



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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| Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time | | | | Year C Year 2 | Sunday 20th February 2022 |
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| DAY | FEAST | LITURGY TIMES | | MASS INTENTION | |
| 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) | |
| Monday 21st February | Weekday in Ordinary Time | SFA | 10.00am | Funeral Mass Michael Anthony Jackson | |
| Tuesday 22nd February | Feast of the See of St Peter the Apostle | SFA | 9.30am | Ian Rice (LD) | |
| Wednesday 23rd February | Memorial of St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr | SFA | 9.30am | Ann Nicholson | |
| Thursday 24th February | Weekday in Ordinary Time | SFA | 9.30am | Mary and John Millar (Wedding Anniversary) | |
| Friday 25th February | Weekday in Ordinary Time | SFA | 9.30am | Service of the Word | |
| Saturday 26th February | Weekday in Ordinary Time | SFA SFA | 10.00am 6.00pm | Kitty Carr Michael Thomas O'Reilly (Anniversary) | |
| Sunday 27th February | Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time | SFA SFA | 9.30am 11.15am | Jack Stamper (Birthday Mem) People of the Parish | |

Baptism

Refer to Parish Newsletter for future updates

Weddings

By Appointment with the Parish Priest.

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....

Saint Bernadette once said that she wasn't tasked with making people believe her. All she was asked to do by the Lady was tell the priests what she'd been told. That may have been true for that particular young girl with that particular message and mission, but for us as disciples of the Son of the Lady, we have both to believe and tell others. This Sunday we hear some of the most difficult teachings of Jesus. Why would we believe it or accept it? Jesus teaches us how to be faithful to God. He also teaches us a wisdom that can't be dismissed as simply human wisdom, thinking that we have better wisdom today because we live in a different age, we have a deeper understanding of human psychology, or we're more aware of the diversity of the human family. Despite how hard the teaching may be for us to accept sometimes, we have to accept that what Jesus teaches stands in the tradition of divine Wisdom which we can trace through the pages of Scripture.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching, beginning with the Beatitudes, be they proclaimed from a mountain top or on a plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance but perhaps it's another difference we might focus on this week: terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behaviour of his followers with the behaviour of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behaviour desired with the behaviour of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining. Jesus tells us, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." We might at first think: "Nobody lives that way." But we're invited rather to think, "How can I live this way because Jesus has called me to live this way." Saint Paul tells the Corinthians and us in our second reading what will be the consequences of us following this teaching of Jesus to live in the way of mercy and forgiveness: we will then bear not only the image of the first man (Adam) but also the image of Jesus Christ. Believe and tell others about what we have: discipleship may well be hard, a struggle and a challenge, but we are assured: "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Fr. Joe



We pray for Seryn Lea McDonald who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Please keep her and her family 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



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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.



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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.

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.

Knights of St. Columba Council 9 Membership Appeal

Membership is open to Catholic men aged 16 and over.

Please access the following link for a brief 10 minute presentation in which the goals of the Knights of St. Columba are outlined: <https://youtu.be/YvqkVtIKUek>

Meetings are held once a month, every second Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the meeting room at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Garston, L19 1RT. Contact the Knights of St. Columba’s Recruitment Officer Council 9 for further details:

Charles Williams on 07900880012

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, should contact the parish office to do that.

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: Peter Crompton, Margarite Lappen, Claire Davidson (former headteacher of Saint John Almond's School).



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Thomas Martin Davies, Iris Mary Lowrie, Rodney Baxter, Christine Harwood, Gerard Connolly, John Kilgallon, Daniel Alexander Hudson, Hugh P. Kirwan, Ann Nicholson, Kathleen Hollingsworth, Margaret Hughes, Mary Christina, William Patrick Doran, Joseph Penlington, Paula Barrow, James Edwards, Michael O'Reilly, Albert Bullen, Edmund Brunskill, Mary Byrne, Elizabeth Monro, Joyce Ann Chang, John Davies, Francis Crompton, William Moran, Vincent Osborne, Fr Leonard Jackson OSB, Thomas Crawford, Paula Barron, Edmund Kearns, Bridget Atherton.

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.

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

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.



2022



Ash Wednesday is 2nd March and the holy Season of Lent will be upon us. On Ash Wednesday, there will be an extra Mass in the evening to allow more people to start off the season in the best possible way. Throughout Lent there'll be lots of other opportunities, both in our parish and further afield and online, which will be advertised to help make this time special and different and a time for prayerful preparation. One such opportunity you could take will be the Stations of the Cross that will be prayed in church each Friday evening at 7 p.m. Please do come for that if you can and for other opportunities for prayer and reflection that will be on offer (as well as all the usual opportunities like Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer) as together we enter into the desert that is Lent.

