

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent				**Year C** **Year 2**	**Sunday** **3rd April 2022**
DAY	**FEAST**	**LITURGY TIMES**		**MASS INTENTION**	
Saturday **2nd April**	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Safe delivery of a baby**, Mass, followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Devotions and Benediction** People of the Parish	
Sunday **3rd April**	**Fifth Sunday of Lent**	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	John Hollingsworth (RIP) Paul Alcock (RIP)	
Monday **4th April**	Weekday of Lent	SFA	***10.00am*** 12 Noon ***7pm***	Helen and Peter Kane. **Mass with children from Year 5** Funeral Mass for Tony Crilly ***Reconciliation Service***	
Tuesday **5th April**	Weekday of Lent	***SFA***	***9.00am***	Mark Soundie (Anniversary RIP)	
Wednesday **6th April**	Weekday of Lent	***SFA***	***7pm***	Catherine Crosby (RIP)	
Thursday **7th April**	Weekday of Lent	SFA	9.30am	Edward Tweedley (Anniversary)	
Friday **8th April**	Weekday of Lent	SFA ***SFA***	9.30am ***7pm***	Service of the Word ***Stations of the Cross***	
Saturday **9th April**	Weekday of Lent	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Special Intention John Swanson (RIP)	
Sunday **10th April**	**Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Thomas and Margaret Doyle	

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....

Thérèse of Lisieux was a woman at ease with weakness. She had many people writing to her, seeking her love and advice. There was one such man who came to her, a young seminarian called Belli-ere, training to be a missionary. He was a young man troubled by an experience he'd had during his time doing national service in the army. He was troubled by a 'blunder.' We don't know exactly what this blunder was; we can only guess from knowing that he was in the army. He thought that this blunder made him weak and that was bad. On the contrary: Thérèse warmed all the more to this young man precisely when he displayed his weakness. She knew as much of her own self, writing that she must bear herself with all her imperfections. She told one of the novices to love her powerlessness. Moreover, and something we could all bear in mind as we move into these last few weeks of Lent and might be seeking to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation a part of our preparation for Easter, Therese said, "the weaker we are the more united [we are] to the workings of his love."

We see too in the first reading today that the prophet Isaiah recalled exactly what the Lord did to a powerful army: 'snuffed out, put out like a wick [it] lay there never to arise again.' I think I'd want to choose powerlessness and weakness if that's how the Lord will deal with the powerful! Mary, the weak and the lowly, sang as much in her great *Magnificat* song when she sang of the mighty and the powerful being cast from their thrones.

It's with this spirit that we need to approach any position of loving authority in this Church of Christ. For it's in this spirit, quite in contrast to the spirit of those scribes and Pharisees who dragged her out into the public space, that Jesus approaches the woman caught in the act of adultery. Who knows what it was that he was writing in the sand? Maybe he was just doodling, waiting for people to come to their senses and see the need for humility. Maybe he was writing out tracts of the law pertinent to the situation at hand. I like to think, though, that, with all the insight, cleverness and wit of a good rabbi, he was writing the Aramaic idiomatic equivalent of the phrase, 'it takes two to tango.' But who knows? The advice then was to go and not condemn, most certainly, but as certainly as that there is the advice to go and not to sin again. We need both as our firm resolve as we journey through these last two weeks of Lent readying ourselves to look upon Jesus, the weak one, as he really is.

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.

Ukraine Appeal update

The current total of the financial donations we have now raised is over £60,500 for **#Liverpool4Ukraine**

Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal.

Details for giving are below

1. via **text** details below.
2. By bank transfer to

Account name: Archdiocese of Liverpool
Sort code: 40-29-12 Account: 01551493
Reference: Help Ukraine

3. Or by **cheque** made payable to **"Archdiocese of Liverpool"** and with **"Help Ukraine"** written on the reverse, these can be sent to Finance Department:

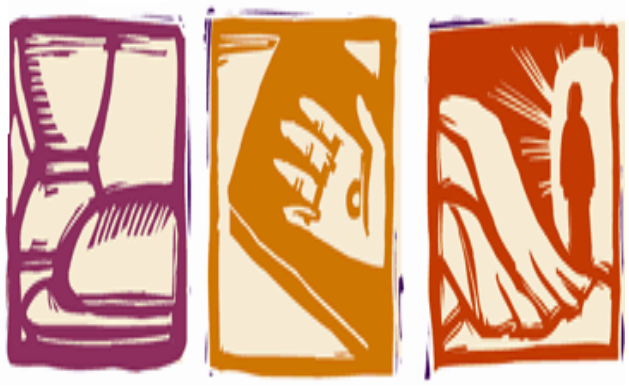
St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool Archdiocesan Office, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA



GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Any Parishioner who wants Gift Aid envelopes, please see Maria at the back of Church after weekend Mass. Alternatively, take a box and put your name against a number on the list.

Easter Triduum 2022



What Sunday is to the week, the Easter Triduum is to the year.

Our celebration will be at the following times:

Maundy Thursday,
***Mass of the Lord's Supper* - 7 pm**

Good Friday,
***Celebration of the Lord's Passion* - 3 pm**

Holy Saturday,
***Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter* - 9 pm**

***Easter Sunday Mass* - 9.30 am & 11.15 am**

This is one celebration spread over three days. Please come and join us and enter into the story of our salvation from the beginning, through the middle and all the way to the end.

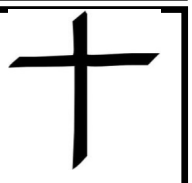
Reconciliation Service for Lent



Our Lenten celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on
Monday, 4th April at 7 pm.
This is an opportunity to prepare for Easter in the best way possible.



