

The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Second Sunday of Lent				**Year C** **Year 2**	**Sunday** **13th March 2022**
DAY	**FEAST**	**LITURGY TIMES**		**MASS INTENTION**	
Saturday **12th March**	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Monica White ***Mass, followed by Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and Benediction*** Taduezc Kabluezenko	
Sunday **13th March**	**Second Sunday of Lent**	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Peter Crompton (RIP) People of the Parish	
Monday **14th March**	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30am	Sr. Maria Aurelia Silva RIP (Italy)	
Tuesday **15th March**	Weekday of Lent	SFA	**10.00am**	Mary O'Rourke (RIP), Mass with children from Year 3	
Wednesday **16th March**	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30am	Intentions of Christine Duffer	
Thursday **17th March**	**Feast of St Patrick, Bishop. Patron of Ireland**	**SFA**	**9.30am**	Ollie Millett. ***Mass, followed by Holy Hour for Vocations***	
Friday **18th March**	Weekday of Lent	SFA **SFA**	9.30am **7pm**	Service of the Word ***Stations of the Cross***	
Saturday **19th March**	**Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin**	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Margarite Lappen (RIP) People of the Parish	
Sunday **20th March**	**Third Sunday of Lent**	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Bill Soundie (Anniversary RIP) George Preston	

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....

At this point of our Lenten journey we find ourselves up a mountain with Jesus and three of his disciples. Which mountain we're not quite sure. Was it Hermon, whose melting snows would have melted into the streams flowing into Caesarea Philippi, where they'd just been, or was it Mount Tabor, on the way to where they're going? Either way, they would certainly have broken a sweat climbing up to the top. But is tiredness the cause of their wanting to stop? Tabor may not be the biggest mountain you'd see even in the Holy Land but it is quite a peculiar mountain. It seems to appear and jut up unexpectedly from the plains of the Jezreel Valley.

In a way, it is wonderful to be up there on top of that mountain. It must have been even more wonderful for Peter, James and John. To be in the presence of the Law and Prophets, everything that they as good Israelites, they as true sons of and inheritors from the Abraham with whom God made that covenant and for ever, everything that they would hold most dear; to be in that presence really was wonderful. But they could not stay there in that presence. Wonderful as it was, it was not the homeland to which they were destined and of which Saint Paul speaks in his letter to the Philippians.

Abram dreamt of a land that he could call home. He's been led from the land of his birth, Ur, amongst the Chaldeans, to look upon this land in which the Lord asks him to make this covenant with him, sealed by the sacrifice of a quite a menagerie. He's made this covenant with the Lord God, all should be right, but darkness falls and so does a deep terror and despair. There was quite a lot of fright and anxiety up on that Mountain of the Transfiguration amongst those disciples who don't know what to do or say. There can be despair and terror in our lives too when trials come along and we don't know what we can do or to whom we can turn. Sometimes it is not wonderful for us to be here. And yet, in Lent, we can be led to see that we're just like Abram. Terror and fright come our way even though we know this new Covenant has been made and sealed with the blood, not of a bunch of animals, but with that blood of the Son of God, Jesus. This is what we're called to see this day and always: that any problems we face are no match for the love of God. There are no sins that we commit in life that cannot be taken away by the mercy of God. This way down the mountain is the way of mercy.

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.

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



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



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

as together we enter into the desert that is Lent.

Easter Triduum Choir

Practices will begin on **Monday, 21st March at 6 pm** for the music at our Easter Triduum celebration, and then on **Monday, 28th March, Monday, 4th April and Monday 11th April** at the same time. All singers are very welcome to join Irene and the choir who will be very grateful for all the help and support that they receive as we prepare for this important celebration. We're always very grateful for those who support our celebration in this way each year and would love more to join in this important ministry.

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**

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk — for newsletters, information and MORE

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: Tony Crompton.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Thomas Kearns, Thomas Rowan, Mary Agnes Martin, Molly Doran, Betty Caldwell, Margaret Mary Moody, Maureen Davitt, Angela Agate, Flora Boyne, Shirley Doyle, John Carberry, John William Reilly, Celia Agnes Levy, Patricia Booth, Monica White, George Preston, James Ginner, Thomas Bridge, Mary Murphy, Mary Anderson, James Edward Gledhill, Stewart Rhodes, James Keogh, Christopher Hannah, Mary Byrne, Mary Corrigan, Monica Coughlan, Margaret Daley, Helena Tickle, Peter Hughes, Catherine Finch, Marie Myers, Margaret Fegan, Elizabeth Kelly, Alice Gallagher.

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**

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/meeting/register/tZ0ldO6oqD0sE9GOs3Eewqn1hNhwIxPPFpG6**

Or on the website: **www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development**

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

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

Share the key Bible verses about Mary with our free posters.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

Amégée Olongo shares a short reflection on a stained glass window designed by Evie Hone.
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

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) and read the accompanying art reflection (godwhospeaks.uk/art-and-culture/women-in-scripture/mary/) .

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

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

Don't forget to explore and use all our **Lent and Easter resources** - godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/posters

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