



# 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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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year B Year 1	Sunday 22nd August 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 21st August	Memorial of St Pius X, Pope	SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Ann Stanley (LD) People of the Parish	
Sunday 22nd August	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Sean and Raymond Smith Leonard Howard (Birthday Anniversary)	
Monday 23rd August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Willie and Rita Ney (Anniversary)	
Tuesday 24th August	Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle	SFA SFA	9.30am 12 Noon	Pat Doyle (RIP) Funeral Mass for Paul Leckie	
Wednesday 25th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	12 Noon	Funeral Mass for Marie Friery	
Thursday 26th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Ollie Hassett (LD)	
Friday 27th August	Memorial of St Monica			No Service of the Word	
Saturday 28th August	Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Esther Williams (Anniversary) Pat Sawden (Get well)	
Sunday 29th August	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish John and Kevin Cook (Anniversary)	

**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....

It's often good just to remind ourselves of the world in which our Gospel stories happened. The politics of the Roman Empire were fraught, as we know, but the general culture they brought with was very different to the thinking of good Jews, like Jesus. To say that there is one God alone was really a political statement, and one often bravely made, in a Roman Empire that just simply expected polytheism. More than one emperor over the years of occupation demanded an image of a pagan god, maybe even of himself as some kind of god, be placed in the Temple in Jerusalem. These demands were often successfully resisted until AD 70 when, after four years of war and rebellion and before nearly another century of war and repression, the Temple was destroyed because the might of the Roman Empire just had to have its own way.

But it wasn't just monotheism versus polytheism. Jewish society and culture were very different to those of the Romans in many ways. For instance, Jewish people were very keen on the purity of the human body, unable to see the flesh in anyway separated from the spirit in which God could act. This keenness for purity led them to have very different attitudes and practices to the Romans for whom, it seems, anything went. Needless to say, cannibalism was an affront to the purity of the body, and even one of 'cardinal' sins in which Jewish people could not engage during times of persecution, like those years after AD 70, when certain other demands of the Law could be properly ignored. So when Jesus says that he is the bread of life and that we all need to eat this bread, no wonder many of his hearers would have been shocked and even offended.

But is this the only reason why Jewish people would find this intolerable language? Would it really be the way that Jesus was trying to challenge his friends given that, as we know, he wasn't encouraging cannibalism? But we need too to remember all we've thought about bread, the Law and what it was to be a Jewish person over the last few weeks. Just as bread nourishes, so the Law was seen in the way it nourished life with God. The Law bound together a disparate people and gave them identity just as the grains of wheat are bound together into one loaf. Not being bound by the Law ourselves, we still need an identity and we need to be nourished and sustained by all that God wishes to give to us as pure gift. We need to accept the invitation to enter into this life and be drawn into life in Christ just as the Father draws Christ into life with him.

Fr Joe



**We pray for Lily Rose Doran and Zac James Doran who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.**

**Please keep them and their 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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



### 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 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.

### St Wilfrid's Catch up with

#### a Cuppa

**There will be no catch up on the 26th August**

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!



### Thank You

**Fr. Andrew and his family would like to thank everyone who sent sympathy cards, prayers, promise of Masses and Novenna's after the passing of their Mum, Kathleen. They are all very grateful**

## 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.*

### Canon Thomas Neylon

The Archbishop of Liverpool announced on Tuesday 6 July 2021 that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool.

The Archbishop has confirmed that he will ordain Canon Neylon as Bishop on **Friday 3rd September at 12 noon** in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

There will be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend, and whilst tickets are not being issued, it would be helpful if anyone intending to celebrate this special occasion and will be attending the Mass should be advised to register their interest by emailing [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

We would ask that you are in your seats by **11.30am**. Please note that parking will be restricted at the Cathedral.

We look forward to this great occasion in the history of our Archdiocese.

## 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, Bernard Fitzsimons.



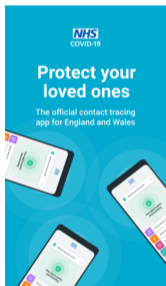
**Those who have recently died:** Paul Leckie, Marie Friery, Herbert Crowther, Catherine Ryan.



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Robert Jost, Charlotte Doyle, Maureen Rawlinson, Mary Handley, Moses Hendrick, Anthony Joseph McLoughlin, Emily McLeod, Cathleen Durrant, Antonia Giorgia Rosa Skillicorn, Michael Atherton, Maureen Rawlinson, Morgan Burke, Michael Healey, Margaret Fosie, Sarah Cullen, Michael Casey, Winnie Clark, Esther Williams, Anthony Nearly, Winifrid Wang, Bridget Connolly, Gerard Leckie, Henry Robinson, Maureen Stranack, Bernadette Cunningham.

### 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.

## 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.**

### THE IRENAEUS PROJECT

HAVE EXTENDED THEIR OUTREACH PROGRAMME TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY AND ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST THEM TO COVER VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE ANY EXTRA TIME AVAILABLE AND WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT US ON

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