



# 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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Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year C Year 2	Sunday 27th February 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
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	
Monday 28th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	James, Edward and Josie Flynn	
Tuesday 1st March	<b>Feast of St David, Patron of Wales</b>	SFA	9.30am	Flo Murgatroyd (RIP)	
Wednesday 2nd March	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	SFA SFA	9.30am 7.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	
Thursday 3rd March	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	SFA	9.30am	A lasting Peace in the Ukraine and Russia	
Friday 4th March	Friday after Ash Wednesday	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 5th March	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	James Byrne Peter Clarke	
Sunday 6th March	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Kathy Silker (RIP Ann)	

**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....**

In the Gospels, there may well be many people we see the people acclaim as teachers and masters. They might seem much of a muchness to us. Jesus, however, is an original master. He speaks and behaves differently from the others. He doesn't give his classes in a school; he teaches along the way. He doesn't require a fee from his listeners but rather addresses without fee the poor of the earth, those despised by the masters of Israel wondering: "How can a man who guides the plough become wise, he whose pride lies in snapping a whip and talks of nothing but cattle?" as the preacher of old, Ecclesiasticus would have it. Jesus is different again in that instead of inviting the disciples to follow the precepts of the Law, from the beginning of his mission, he asks them to follow him. The Law is his person, his life, not the quagmire of rabbinical discussions.

The masters of Israel explained what should be done to please God, relying on their knowledge of the Law. They presented their teachings in the same way the prophets of old had: "Thus says the Lord." But Jesus does it differently using the expression: "I tell you," placing his words alongside those of God. In the Gospels, the apostles are never called masters, but always and only pupils, disciples who should learn not a lesson but a life, following the only Master. Now, parables were a favourite teaching device for Jesus. In essence parables are simply short stories or sayings that are meant to convey a deeper meaning. They try to tell us something about God, about our relationship with God, or about how we are to live. We find today several brief parables: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? No disciple is superior to the teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? A good tree does not bear rotten fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes." Taken together these parables remind us that those who seek to guide others must take care that their own house is in order before they undertake the task of guiding someone else.

The message of these parables is one that we may well take with us into the Season of Lent so shortly to be upon us. Lent may well be a season of teaching and learning most especially for those we call catechumens, those preparing for Baptism at Easter, and for those preparing to be received into the Church too. But it should be for all of us a way of letting Jesus our teacher lead us by the hand to the truth he wishes to reveal to us, even if that leads to an uncomfortable and certainly challenging message.

**Fr. Joe**



***We pray for Emilia Sally Parsons, William Anthony Pulford and Edward Arthur Pulford who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.***

***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.*

***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.



2022



Ash Wednesday is 2nd March and the holy Season of Lent will be upon us. On Ash Wednesday, there will be a Mass at 9.30am and at 7.00pm 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, further afield and online, which will be advertised to help make this time special and different. Please refer to the insert sheet in this week's Parish Newsletter for further Information and online at [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk) *as together we enter into the desert that is Lent.*

## 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*



**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.**

## 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.

## SVP Appeal

We are running low on food to donate to those in need as we depleted most of our stock over the Christmas period. We would be extremely grateful to receive donations of dry goods that we can distribute to those in our Parish who are in need. Thank you in anticipation

## 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**

## 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:** James Fink, Ann and Walter Davies, Barry Ferguson, Mary Rawlinson.



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Angela Hill, Francis Flynn, Kathleen Deegan, Michael Culbert, Michael McGuigan, May Elliott, Ann V. Moore, Stephen Malley, Jean Cooper, John Edward Doyle, Ann Rowe, Honora Penlington, Kathleen and Edward Johnson, Brian Preece, Martin McLaughlin, Joseph Vaughan, Charles Barry, Joan Hamill, Fr. Arthur Darragh, Fr. Joseph Keller, John Fitzsimmons, Michael Moore, Mary Catherine Crowther, Mary Theresa Smith, Mavis Grice, Theodore Knuckley, Carmen Garcia, Ronald Cobain, Agnes O'Leary, Mary Oritt, John Brookes, Ann Thomson, Mary Elliott, Jack Brookes.

## 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 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.

## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://art.godwhospeaks.uk)

### Events and workshops

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