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.

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King

Wednesday, 13th April at 7.30pm

We have arranged a return coach to take parishioners to this event. The coach will **leave Garston Park Church on Garston Old Road at 6.30pm prompt**. If you want to reserve a place, please put your name on the list at the back of Church or alternatively, contact the Parish Office by email or phone to reserve your place. Please leave your contact details so that we can confirm your place.

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.



Those who have recently died: Tony Crilly, Baby Daniel O'Connor.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Lynn Curreton, Mary Ryan, Jane Teresa McGarrity, William Ronald Ash, Teresa Byrne, John Leslie Moses, Edward Tweedley, Eileen Patricia Brady, Dorothy Trelford, V. J. Brown, Edward Joseph McGuinness, Diane Brown, John Raymond Speed, Viktor Gelezinis, Mary Thomas, Mary Fletcher, William Henry Taylor, Joseph O'Flaherty, Joseph Rowan, Christine Jeanne Shannon, Brian Edward Holland (SB), Margaret Jones, Teresa Fagan, Jack Keogh, Tom Rogers, John Hanlon, Eugine Murray, Eileen Baxter, Eileen Greenwood, Phyllis Sweeney, Joseph Ward.

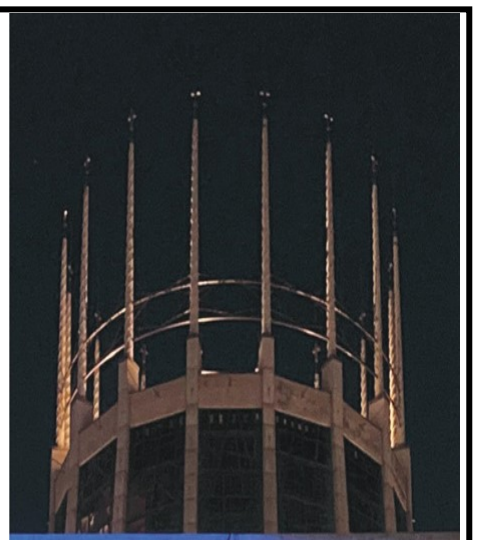
Prayer for Ukraine

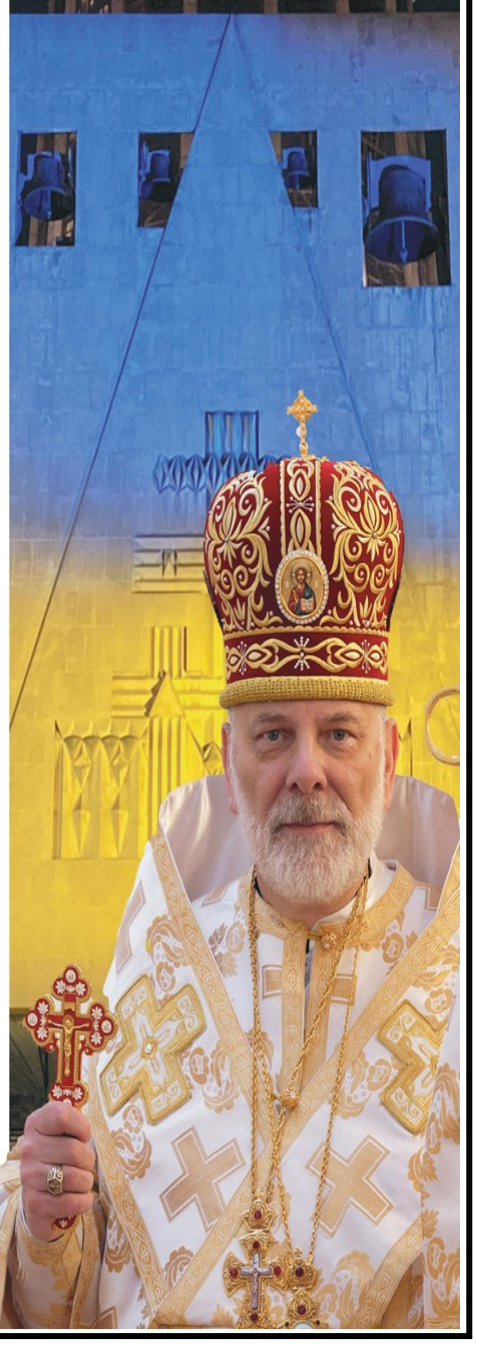
Almighty and Great God, accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us. Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine, as they confront foreign aggression and invasion. Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence, that they be horrified by their works. Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen and bless Ukraine with your gifts of liberty, peace, tranquillity and good fortune.

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land. Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans, the disabled and helpless, those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion. Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need. Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instil in us your strength, wisdom and understanding. May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

+Kenneth Nowakowski
Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London

We pray for the local Eparchy of Sambir-Drohobych and its bishops.





Ukrainian Appeal News



On Wednesday morning, after travelling for **three days, for 1,400 miles and through six countries**; our drivers arrived at the Polish border and successfully delivered the donated goods for the people of Ukraine.

Our four drivers - Mike Sharkey, Andy Coley, Dave Lyon and Chris Joynt - met Bishop Gregory Komar, and students for the priesthood from the Holy Spirit Seminary in the Ukrainian diocese of Sambir-Drohobych, who will take the goods for distribution in the Lviv region of western Ukraine.

Videos of the handover, including a thank you message from Bishop Gregory to the people of the archdiocese, can be found on our YouTube page. More images can be found on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Please continue to pray for our drivers as they journey home.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2022

Health Care Workers



We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.