



# 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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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year C Year 2	Sunday 6th February 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 5th February	Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Gerard Rogers (RIP) Elizabeth Carberry	
Sunday 6th February	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Nora and Lenny Widdowson People of the Parish	
Monday 7th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	James Byrne and Ken Dath	
Tuesday 8th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA		No Mass	
Wednesday 9th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Thursday 10th February	Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Friday 11th February	Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes	SFA		No Service of the Word	
Saturday 12th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Service of the Word People of the Parish	
Sunday 13th February	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	John Hollingsworth (RIP) Brian McClemens (Anniversary)	

**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  
*Note: None on the 12th February*

**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....**

When we hear the word 'calling', or even the word 'vocation', the word story is bound not to be too far behind. But then, why should we be surprised. Throughout the Scriptures there are plenty of good stories and many of them are about an individual's vocation from God. All three of our readings today present to us three people who have received a call from God to undertake a specific ministry at his service. Isaiah's experience of being called which we hear in the first reading could be said to be a little unpleasant, maybe even downright dangerous! Having a hot, burning coal put on your tongue is certainly not the most pleasant of experiences, I would guess. The point is, of course, that Isaiah's lips were cleansed by this experience so that he could go on to answer God's call, be purified and be a prophet.

Saint Paul's life before what we've come to know as his conversion could be said to have been somewhat characterised by violence, a violence towards the very people he would go on to serve. The life that Paul was leading when he was writing his letters to the churches, like the one in Corinth, must have seemed very different to the life he was leading years before when persecuting those on the Christian Way. And Saint Paul is certainly aware of his past, so much so that he thinks he's hardly worthy of the title 'apostle' but that is the ministry and mission to which he was called by the Lord.

There's another man we hear of today who seems to think himself unworthy: Simon Peter. "Leave me, Lord: I am a sinful man," he says. Jesus seems to say, however, that he won't get out of it that easily. I think we see here that Peter himself saw his life being very different after his meeting Jesus to how he saw it before. And I think that had to do with more than going from catching fish for profit to catching women and men for the Lord. He had to endure something quite demanding to get to the position whereby he could answer the call. He had to place all the trust and hope he'd ever had in the Lord and listen to him telling him to pay out the nets when this seemed quite a useless enterprise. This could have left him quite vulnerable, quite open to accusations of stupidity as well as unworthiness. But he trusts in the Lord and that same Lord really does provide all that's needed. We're called to the same trust in the Lord because God provides. God does the getting ready. God gives us what we need in order for us to be who God calls us to be. That's the story well worth telling.

**Fr. Joe**



***We pray for all those who have been Baptised in our Parish this year.***

***Please keep them and their families in your prayers.***

## **Updated guidance on the use of our church building in light of the changes from Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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 Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, the following is what will be required in the churches of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those who are present in a church building. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)

Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches.

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. Only if you would like one of the spaces in a bench reserved for social distancing will you be asked to contact the office. 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.

At Sunday Masses, and other Masses and liturgies that are well attended, stewards will continue to guide people out of their benches to come forward to receive Holy Communion. At Mass during the week, people may come forward to receive Communion without being directed. The sign of peace may now be reintroduced and people may use holy water at the entrance to church to bless themselves as a reminder of their baptism.

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.***

## 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.



Liverpool Archdiocesan  
Lourdes Pilgrimage  
Association



### Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Parish of Christ the King and Our Lady

Christ the King Church

Queen's Drive

Wavertree

L15 6YQ

**11th February 2022 at 7.30pm**

**All welcome**

### Universal Synod on Synodality

Submissions:

**10 January 2022 – 10 March 2022**

Universal Synod 2023: Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. Although we have already engaged with the synodal process in the archdiocese as part of Synod 2020, which initially generated 27,000 responses, we may find ourselves in a different place on our journey. This may include fresh insights, which will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phases of Synod 2020. To participate in this world wide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions from **Monday 10 January 2022**, as well as submit your responses online at [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023). The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022. For queries: [vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk).

### Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

The website to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open.

Schools have already received publicity material.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Any young person currently in **year 8 (or above)** is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Registration will close on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

To register visit [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page.

Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

### Are you called to be a deacon?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

**Tuesday 22 February 2022**

7.30-9pm (refreshments from 7pm)

**St Gregory's Parish House**

Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3NW

If are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email [diaconate@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:diaconate@rcaol.org.uk) for more information.



## 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, Stella O'Donnell, David Brookfield, John Phillips, Tony Crilly.



**Those who have recently died:** John Hollingsworth.



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Ray Dillon, Henry Joseph Powney, Cath Gill, Maureen Murray, Joseph Feery, Brian McClemens, Sean Lynch, Ann Tavernor, Catherine Kelly, Frank Deakin, Rita Clarke, Mary Cleary, Anne Tremares, Margarita Clarke, Thomas Starkey, Nora Widdowson, Frederick Knisz, Margaret Mary Durkin, Sheila M. Harding, Frances Heague, James Joseph Kempson, James Edward Flynn, Josie Flynn, Jane Teresa Doyle, Veronica Fraser, Isabel Ferguson, Edward M. Rawes, Eveline Paulson, Freddie Todd, Thomas Joseph Egan (SB), Frances Loughney, Michael Hugh Thomas, Gabrielle Tosh, Kenneth Tittle, Thomas Henry Barton, Annie Byrne, Ellen Kieran, Frederick Laws, Joyce Connolly, Lawrence Connolly, Michael Caffrey.

Pope Francis' Prayer  
Intention for February 2022



### Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

## 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: Please see the front of this  
week's Newsletter for changes**

### 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**

