



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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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year B Year 1	Sunday 8th August 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 7th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Lancashire Sick and Infirm Secular Clergy Fund Intentions of Mrs Sawden	
Sunday 8th August	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Bill Soundie (RIP) People of the Parish	
Monday 9th August	Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe	SFA	9.30am	Geoffrey Slack (Birthday Anniversary)	
Tuesday 10th August	Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr	SFA	9.30am	Sr. Maria Paula Koler (RIP)	
Wednesday 11th August	Memorial of St Clare, Virgin	SFA	9.30am	Ethel Burke (Anniversary)	
Thursday 12th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am 12.15pm	Carmel Davies (Anniversary) Funeral Mass for William Doran	
Friday 13th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 14th August	Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Intentions of the Hart Family People of the Parish	
Sunday 15th August	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Ann Williams (RIP) Oliver Hassett (LD, RIP)	

<p>Baptism</p> <p>Refer to Parish Newsletter for future updates</p>	<p>Weddings</p> <p>By Appointment with the Parish Priest. 0151 427 4015</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions</p> <p>Wednesday 8.45am to 9.15am Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm</p>	<p>Carmelite Monastery MARYTON GRANGE</p> <p>The sisters are all continuing to support us with their prayers.</p> <p>You can request special prayers from the community through the Liverpool South Pastoral Area Website</p>
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Can I just say....

When the weather's warm, the advice we receive quite rightly is to drink plenty of water. That's the way we'll make it through the heat. But is water the most interesting or the most desirable drink we could imagine. Is bread the most interesting or desirable comestible we could imagine? We're always complaining! Is it what we want? Is it ever enough? Was a small scone and a drink of water really all that Elijah wanted in our first reading today? He's had enough, but his angel acting like a coach is making all the tactical decisions to keep Elijah going on this long and arduous journey. It's the angel who decides when fuel for the journey should be taken and when valuable time should be sacrificed in order for Elijah to take valuable rest. What the angel gives must have been good, for Elijah does get up and go on. A scone and a drink of water may not have been what Elijah wanted, but it was what he needed.

The bread that we receive is enough for us and it should be what we really desire too. To see why, maybe we need to think again about some of the things we learnt about bread last week. In the culture in which Jesus lived bread was seen as gift; something given to us by God. The Law, seen as something equally nourishing as bread, came to bind a nation together, gave the Israelites nation before God in such a way that 'bread' became something of a nickname for that Law. Those Israelites then could be said to have been more desirous of that Law than we might be of a pint on a hot day for they knew that, if they let it, it would transform them.

We are not bound by that Jewish law; that is not what gives us our identity. We can, though, and should, learn from their desire for that 'bread'. Our identity as Christians is the person of Christ. It is the person of Christ that binds us up and makes us one, just as the grains of wheat or barley are bound up in to one loaf. But moreover it's this identity in Christ that draws us into life with and in God. The bread that is Christ nourishes us for it gives life to the whole world precisely because it is the way in which we gain our identity as Sons of the Father. The time to take on this fuel and sustenance for the journey is now. If we're to have the strength, the volition and the desire to run this race of life to the finish, now is the time to be replenished by the bread God gives to us in this Sacrament of the Eucharist. **Fr Joe**



We pray for Archie Joseph Lynch who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

St Francis of Assisi Church

Updated guidance on the use of our church building in light of the changes from Monday, 19th July 2021

Due to the fact that the pandemic is far from over, the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales do not intend to restore an obligation to attend Sunday Mass at this point. However, they wish to remind us all of the importance of keeping Sunday holy and if possible attending Mass weekly.

After the legal changes to Covid regulations come in to force on Monday, July 19th July, the following is what will be required in the churches of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)

Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches and the practice of sanitising the benches after use may be discontinued.

Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive and the sanitiser will remain available for use on the way out. There will, however, be a section of the benches reserved for those who would feel safer and less vulnerable by maintaining social distancing in church. Benches reserved for this purpose will give a limited number of spaces for those who wish to continue social distancing. **If you do not require a socially-distanced place in a bench, you will no longer have to book your place at Mass as previously required. Only if you would like one of the spaces in a bench reserved for social distancing will you be asked to contact the office in the same way as everyone has been doing previously. If you would like to reserve a socially-distanced place or places, 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.** A socially-distanced place cannot be guaranteed for those who have not booked that place in the way outlined above.

Congregational singing will also be permitted from Monday, 19th July, and will be reintroduced at Mass in our church over time, but please remember the need to keep your face covering on at all times, except when speaking from a microphone or receiving Holy Communion. The reception of Holy Communion will be transferred to its usual place during Mass but stewards will continue to guide people out of their benches. Mass will then also finish in the more usual way.

