



# 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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Second Sunday of Advent				Year C Year 2	Sunday 5th December 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 4th December	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Kitty Carr (RIP) Kelly Jane Mallon and Anthony Brian Mallon	
Sunday 5th December	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Ann and Frank Moore	
Monday 6th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	<b>10.00am</b>	John David Green (10th Anniversary RIP) Year 6 Pupils in our Schools join us for Mass today	
Tuesday 7th December	<b>Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>	SFA	<b>10.00am</b>	Louis and Annie Ventre Year 5 Pupils in our Schools join us for Mass today	
Wednesday 8th December	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	SFA	9.30am	Intentions of Sr. Josephine	
Thursday 9th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Jack Stamper	
Friday 10th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 11th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Kathryn Graham Phil McVey	
Sunday 12th December	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Stephanie Lowe 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**



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....**

Our guide for Advent this week is that strange and scruffy, wild-honey-and-insect-eating character we know as John the Baptist. Despite the craziness we might find in the description of this messenger, we need never to lose sight of the message. The message to repent, to cry out and call people to prepare the way for one they might not be sure really is coming, doesn't on the face of it sound all that attractive a message. And what of the messenger: how attractive was he? John the Baptist's physical description is not given here by Saint Luke, but elsewhere in the gospels we'll hear of a man who wore camel skin shirts and ate really strange food like locusts. He's often been depicted as a wild sort of figure with hair and beard all over the place. I've a strong suspicion that he smelt quite a bit too, living like that: all in all, a really odd sort of bloke whom many, you would have thought, might well have tried to avoid.

But they didn't avoid him. Or, at least, he didn't give them the chance to avoid him. So if he was so scruffy, smelly and odd, what was it that made people want to listen to him and not avoid him? Was it perhaps that he read the signs of the times so well that the gift of prophecy given to him, the gift given to him to tell it as it is, to remind people of what they each need to do and who was coming to them, were just so powerful in him that he was, ultimately, spellbinding? This Advent, we need to let whatever was spellbinding in the prophecy of John the Baptist, the last great prophet of the Old Testament, for the people who came to him in Judea, be spellbinding for us here in this place and in our time. For the real truth is we can't really listen to the Lord, whose coming we joyfully hope in, unless we listen first to John the Baptist.

We, like John and with John, must try to see the Lord's purpose in our lives today and be open to hear his will for each of us. Saint Paul will tell us how we can make this more concrete: by prayer. He prays for the Philippians that their love for each other will increase day by day and in that way they will become more and more pure and blameless and so be ready for Christ's coming. We can pray for each other during this season of Advent, praying that our love for each other may increase and that we may each do our Advent waiting and hoping with real joy. In that way, we can be Advent messengers in imitation of John whose example we celebrate today.

**Fr. Joe**



***We pray for Sonny Vincent Desilva 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, 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**



## Bambinelli Sunday - 12th December

The Third Sunday of Advent in Italy is often called *Bambinelli* Sunday as it is when families bring the figure of the baby Jesus from their cribs at home to be blessed. This is a great tradition encouraged by Pope Francis. Now, as we begin this Season of Advent, is a good time to find those crib sets and put the baby Jesus to one side ready for the Third Sunday. Please bring them with you and at all the Masses and they will be blessed. The tradition then encourages us to wrap up those figures once they're blessed so that on Christmas morning the first gift to be unwrapped will be Jesus.



## Pastoral Plan

The Pastoral Plan for the archdiocese was launched by the Archbishop last weekend. You can access the full plan in PDF and audio format on [liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk](http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk).

To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings (no booking required):

link on the pastoral plan website: [liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk](http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk) or directly via

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFJzQjhLSlQ5VjJJQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 2151 2557 Passcode: 132667

**Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree**

**Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom**

## ADVENT MONDAYS

The focus of the upcoming session is the 5<sup>th</sup> Development Area of the Pastoral Plan (young people and young adults).

