



# 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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First Sunday of Lent				Year C Year 2	Sunday 6th March 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
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)	
Monday 7th March	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30am	Tom Connell (Anniversary)	
Tuesday 8th March	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.00am	Anne Furlong (LD) Funeral Service for Barry Ferguson	
Wednesday 9th March	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	9.30am 3pm	Marion Colvin (RIP) <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
Thursday 10th March	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30am	Catherine Keefe (Anniversary)	
Friday 11th March	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	9.30am 7pm	Service of the Word <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
Saturday 12th March	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Monica White <b>Mass, followed by Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and Benediction</b> Taduezc Kabluezenko	
Sunday 13th March	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Peter Crompton (RIP) People of the Parish	

**Baptism**

Refer to Parish Newsletter for future updates  
0151 427 4015

**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....**

Even if we can't ourselves find a place that's dry enough to qualify as a desert in this country (indeed, there's only one such officially labelled place in Europe and that's in Spain), we need in some sense to enter into the desert, the wilderness, with Jesus this Lent. It seems pretty clear that Jesus went into the desert, the Judean wilderness at the beginning of his ministry and for forty days and so we have our Lent of forty days of fasting. In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent those forty days there, fasting and praying. The forty days are, of course, important for those who first heard Jesus' words. They knew what that meant in their people's history. But just wandering the desert was also important. It was yet another thing that gave them their identity. As we hear in the first reading, Moses told his people to declare this about themselves: "My father was a wandering Aramean." But as Saint Paul tells the Romans, there is now, in Christ, no distinction between Jew and Greek. Our identity is in Christ Jesus, the one who wandered the desert for forty days. And so do we in Lent.

But he didn't just wander; Jesus was tempted. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. Prayer, that is, a bit more prayer, goes with all that fasting and almsgiving, and we worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. This is what we need to find too in Lent. We too are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency is a temptation from the devil. As we start our journey through Lent, the Gospel today calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God

**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.***

***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



Throughout Lent there are lots of opportunities both in our parish, further afield and online, which are advertised to help make this time special and different. Please refer to the front of the Newsletter each week 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).

## 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

## 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.

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



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Hilda Light, Thomas Edward Connell, Ellen Rose Dyke, Chris Murphy, Michael Harman, Joanne Shallcross, Catherine Keefe, James Quigley, Edward Hearne, Leo Peter Sanabrias, Doris Agate, Patrick Davis, Ellen Bowker, George Swift, Clifford Maddock Taylor, Francis Palmer Snr, Fry Rowlands, Margaret Hanlon, Patricia Palmer, Elizabeth Doolan (SB), Alan Greenwood, Eileen Mary Williams, Margaret McChrystal (SB), Harry Fagan, Philip O'Connell (SB), Helen Nolan, Thomas Butler, Mavis Grice, Theodore Knuckey, Carmen Garcia, Ronald Cobain, Agnes O'Leary, Mary Oritt, John Brookes, Ann Thomson, Mary Elliott, Jack Brookes.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2022

### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges



We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

## BELONG & BELIEVE

*How our Celtic past can help us today. Refreshing our communities and renewing our ministries.*

Following on from the success of our Pastoral Development Department's Advent Monday reflections, we are running Monday Reflections from 7-8pm on zoom using the Café resource: Belong and Believe during Lent. Each parish will be able to pick up a free resource. More details later.

There will be opportunity to reflect and discuss and although the course will be run online, it is possible to join and interact as a parish group. If you would like to lead the course in your parish and need more information, contact the PD department: [pd@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pd@rcaol.org.uk)

**March 7 Building Welcoming Communities**

**March 14 Growing in Faith Together**

**March 21 Renewed in the Holy Spirit**

**March 28 Caring for God's Creation**

**April 4 Evangelising with Love & Action**

You can register for the Zoom reflections here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/9151299064>

## The God who Speaks Lent and Eastertide

This month we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on the 25th March, so we've gathered together articles and resources about the role our Lady plays in Scripture and in our faith.

[godwhospeaks.uk/celebrating-our-lady](http://godwhospeaks.uk/celebrating-our-lady)

Fleur explores some less commonly known symbols in art and scripture related to Our Lady, and their wider meanings for our faith and spirituality:

[godwhospeaks.uk/our-lady-and-the-thread-of-life](http://godwhospeaks.uk/our-lady-and-the-thread-of-life) Share the key Bible verses about Mary with our free posters.

[godwhospeaks.uk/our-lady-in-scripture-posters](http://godwhospeaks.uk/our-lady-in-scripture-posters) Sr Hyacinthe considers various ways in the Scriptures that Mary can be our hope today.

[godwhospeaks.uk/how-is-mary-our-hope](http://godwhospeaks.uk/how-is-mary-our-hope) Amégée Olongo shares a short reflection on a stained glass window designed by Evie Hone.

[godwhospeaks.uk/the-feast-of-the-assumption-a-reflection](http://godwhospeaks.uk/the-feast-of-the-assumption-a-reflection)

Fr Michael Hall considers why the vision of the Woman in Revelation is believed by Catholics to be a reference to Our Lady, Queen of Heaven.

[godwhospeaks.uk/sun-moon-and-stars-the-role-of-mary-in-the-book-of-revelation](http://godwhospeaks.uk/sun-moon-and-stars-the-role-of-mary-in-the-book-of-revelation)

Have you listened to the **Women in Scripture Podcast series** yet? Listen to Episode 5 on the Virgin Mary ([birminghamdiocese.org.uk/women-in-scripture](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk/women-in-scripture)) and read the accompanying art reflection ([godwhospeaks.uk/art-and-culture/women-in-scripture/maryl/](http://godwhospeaks.uk/art-and-culture/women-in-scripture/maryl/)).

The second article in our super new series on the **Meaning of Life** by Bp David Evans explores **Generosity – giving and giving away**.

[godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-2-generosity](http://godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-2-generosity) **Bible Alive in Church poster** - we've created an exciting poster to show how our worship in Church has its basis in Scripture –

[godwhospeaks.uk/the-bible-alive-in-church-poster](http://godwhospeaks.uk/the-bible-alive-in-church-poster) Don't forget to explore and use all our **Lent and Easter resources** - [godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/posters](http://godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/posters)

And take a look at **CELEBRATE@Home** resources - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrateathome>

