



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Second Sunday after Christmas				Year C Year 2	Sunday 2nd January 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 1st January 2022	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Special Intention, Hagar Family Ken Needham (Anniversary)	
Sunday 2nd January 2022	Second Sunday after Christmas	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Bob Doyle (Get well)	
Monday 3rd January 2022	Weekday of Christmas Time	SFA	10.00am	Michael Colbert (LD)	
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Weekday of Christmas Time	SFA	9.30am	Geraldine Poole (LD)	
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Weekday of Christmas Time	SFA	9.30am	Grace Garnett (RIP)	
Thursday 6th January 2022	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	SFA	9.30am 7.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	
Friday 7th January 2022	Weekday after Epiphany	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 8th January 2022	Weekday after Epiphany	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Harley Clark (RIP) People of the Parish	
Sunday 9th January 2022	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Bernard Fitzsimons (RIP) Helen Hyland (RIP)	

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....

The bin rotas are all still askew with all the bank holidays that keep appearing but how people seem to need those collections now. It seems to me that people are already starting to get rid of things they had in their houses and all just for Christmas, and not just piles of wrapping paper. Piles of old, discarded Christmas trees are also appearing in their designated spaces. The New Year welcomed in, the signs are all around us that the world thinks it's all over. But we are given this Second Sunday of Christmas to remember that while we may not be able to sing, Wisdom has sung its own praises, as we hear in the first reading, and that same loving Wisdom of God chose to pitch its tent among us, the Word having been made flesh. It's that same Wisdom, that Word, that Logos that the Magi travelled afar to behold and worship and so must we.

As Pope Francis told us a few years ago now, "why... did the Magi alone see the star? Perhaps because few people raised their eyes to heaven. We often make do with looking at the ground: it's enough to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment. I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky. Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need a lofty goal and we need to keep looking up."

How we need to hear that message this year. Yet again we find ourselves hoping for a much better new year to be welcomed in but it's only in recognising who this Christ child really is, and how this Incarnation came to be, that we'll get there. The life that came to be in the manger at Bethlehem was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. But that light shone in a tiny, weak, defenceless baby. That was the power required to overcome the darkness. As we enter into a new year looking up, longing to build a new world in this new year, we need the Christmas reminder not just on this Second Sunday but all through the year too of *how* God chose to exercise his power in humanity. Going back to the old ways of the world's powerfulness of might and violence will get us nowhere. It's in letting God work his power through our weakness that we will come to behold his glory in 2022 and beyond.

Fr. Joe



***We pray for Ellie Grace Lloyd who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend
Please keep her and her 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, 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**



A House Blessing at Epiphany



The blessing of homes on Epiphany enjoys a long history.

The following inscription is written or affixed to the front door:

20 * C + M + B + 22.

Please bring some chalk with you to Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany when it will be blessed so that you can take it home, along with a sheet explaining the inscription and a formula for you to bless your house with the chalk in the traditional manner.

A limited supply of chalk will be available to take, as will a limited supply of stickers which you can use if you have no chalk.

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.

On behalf of all the families who received your donations, a huge thank you for the kindness and generosity you have shown them.

Note: The Parish Office will not reopen until Thursday, 6th January 2022

Urgent calls only during this time

Fr. Joe, Deacon Paul

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

Thank you for all the cards and gifts that we have received from you all, they are very much appreciated.

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.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Directory 2022

There are a number of copies of the 2022 directory available from the Parish Office at a cost of £3.50 each. If you want to reserve a copy, please contact the Parish Office by telephone or preferably email so that we can contact you after the office opens again on the **6th January 2022**

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, 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:



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Mary Cain, John Mulcahey, Mary Carruthers (SB), Esther Skinner, John McGrails, Francis Xavier Chan-You, James Mullen, William Peter Carter, Mary Millea, John Lynch, Margaret Keegan, Noel Calland, Florence Weston, Margaret Dunmore, Mary Jost, Geoffrey Savage, Barbara Power, Esther Ginner, John Michael Sweeney, Marie Heffie, Mick Keane, John Fury, Frank Rowan, Anthony James Clarke, George Henry Craven, Mary Masher, Elizabeth Ann Mooney, Isabel Marry Dunn, John Byrne-Rice, Thomas Exley, Ann Bolger, Sheila Gledhill, Ellen McNally, William Swanson, Doreen Gandy, Ken Needham, Thomas Harding, Eamon Hughes, Mary Hamill, Francis Moore, Margaret Robinson, Douglas Cranford, Winifred Foster.

Pope Francis' Prayer

Intention for January 2022



For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human

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



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.

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

