



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent				Year C Year 2	Sunday 19th December 2021
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 18th December	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Agnes O'Donnell (LD) May and John Fletcher and Carmel Davies (Birthday Mem)	
Sunday 19th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Jack Stamper (RIP) People of the Parish	
Monday 20th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	9.30am	All members of the Byrne and Ventre families and all forgotten Souls	
Tuesday 21st December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	10.00am	Ann and Frank Moore Year 4 Pupils in our Schools join us for Mass today	
Wednesday 22nd December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	9.30am	Funeral Mass for Bernard Fitzsimons	
Thursday 23rd December	Weekday of Advent	SFA	9.30am	Leo Harper (RIP)	
Friday 24th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA SFA SFA	9.30am 11.30pm Midnight	Irene Kenny (Get well) Carols and Readings Midnight Mass. People of the Parish	
Saturday 25th December	Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15pm	Family Mass. People of the Parish People of the Parish	
Sunday 26th December	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Parish Altar Servers	

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....

This fourth Sunday of Advent is the one we most especially associate with Our Lady. She today will be our guide for Advent with her lowliness and her humility. This Mary is the one God chose so that his plans and purposes could come to pass and in so doing we learn something of this Jesus whose coming we await and whose coming the faithful of Israel once waited. Jesus by descent, from Mary, and from David through Joseph, is the God of the *anawim*, the faithful few. Jesus is the king who comes to serve the forgotten, the poor the marginalized, the unloved: the faithful few. It is on them that the Lord's justice will fall down like the gentle rain, descend upon them like the dew, as our Advent imagery in the texts of the liturgy tells us. We know this because of our Gospel story today. The Lord rained down justice on his two faithful women, Mary and her kinswoman Elizabeth, so that once where there was the shame of being childless, or of being with child but not yet completely married, there shone glory in their lives; where once there was darkness there was light.

Elizabeth, and her unborn son John, recognised that this light of justice for the *anawim* had dawned as soon as she saw the pregnant Mary. This woman of faith recognised that Mary was, even when he was in the womb, holding out to us the promise of salvation, the one who was to redeem us. If we have faith too we don't always have to see Mary holding in her arms the child Jesus. If we can see that Mary held inside her very self the Word of God, the Christ child, then we will be given an example for our Advent waiting, even in these last few days of waiting for the coming of the saviour.

And when we celebrate his coming to us as the child of Bethlehem, as we do on the great feast that is Christmas, let's do our celebrating mindful of the faithful few today, the *anawim* of our society, the forgotten, the poor, the marginalized, the unloved whom we are called to serve in imitation of this king born for us in stable. If we celebrate as we should, but recognising too this mission in which we share because of Christ's coming among us, then we'll be celebrating the love God lavished on us when he gave us the greatest gift: Jesus, the Christ child, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

A happy, holy and peaceful Christmas to you and all your families.

Fr. Joe



We pray for Freya Rose Parker and Aoife Marie Parker also Matilda Patricia Maden and Harry Paul Madden 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**



The Christmas Crib

From Sunday onwards, please look out each day as the Christmas Crib gradually takes shape with its inhabitants and fittings. Look out too for Our Lady, Saint Joseph and their transport as they make their way around church to the place of the manger in Bethlehem. During the days of Christmas until New Year’s Day there will be available each day different reflections and things to think about to help



Christmas Mass times

Carols and Readings	11.30 p.m.
Midnight Mass	12 midnight
Family Mass	9.30 a.m.
Christmas Day Mass	11.15 a.m.

Fr. Joe, Deacon Paul

and all the Parish support staff wish all our parishioners a happy and peaceful Christmas.

“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.

Gifts for Children

Recently, a number of families have arrived in our Parish after leaving Afghanistan due to the unstable situation in the Country. A significant number of their children are attending Holy Trinity School.

Therefore, we invite our families to donate new, unwrapped toys and clothes suitable for Primary School age children which we can pass on to those families in need.

Please bring all donations to our Christmas Masses where the children can bring them up during Mass.

Christmas Prayer Intentions

If you would like your prayer intentions at Christmas to hang on a star on our Christmas tree in church this year, please write down those names and intentions you’d like to pray for and send them into the parish office by either email or on a note in an envelope. Those intentions will then be transferred onto a star which will be attached to the tree and hang there throughout the Christmas Season as a symbol of your prayer.

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, John Phillips, Tony Crilly.



Those who have recently died: Bernard Fitzsimons, Eileen O'Brien.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Paul Sawden, Hugh Joseph Michael O'Donovan, Lilian Whitehead, Don Caldwell, Margaret Mary Rice, Margaret Wilcott, James Malone, Patricia Margaret Flynn, Mary Ann Doyle, William Flatley, Mary Louisa Southern, John Edward Richardson. Gerard Hughes, Stephanie Redmond, Peter Thompson, Margaret Kilgallon, Bill Reid, Paul Rodriguez, Sheila Abbott, Mary Frances Dunn, Neil Williams, Bernard Murray, John Draper, Deborah Whitfield, Joyce Fletcher, Ann Davies, Alf Williams, Peter Williams, Tess Formby, Stephen Dooley, Mary Bolger, Ronald Kavanagh.

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.



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.

Note: Parish Office will be closed on Friday, 24th December and will not reopen until Thursday, 6th January 2022

Urgent calls only during this time

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

Note: No coffee and catch up on the 30th December