We must be grateful to all the stewards for their hard work over a long period of time. Their work will now continue but in different ways as they help us to keep our church a safe place to visit and use. New volunteers to help steward will always be welcome and will greatly help our current team, so please think about offering your help in that way. We can, though, all help and play our part to keep our church safe, especially by continuing to keep our face coverings on.

Only book your place early if you require a socially-distanced place.

If you book and cannot attend, please let the office know A.S.A.P. so others can be accommodated.

These places will be limited and cannot be guaranteed for those who turn up without booking.

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. If you do not require a socially-distanced place you no longer need to book but may simply arrive at church to attend Mass.

Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

SOCIAL
MEDIA



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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**

Pastoral Associate update

It seems surreal writing this, my final update to you all. I have been appointed as “Advisor” in the new Pastoral Development Department in the Archdiocese. The Department will be supporting the implementation of the Synod Pastoral Plan.

These two and a half years of ministry on the Pilot Programme, which will end for me on 13 August, have been such a wonderful journey – I have learnt so much from you all, and deepened my own spirituality in the process. The highlights have been so numerous – whether a hug from a first communion mum, an affirmative email from a parishioner taking part in one of the zoom groups, the Lent pilgrimage just before lockdown, the online Advent Service, the countless Synod groups, the teas & coffees & cake (not good for my ever-expanding waistline!) and working with such dedicated parishioners from across the Pastoral Area. Thank you for putting up with my failings and helping to craft the Pastoral Associate role for Liverpool South. But most of all it has been your generosity of spirit, your incredible commitment, and your unshakable witness to your faith that has humbled me and profoundly touched me. I am so privileged to have spent this time with you, albeit virtually during lockdowns, and I ask you to keep me and my family in your prayers, as you will be assured of my prayers for you.

I will no doubt be popping up in my new role in the future, and look forward to seeing you as I start that journey at the end of August. When I began my ministry in Liverpool South, I quoted the African proverb which I will end with for we have truly travelled far together on the road becoming the Church that God is calling us to be:

“If you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together.” **God Bless, Helen**

Car park

Don't forget we have our car park round the back of Saint Francis's Church. Please try to use this as much as possible so that our neighbours in the surrounding roads have space to park their cars. Please enter by Earp Street, walk around the other side of church after parking up so as to avoid oncoming cars and leave by Palmerston Crescent so that we can maintain a safer one way system.

First Holy Communion 2022



If your child has just finished Year 3 and will start Year 4 next September, or if he or she is older and has not yet begun the preparation for First Holy Communion, now is the time to start thinking about your child's First Holy Communion. If you would like your child to prepare for First Holy Communion during the coming school year please contact the parish office for an initial letter & application form

BEFORE *Friday, 1st October 2021.*

Please pray too for those children who began their preparation some weeks ago and will continue that preparation with their parents in the Autumn.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Following the latest guidance received recently from the government and the archbishop, **there will be no limit to the number of people able to attend a celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism after 19th July. This is subject to the government moving the country to that step on the roadmap out of lockdown by that date.**

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.

10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD.

Thank you.

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, Michael Peter Holmes, Christopher Brown, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Michael Holmes, Josie Malone, Susie Bell, Grace Garnett, Pat Soundie, Barbara Brooks, Jimmy and Ann Lowe, Pam Foster, James Dutton, John Hollingsworth, Stella O'Donnell, David Brookfield. Jack Stamper.



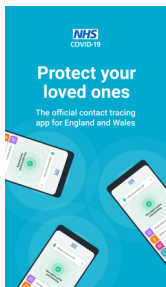
Those who have recently died: Paul Leckie, William Doran, Marie Friery.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: George McQueen, Raymond Lewis, Steven Hendrick, Patricia Wojnarowicz, Rita Smith, Lilian Theresa Smith, Elizabeth Mary Phillips, Bob Agate, Mary Therese Walsh, Dorothy McLoughlin, Jim Hassett, Kathleen Carney, John Brady, Mary Mullard, Sheila Brown, John Henry Richardson, Anthony John Rimmer, Frances Ivy Roberts, Veronica Ainsboro, Christina Dover, George O'Regan, Kevin Edwards, Violet Sheridan, Eileen Barrett, Thomas Cook, Helen Rhodes, Ann Polychronakis, Kevin Duggan, Gregory Warnick, Michael Morgan.

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.

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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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
August



The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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