



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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Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday			Year C Year 2	Sunday 12th December 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES	MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 11th December	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Kathryn Graham Phil McVey
Sunday 12th December	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Stephanie Lowe People of the Parish
Monday 13th December	Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	SFA	9.30am	James Christopher Goodchild
Tuesday 14th December	Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	SFA	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Helen Hyland
Wednesday 15th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Barbara Stanley
Thursday 16th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	9.30am	Mickorsingham Patrick
Friday 17th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word
Saturday 18th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Agnes O'Donnell (LD) May and John Fletcher (Birthday Mem)
Sunday 19th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Jack Stamper (RIP) 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....

As we come to do some rejoicing today, on this *Gaudete* Sunday, our Advent purple turned to rose to encourage us that we're about half way there on our journey through this season of watching and waiting, our guide once again is Saint John the Baptist. People wondered about the identity of this John the Baptist whom we encounter in the Gospel again. So good did he seem to be that people thought that he was the Christ. There was no crisis of identity on John's part, though. He knew who he was and most importantly he knew who it was for whose coming he had to prepare the way. He knew that the one coming after him was even greater. It's for the coming of the same one, the same Christ that we have to prepare the way ourselves this Advent, and all the while rejoicing, as we hear today.

And yet it can be hard to do all of this preparing, all of this smoothing and straightening if the rough and crooked ways, all joyfully. The message can be hard. How hard was it for John the Baptist's audience to receive his message calling for fairness and gentleness in the dealings between an occupying force and the oppressed, occupied nation of Israel? Elsewhere we'll hear that King Herod, perhaps the one who came in for the greatest amount of criticism from the prophet John the Baptist, even he liked to listen to John. However hard it is for us to hear the Advent message, we too have to do the same. We have to listen to John telling us to prepare the way and listen to him with joy in our hearts as well.

But listening can be hard in this noisy world in which we live. In order that John the Baptist could do what he did, he had to go off to school. His school was the desert, the wilderness. This desert experience was what allowed him really to listen to what the Lord God was saying so that he could be his messenger. He came back into the noisy world, the world filled with the noise of squabbles, intimidation and exploitation and said, "listen! Come and see what's really important here. Come and see from where salvation will really come." We could do with our own desert experience this Advent. Those who go off on retreat at whatever time of the year find this, but we might all give ourselves something of an opportunity to do the listening we need just in giving ourselves five minutes of silence, five minutes of seeing what's really important, before returning once again, as we must, to the world of noise. Perhaps it's only then we could return with the joy in our hearts we're called to share on this *Gaudete* Sunday.

Fr. Joe



We pray for Reeva Ivy Morton and Enzo Alexander Abraham 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

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



“Keeping Christ in Christmas”

The National Office for Vocation's Advent Video Calendar

“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.

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 has been placed at the back of church to receive donations of food and drink.

Thank you in advance

ADVENT MONDAYS

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



The God Who Speaks December Resources

Focus on Dreams and Revelations:

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

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

Christmas Creation Commandment No. 9 by Fr Michael Hall:

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

Christmas Resources: godwhospeaks.uk/christmas-resources

Family Advent Wreath Resource from Bishop Peter Brignall:

godwhospeaks.uk/christmas-resources/traditional-advent-resources

Donkey Detective Story and Make your own Donkey Activity: godwhospeaks.uk/the-christmas-donkey

Jesse Tree Stained Glass Window resource: godwhospeaks.uk/christmas-resources/traditional-advent-resources

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, Muriel 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: Barbara Stanley, Helen Hyland.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: James McCabe, Julia Mulholland, Tony Reid, Robert Joseph Falls, Patricia Halewood, May Elizabeth Murphy, Carol Brady, Reg Maddock, John Grica, Patricia Atherton, Mary Elizabeth Jackson, Francis Lines, Albert Edward Steward, Edith Wood, Gerard Loftus, Olive Jones, Patricia Mary Bromilow, Norman Francis Hendrick, Ellen Harrison, Maureen Lund, Gerald Terence McGillicuddy, Susan Quirk, James Cloherty, Kathleen Warren, Colette Josephine Johnstone, Lillian Donnelly, Ada Russell (SB), Frederick Todd, Edward Mogan (SB), Louise Garrett, Elizabeth Hughes, Garvan Hoyen-Chung, Ah Tsung Ling, Kathleen Dunn.

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.



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.

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.

Advent invitation from FCJ Centre St Hugh's

15th December 7.30pm – Write for Rights – An evening to write greeting cards for prisoners of conscience whose cases from around the world have been highlighted as being particularly vulnerable. Join us in this simple action of solidarity and enjoy some mulled wine, minced pies and a Christmas-y atmosphere.

The FCJ Centre St Hugh's is at 53A Cranborne Rd, Wavertree L15 2HY beside St Hugh's Church.