



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time			Year C Year 2	Sunday 13th February 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
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)
Monday 14th February	Feast of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	SFA	9.30am	Louis Ventra and James Byrne (Snr)
Tuesday 15th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Mary Elliott (Anniversary)
Wednesday 16th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Brigid Jordan (RIP)
Thursday 17th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Barbara Stanley (RIP)
Friday 18th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word
Saturday 19th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Gerard Rogers (RIP) Phil McVey
Sunday 20th February	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Peter Crompton (Birthday)

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: No confessions 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....

Throughout the Scriptures, we often hear of people going up mountains and often it's they're that they'll encounter God in a new and wonderful way. Saint Matthew records Jesus speaking these beatitudes from a mountaintop and then we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. Saint Luke, however, sets the scene differently today with Jesus teaching on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us. Another distinction we can see is that Saint Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd, while Saint Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd.

The form of the Beatitudes found, whether in Luke or Matthew, is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They're a way to teach about who will find favour with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favoured"; in fact, none of these words does justice really to the word used. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. But then the other side of the coin is these 'woes' that Saint Luke records for us, the woes for those who do not set their priorities right. The prophet Jeremiah long before, we hear in our first reading, was giving a similar warning. Put your trust in the Lord, he says, and not in other people.

But live with other people we must and we're called to live with each other as brothers and sisters. The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We're challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. The Beatitudes, you might say, are all about our past, our present and our future. Therefore the poor, hungry and sorrowful are blessed now because of the divine power to reverse the fortunes of those whose lives are totally dependent on and given over to the providence of God. It's all about this Good News that Saint Paul tells the Corinthians and us about in the second reading, that Jesus died for love of us but has risen again. There can be no better or more extreme reversal of fortunes than that.

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, 27th 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, 22nd 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.

Please 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.



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 21st March.

To register visit 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.

Join us for our side-by-side event 19 & 20 March

The archdiocese is hosting an immersive event exploring the art of accompaniment (the first area of development in our Pastoral Plan) in partnership with the national ‘Proximity’ project.

All are invited to come and share how we already walk alongside people in the light of the Gospel.

The event will explore how we could do it with more confidence, skill and inclusivity and include enriching workshops. Everyone attending will receive a resource pack to use in schools, parishes, local communities and families.

See Poster on the notice board for further Information

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. **The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022.**

For queries: vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk.

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 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:



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Margaret Mary Mulholland, Mary Patricia Elliott, Catherine Vaughan, Bridie Keogh, Joan Cummings, Veronica Murphy, Nicholas Daniel Ring, Mona O'Brien, Angela Elizabeth Lowe, Edward Daley, Flo Walsh, George Crompton Snr, June Victoria Walsh, Frederick E. Johnston, Kathleen Christine Steward, Margaret and Tom Cullen, Frank Pile, George Clarke, Milly Kilgallon, Cullen Family, Richard O' Regan, Jack Jennings, Fred Ehlen, Margaret Duffy, Ena Ashplant, Helen Cook, Christine Hughes, Joan Ling, Winifred Flanagan.

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.



**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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Would you like to get the PD Bulletin directly? Or keep up with Archdiocesan Pastoral Department Events? Be amongst the first to hear by joining the **PD News WhatsApp Group**. This will be for sending information and keeping in touch.

To join please send a WhatsApp message: **JOIN PD NEWS** with your **name** and **parish** to **07449 633 977**. Please note that your number may be visible to others in the group. NB Only Admins will be able to post.

The God who Speaks

Preparing for Lent and Eastertide

We've created new posters for schools on the themes:

Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter - godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/posters

We've collaborated again with Tony Bower of the York

Schools & Youth Trust to create **An Easter Donkey**

interactive resource - godwhospeaks.uk/the-easter-donkey

There's also a new *In-Between Times poster and resources* for **Easter to Pentecost** - biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-in-between-time

More Lent and Eastertide resources, including a visual journey through Eastertide, are found here - godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources

Fr Michael Hall opens our eyes with **Luke and the Open Heaven** - godwhospeaks.uk/between-the-testaments/luke-and-the-open-heaven

Bp David Evans launches a new series on **The Meaning of Life** using the Bible and modern philosophy to help explore some big questions - godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-1-identity

If you haven't seen our commissioned Bible artwork, our new

Mosaic Experience gives you a 360° tour of this stunning

Little Bits of God artwork - art.godwhospeaks.uk

Events and workshops

Come to the most exciting **St Albans Scripture Festival** godwhospeaks.uk/our-dioceses/st-albans-scripture-festival

The Society of St. Gregory is offering these Scripture workshops: Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 7.30-9pm:

Scriptures for Lent (Canon Patrick Hartnett)

Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 7.30-9pm:

Scriptures for Eastertide (Mgr Kevin McGinnell)

These are online interactive sessions, with lots of practical help and tips. £10 per person, or £25 if you book for more than two workshops. Bookings, together with all the details, are available on their website.

11th May, Mgr Kevin McGinnell will lead us in a bonus session, **'Shadows in the Gospel'**, for which there's no charge. You can reserve your place when booking for the other sessions online.

