



# 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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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord				Year C Year 2	Sunday 9th January 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
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)	
Monday 10th January 2022	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Arthur and Susan Hogg (Anniversary)	
Tuesday 11th January 2022	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Ann Hitchmough	
Wednesday 12th January 2022	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Catherine Crosby	
Thursday 13th January 2022	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Tino, Lucia, Rosaline, Cyril, Hugo, Neil, Sanath, Lorens, Vivian, Nesita, Manel	
Friday 14th January 2022	Memorial of St. Kentigern, Bishop	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 15th January 2022	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Nancy O'Grady (RIP) Kitty Carr (RIP)	
Sunday 16th January 2022	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Vera Sweeney (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 evangelists obviously thought that it was important for us to know about Jesus' baptism because we weren't there. In the case of my baptism, I was definitely there. It all may have been done and said in the right way but, as for most of us, if not all, I can't remember. I was only a month old at the time. I can't remember what was said and I certainly wasn't in a position to answer the prayers myself, and yet still I am baptised; still God's grace has been revealed and it has made salvation possible. With baptism, getting the words right is important but sometimes, as with the importance I attach to being baptised with one of my best friends as the other baby on that day turned out to be later in life, there are things important in baptism that just cannot be put into words.

Sometimes we might wonder why we need to be baptised, why it's worth all the bother. We're born as human beings and God can only create good so we must be good. That's true, but maybe the fact that Jesus came to be baptised himself and not just born in the flesh, as we remember and celebrate in Christmastide, can shed some light on our need too. Saint Maximus of Turin put it this way. "At Christmas [Jesus] was born a man; today he is reborn sacramentally. Then he was born from the Virgin; today he is born in mystery. When he was born a man, his mother Mary held him close to her heart; when he is born in mystery, God the Father embraces him with his voice when he says: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased: listen to him. The mother caresses the tender baby on her lap; the Father serves his Son by his loving testimony. The mother holds the child for the Magi to adore; the Father reveals that his Son is to be worshipped by all the nations."

We need both ourselves. We need both the physical birth and the spiritual rebirth of Baptism. Today is perhaps a day too to remember and celebrate the gift of our parents who brought us to the waters of Baptism and then brought us into a deeper relationship with our Creator by their lives of faith. We too need both the loving embrace of our parents in this world and the loving embrace of God our Father. God's love was revealed to us and is revealed to us through Baptism but, as Saint Paul will tell us, it was not revealed because of anything we ourselves have done to deserve it, not because of any righteous actions of our own. God reveals his love just because God loves us. That's what we celebrate in Baptism.

Fr. Joe



***We pray for Rohan Quinn who 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**

## 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 2021**. 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,

## Car Park

When driving to church please use the car park as much as possible so that our neighbours are not inconvenienced too much with on-street parking. Please enter by the Earp Street gate, use the path on the other side of church once you've parked and leave by the gate onto Palmerston Crescent. This one-way system and pedestrian route is there to try to keep us all as safe as possible.

## 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.**

## 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**



**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.**

As we begin 2022, the Pastoral Development Department wishes you all a healthy and peaceful year ahead. A few highlights in this week's bulletin include:

Details of how to participate in the **Universal Synod 2021- 2023, for a synodal church: communion, participation, mission**

The **Justice and Peace Memorial Lecture** with **Dr Lorna Gold**, a climate change fighter whose book *Climate Generation Awakening to our Children's Future* is essential reading

**Listening to the Margins for Hope** - the web launch on Zoom with **Christine Allen Director of CAFOD** highlighting the legacies of **Frs Tom Cullin, Kevin Kelly and Austin Smith**.

Plus on a practical note, **Sycamore** is launching a new pathway, *Growing in Faith Together*, a resource to help parishes and communities **support engaged and married couples**.

## Universal Synod on Synodality

Submissions: 10 January 2022 – 10 March 2022



*Synod 2021-2023 for a synodal church: communion, participation, mission* called by Pope Francis for 2023 was opened on 9 October 2021. Due to the proximity of the launch of our own archdiocesan **Pastoral Plan**, the start of our reflection process was delayed in Liverpool until the New Year.

As an archdiocese, we are providing opportunities to participate, albeit in a somewhat “lighter” way than our recent Synod 2020 listening and discussion processes. Resources and submissions are online from

**Monday 10 January – Thursday 10 March 2022**. The submissions received for the universal Synod will be combined with those from Synod 2020 and will form our archdiocesan response.

We have streamlined the submission process as much as possible without losing the breadth of focus that has been provided by the Vatican Synod Office. **The preferred method of submitting responses is online [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023)** although email and postal submissions are, of course, possible. **The deadline for all responses is 10 March 2022.**

A summary of the process and the themes are available to view and download on the **diocesan website**. Further information and resources are on the Bishop's Conference website **[www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/)** or the Vatican website **[www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va)**.

The email for all universal synod enquiries: **[vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk)**

## 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:** Catherine Crosby.



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Patrick Byrne, Joseph Rylands, Peter Kane, Lena McCoy, Florence Wright, John Byrne, John McInnes, Elizabeth McDonald, George Need, Joseph Dunn, Thomas Exley, Ann Bolger, Sheila Gledhill, Ellen McNally, Doreen Gandy, Elizabeth Crompton, Margaret Mullen, Anita Fielding, Frances Edna O'Connor, Frank Lines, Gordon C. Gee, Stanley Rawlinson, Patrick McCarthy Axworthy, David Price, Patrick Foster, Kathleen Ryan, Mary Josephine Kerbey, George Need, Patricia Allen, Eileen Casey, Bernard Talbot, Michael Caffrey, Mary Ungi, William Turner, Mary McTavish, Monica Moorhead, Elizabeth Stevenson, Eileen Robinson.

### 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**

