



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year B Year 1	Sunday 12th September 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 11th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	James Gallagher (LD) People of the Parish	
Sunday 12th September	24th Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Marie Friery (RIP) Matthew Bennett (RIP)	
Monday 13th September	Memorial St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	SFA	9.30am	Joan McNulty (LD)	
Tuesday 14th September	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	SFA	9.30am	Collette Brierly	
Wednesday 15th September	Memorial Our Lady of Sorrows	SFA	9.30am	Kathleen Quigley (Birthday)	
Thursday 16th September	Memorial Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs	SFA	9.30am	Intentions of the Williams Family	
Friday 17th September	Memorial of St Robert Bellarmine	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 18th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Nancy Doran (RIP) Ann Stanley (RIP)	
Sunday 19th September	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Nora and Lenny Widdowson (Anniversary)	

Baptism

Refer to Parish Newsletter for future updates

Weddings

By Appointment with the Parish Priest.
0151 427 4015

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confessions**

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....

Even today, the site of Caesarea Philippi is interesting just inasmuch as it's not far from where the modern day boundaries of Israel, Lebanon and Syria are drawn, sometimes, sadly, in a violent way. The people of that part of the world certainly do have strong identities, but the lines that people draw on a map might not necessarily have any great influence on how they find those identities. Similar feelings must have been around amongst Jesus' contemporaries, and then, of course, there was the Roman occupying force to confuse matters even more. Why ever would a town round there have had the word 'Caesar' in the title had this not been an outpost of the Roman Empire?

Jesus in our Gospel today, in a place where identity seems to matter, wants to know where his disciples are up to in working out what his identity is. At first, Peter seems to be doing really well. "The Christ," as Saint Mark tells us Saint Peter bluntly and baldly answers his master. Those two words, or one, depending on which language you're using, would be in no way the end of what we've come to call Christology, that is the study of who is this person of Christ. Son of God, Son of Man, truly human, truly divine; these are just some of the titles and attributes that we as Christians believe about this person Jesus, and which have certainly caused some right old arguments over the years. Saint Peter appears to get into a bit of an argument with Jesus. I find that when people get into bitter arguments about the nature of Christ Jesus and start getting things wrong, it's usually because they forget one of two things: Jesus is the person he is and not the person we want him to be, and who Jesus is has as much to do with who we are as it is to do with who he is. That's not to say that we can make Jesus be who we want him to be; rather Jesus makes us who we are. It's about our identity as much as it's about Christ's identity.

We, like Peter, might not like to think of the Lord, the leader, the saviour as one who suffers, but then that's not God's way of thinking. God's way of thinking about who this saviour would be was revealed all those years ago to the prophet Isaiah who tells us of one who will not only suffer but offer his back and his cheek to his tormentors. This is the one whom we're called to follow and imitate. In fact this is not just imitation. We are called to see in the one who suffered even to the Cross the one who gives us life and identity, and to renounce our own selves.

Fr Joe



We pray for Delilah Grace Williams, Lucy Goulding-Cowan and Libby Goulding-Cowan who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Please keep them and their families 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



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

YouTube 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**

St Wilfrid's Catch up with a Cuppa

From this **Thursday, 9th September** then 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! **Meeting ID: 251 401 7517**

Passcode: 427338



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.

Knights of St. Columba Council 9 Annual Sponsored Walk

The Knights will be having their annual sponsored walk on the **19th September 2021** with a **2pm start** at the Royal Albert Dock gates. The walk will end at the Liverpool Cricket Club on Aigburth Road, where refreshments will be provided for all those who took part.

All parishioners and families are welcome to join the Knights on the walk.

All proceeds from the walk will be divided equally between the parishes of Council 9.

Envelopes will be left on the pews in Church on the **12th September** and collected on the **26th September**. There will be a box available at the back of Church to put your envelope into. Thank you in advance.

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.

Season of Creation

UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021.

'COP' means 'conference of parties'. Leaders from 197 countries, including Pope Francis, who have signed up to the UN's climate change treaty, will travel to Glasgow to take part in the conference. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil.

The focus of the conference will be how to keep temperature rises below 1.5C. If the world warms more than this threshold, millions more people in the most vulnerable communities around the globe will suffer from devastating droughts, storms, floods and other impacts of climate change. Governments will be obliged to set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change under the Paris Agreement (2015).

CAFOD invite us to sign a petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26.

You can sign the petition online here:

<https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>

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, John Phillips, Tony Crilly.



Those who have recently died: Jayne Sheible.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Edward Hughes, Winifred Ranger, Jim Keane, Patrick Walsh, James Patrick Doctor, Skyla Gill, Marie Exley, Mary Catherine Walsh, Winifred Mialko, Margaret Connor, Agnes Cooper, Francis Austin Carney, Annie Powell, Patrick J. Walsh, Margaret Flaherty, Ian Collingwood, Joan Tittle, Myrtle Robinson, Joan Lawless, Lenny Beckett, Irene Garnell, Esther Twohug, John McDonald, Vincent Clarke, Stephen Brough, Emma Keogh, Catherine Wills, Mary Carling, Ellen O'Neill.

Congratulations to the new Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, Tom Neylon who was ordained at the cathedral on Friday 3 September.

Bishop Tom was ordained by Archbishop Malcom McMahon in the first major service to be celebrated in the cathedral since the beginning of the pandemic and the first Episcopal Ordination in Liverpool since that of Bishop Tom Williams in 2003.

The cathedral welcomed Apostolic Nuncio, the Vatican's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Bishops from England and Wales as well as priests and parishioners from the archdiocese to the ordination.

There will be ordination cards available at your church this weekend to celebrate this special occasion for everyone in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

To see photographs of the ordination, please visit the Archdiocese of Liverpool Flickr account: www.flickr.com/liverpoolcatholic and there will be an ordination special in September's edition of the Catholic Pic.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention September

An Environmentally Sustainable

Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



On 16th September, Nugent will be hosting its first in-person fundraising event - a local golf tournament - since the very beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. The event will be hosted by football legend Phil Thompson who will be joined by his former Liverpool Football Club teammate, Bruce Grobbelaar. Please find attached a copy of the flyer, which we used to promote the event.

We are currently seeking any donations of suitable prizes that we can raffle/auction at this event. After such a long-time without the ability to fundraise, we are determined to raise as much money as possible from those in attendance. Any generous donations received will be supporting a great cause, and will be acknowledged on the night and on our event webpage.

As we are sure you will be aware, Nugent is a distinctive Merseyside-based charity that has been caring for our region's most vulnerable for over 140 years.

The last 18 months have proved tremendously challenging for our charity and for our beneficiaries. The pandemic has compounded and amplified the immeasurable challenges faced by looked-after children and those adults reliant on residential care and/or regular (and in-person) specialist support. We have mustered an extraordinary response to ensure that we can continue to deliver the essential services that so many within our community rely on - all against the backdrop of continued funding cuts and a significant drop in fundraising income.

For more information, please contact: Ainsley Briscoe, Fundraiser - Corporate Partnerships and Major Gifts at Nugent: E: ainsley.briscoe@wearenugent.org or M: 07833091852.



On Monday– Thursday

We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayer of the Church and Benediction at 9.00 am.

We have Mass at 9.30 am.

Many people find this a wonderful and prayerful way to begin the day.

Do join us if you can.