If you want us to keep you posted about future events, please sign up at:

<https://forms.gle/ygGnFTySdvNZZ2776>

or through the website:

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Advent-Mondays](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Advent-Mondays)



## The God Who Speaks December Resources

**Focus on Dreams and Revelations:** [godwhospeaks.uk/dreams-and-revelations](http://godwhospeaks.uk/dreams-and-revelations)

**Dreaming with Joseph this Christmas: On Dreaming in a Time of Crisis (Part 1 & 2) by David McLoughlin:**

[godwhospeaks.uk/dreams-and-revelations/dreaming-with-joseph-this-christmas-on-dreaming-in-a-time-of-crisis-part-1](http://godwhospeaks.uk/dreams-and-revelations/dreaming-with-joseph-this-christmas-on-dreaming-in-a-time-of-crisis-part-1)

[godwhospeaks.uk/dreams-and-revelations/dreaming-with-joseph-this-christmas-on-dreaming-in-a-time-of-crisis-part-2](http://godwhospeaks.uk/dreams-and-revelations/dreaming-with-joseph-this-christmas-on-dreaming-in-a-time-of-crisis-part-2)

**Why wasn't Jesus born in the Temple by Fr Michael Hall:** [godwhospeaks.uk/dreams-and-revelations/christmas-the-lord-who-enters-his-temple](http://godwhospeaks.uk/dreams-and-revelations/christmas-the-lord-who-enters-his-temple)

**Christmas Creation Commandment No. 9 by Fr Michael Hall:** [godwhospeaks.uk/commandment-9-let-the-child-make-all-things-new](http://godwhospeaks.uk/commandment-9-let-the-child-make-all-things-new)

**Fleur chooses our Top Ten Nativity Animal Paintings:** [godwhospeaks.uk/top-ten-nativity-animal-paintings](http://godwhospeaks.uk/top-ten-nativity-animal-paintings)

**Christmas Resources:** [godwhospeaks.uk/christmas-resources](http://godwhospeaks.uk/christmas-resources)

**Family Advent Wreath Resource from Bishop Peter Brignall:** [godwhospeaks.uk/christmas-resources/traditional-advent-resources](http://godwhospeaks.uk/christmas-resources/traditional-advent-resources)

**Donkey Detective Story and Make your own Donkey Activity:** [godwhospeaks.uk/the-christmas-donkey](http://godwhospeaks.uk/the-christmas-donkey)

**Jesse Tree Stained Glass Window resource:** [godwhospeaks.uk/christmas-resources/traditional-advent-resources](http://godwhospeaks.uk/christmas-resources/traditional-advent-resources)

## Knights of St Columba - Steve Dooley and Pat McGann Memorial Walk Sept 2021

The Knights wish to express their grateful thanks to all who so generously contributed a total of just over £4000 which is in aid of 12 local parishes

*Sean Morgan*

*Treasurer*

**Knights of St Columba Council 9**

## SVP

Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Your continued financial support and food donations are truly appreciated. As a result, we have been able to support many people in time of crisis.

During Advent, we ask once again for your generosity in helping to provide Christmas hampers for families experiencing hardship. A box will be placed at the back of church to receive donations of food and drink.

**Thank you in advance**

## 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 Pellignie, 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, Pat Soundie, Barbara Brooks, Pam Foster, James Dutton, John Hollingsworth, Stella O'Donnell, David Brookfield, Bernard Fitzsimons, John Phillips, Tony Crilly.



**Those who have recently died:** Jack Stamper, Barbara Stanley, Helen Hyland.



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Frederick Kerbey, Daniel Joseph Martin, Cecily Branegan, May Parry Marie Culbert, Peter Handley, John Joseph Burke, Michael Burke, Anthony O'Shea, Arthur Maddock, Patricia Lewis, Anne Moran, David Harry Phillips, James A. Casey, Gerrard Ruggles, Ronald Walter Jones, Henry Anthony Joseph Rainford, Margaret Ann Burnett, Dmytro Luszniak, Patricia Matthews, Francis Flynn, James Parry, Joseph Fisk, Henry Peter Bowker (SB), Peter Noel Oakley, Mary Kelly, Alexander Malone, Dorothy Evans, Coleman Costello, Bridget McDermott, Helen McManus, Hilda King, Patricia Best, Margaret Roughsedge.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention December



#### Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### 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>

To donate by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office and a form will be sent to you.

Thank you all for your support at this time and always.

**NOTE: No coffee and catch up this week**

### "Keeping Christ in Christmas"

The National Office for Vocation's Advent Video Calender  
"Keeping Christ in Christmas" can be found at

<https://www.ukvocation.org/advent>

Once you have opened the calendar, click on the date and see what short message is communicated each day. Please share this information to foster a culture of vocation and discipleship.

### South Liverpool Christmas Concert

Tuesday, 7th December at 8.00pm

All Hallows Church (Allerton)

1 Greenhill Road

Entry—£4 on the door

See poster on the notice board or visit

[www.south-liverpool-orchestra.co.uk](http://www.south-liverpool-orchestra.co.uk)