we get 100 subscribers we can create our own custom address. Our Zoom Novena from November, the Advent Service and the Stations of the Cross are available to view. We continue to keep connected and welcome all ideas to stay in touch as we can continue on our Faith journey together. Helen

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

As with Sundays, the obligation to attend Mass on those important Holydays in the year, like the great Feast of the Lord's Ascension into Heaven which we celebrate this Thursday, when we normally would have not yet been restored. We will celebrate this important turning point in our journey through Eastertide and celebrate it well with Mass at the usual time of 9.30. Please do book in as usual and in good time and join us for that Mass if you

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Following the latest guidance received recently from the government and the archbishop, **the number of people able to attend the celebration of Baptism may increase after 17th May. This is subject to the government moving the country to that step on the roadmap out of lockdown by that date.**

The parents, siblings, grandparents and godparents of child to be baptised will be allowed to attend. No more people will be able to attend at this time.

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 do that. Parents who have not completed a Baptism preparation course, after which a date for baptism may be arranged, should contact the parish office to do that.

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.

Confirmation

Calling all Year 8s (and above) who wish to be confirmed in 2021. If you are, or know of any young person who is, at a non-Catholic High School and would like to be confirmed this year, please sign up at <https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk/> Those at Catholic High Schools will receive information through school. Due to Covid, the confirmation catechesis programme timeline has been amended. However there will be opportunities to engage with aspects of local Catholic parish experience and some input will be available online. The confirmations for our Pastoral Area of Liverpool South will take place at the end of November 2021.



Booking for Mass: Help us to Help you

To enable us to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass please could you play your part in supporting the Parish in as far as possible following the booking guidelines. Please note the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and you are warmly welcome to attend weekday Mass should you be able to.

- 1) Send in any requests to attend Sunday (including Saturday evening) Mass by Wednesday 6pm that week ideally by email sfa@rcaolp.co.uk . Facebook and text requests cannot be processed.**
- 2) If you can't make it, please do email as soon as possible so that someone else can take your reserved spot.**
- 3) You will receive confirmation that there is capacity and you have been allocated a space from Janet our Parish Administrator, by Friday of that week provided you have emailed before Thursday.**

Places need to be reserved each week to ensure everyone has a fair opportunity to attend Sunday Mass.

We realise this situation is not ideal and involves you organising your Sunday Mass attendance well before the weekend, but we need to keep the community safe and appreciate your help in assisting us with the bookings. Any requests made on Friday afternoons or at the weekend are very difficult to process so late on and are reliant on Fr Joe having time to do this as the office is closed.

By Wednesday 6pm

Request for Sunday Mass
sfa@rcaolp.co.uk preferred or 0151 427 4015

By Friday 12.30pm

Booking confirmed by Janet in the Parish Office.

Change of Plan/Cancellation

Inform Parish Office as soon as possible
sfa@rcaolp.co.uk preferred or 0151 427 4015

Please take some time if you can to take part in an online survey about our life as a Church during the times of lockdown and about the role of our Pastoral Associate in the life of the parish. This can be found and accessed at <https://lhubos.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/ministry-project-survey> . Your help in this will be greatly appreciated by all those involved in the project researching the pastoral associates and their role.

Pastoral Associate Update:

Dodging the showers and hail has provided a good reminder how interconnected we are with the natural world as outdoor activities have been somewhat dampened this week. May 16 – 25 sees us celebrating *Laudato Si* and global events can be accessed at laudatosiweek.org . Links are online on Pastoral Area website. Do register for “Echoes of Isaiah” if you wish to delve into scripture – we're reflecting on “You are called” this Monday 7-8pm. Synod continues – again please do join us as we reflect together – your insights and ideas will help members. Full details and registration for the zoom link.

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk Thank you to all those who have helped with the Stations of the Resurrection - we will have involved well over 100 from parishes and schools in the Liverpool South area once it's completed. You can join us to pray the 16 stations live on Sunday 16 May at 6:30pm. Register on the website for the link. “*Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change*”. Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* (#202).

God Bless, 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, 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, Pat Soundie, Barbara Brooks, Jimmy and Ann Lowe, Ereceli Patos, Pam Foster, James Dutton.

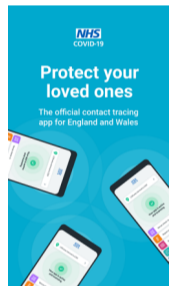


Those who have recently died:



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Thomas Gibbons, Mary Fisher, Bernard Diaz, Mary Bernadette O'Leary, Mary Josephine Powney, Sarah Burke, Margaret Mary Hudson, Jimmy Moore, Margaret Kempson, John Alexander Millar, Elizabeth McCann, Kathleen Bateman, Isabel Otten, Terence Joseph Durkins, Eileen Devine, Gayle Marie Linford, Patrick James McGann, Elizabeth Ashcroft, Patrick Coyne, Thomas Bullen, Stephen McGovern, Joseph Burke, Pauline Rowan, Mary Moore, Stanley Raymond Jones, Thomas Comber, Mary Cottrell, Charles Hurst, John Penketh, Mary Feast, Lucy Ledwith, June Boggan, Robert Byrne, William Vaughan, Ann Bourke, Mary Lang.

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.

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Livestream (LS) 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

Mondays Echoes of Isaiah at 7pm. Register www.TheGodWhoSpeaks2020.org.uk for the link

Wednesdays: Synod Discernment: Starting **12** (recommendations #1-6); **19** (#7- 11); and **26** (#12-19) **May 7-8pm** (ish) register for details and zoom link www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk ALL WELCOME!

Fridays FCJ Reading Group – Laudato Si at 4pm. Contact fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com

Pastoral Area Stations of the Resurrection (Way of Light) Sunday 16 May at 6:30pm on Zoom – register www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk for the Zoom link.

For more on **Laudato Si Week** globally visit laudatosiweek.org .

"Laudato Si' Week 2021, to be held May 16-25, will be the crowning event of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion.

Laudato Si' Week 2021 will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and prepare for the future with hope."

Animal Loving Saints: To help prepare us to celebrate the Anniversary of Laudato Si 16 – 25 May, and get inspired in caring for the earth and its creatures, can you match the saint to the animal/s they are connected with? For the stories on these saints and more do visit *Catholic Concern for Animals* whose president is our own Archbishop Malcolm at catholic-animals.com .

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| 1. St Anthony Abbot | a) | Wolf and birds (and animals) |
| 2. St Gertrude of Nivelles | b) | Lion |
| 3. St Cuthbert | c) | Dog |
| 4. St Philip Neri | d) | Hare |
| 5. St Melangell | e) | Pig |
| 6. St Hubert | f) | White horse |
| 7. St Columba | g) | Red deer |
| 8. St Neot | h) | Bull |
| 9. St Roche | i) | Dog, a cat, a bird and a mouse |
| 10. St Giles | j) | Boar |
| 11. St Ciaran of Ireland | k) | Otters and birds |
| 12. St Jerome | l) | Cats |
| 13. St Francis of Assisi | m) | Stag |
| 14. St Martin de Porres | n) | Wolf |
| 15. St Edmund | o) | Finch and a dog |
| 16. St Sylvester | p) | Deer |

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

