



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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Second Sunday of Easter, Day of Divine Mercy				Year C Year 2	Sunday 24th April 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 23rd April	Saturday of Easter Octave	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Intentions of Charlie Duffer Stephen Guy (RIP)	
Sunday 24th April	Second Sunday of Easter, Day of Divine Mercy	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Tony Crilly (RIP)	
Monday 25th April	Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist	SFA	9.30am	Tony Crompton (RIP)	
Tuesday 26th April	Solemnity of St. George, Martyr, Patron of England	SFA	9.30am	Fr. John Swanson (RIP)	
Wednesday 27th April	Wednesday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Special Intention	
Thursday 28th April	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Frank Williams (Operation)	
Friday 29th April	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor, Patron of Europe	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 30th April	Weekday of Easter	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Helen Hyland (RIP) Mary Rice (RIP)	
Sunday 1st May	Third Sunday of Easter	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Marie Taylor 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....

When we get to this Second Sunday of Easter, along with all those 'back-to-school' feelings and memories that may come flooding back for some of us, thoughts also turn to doubt and disbelief. What a shame that such a sticky nickname as the one we have often given to this apostle, Thomas, can lead us down those paths when really we should be thinking far more about belief and gratitude. It is really a bit unfair just to remember Thomas for this initial doubt. Thomas did come to believe in the Resurrection, in the Risen Christ, and gives us one of the simplest, and perhaps best known, statements of faith that we too can use to affirm our faith in the Resurrection, in the risen Jesus too: My Lord and my God. We could say too that the second appearance of Jesus is not about "Doubting Thomas." It isn't about dogma or the kind of belief that expresses itself in a creed. It is a story of thanks. It's a story about Jesus showing up yet again at the dinner table to cast out fear and transform us into a people of gratitude.

But just how well do we make that simple statement of faith? Are we those who are happy and blessed because we have not seen, because we have not poked our fingers into the holes and the broken sides of Jesus, and yet are we happy and blessed enough to believe? Those sorts of experiences, like the one that Saint John tells us he's had in his introduction to the Book of his Revelation, which forms our second reading, in which this person, like a Son of Man, touches *him* instead, let's just say that these sorts of experiences are rare for most of us. So is Jesus in the Gospel saying that we're the really blessed and happy ones because we've not had these direct experiences and still believe?

Do we really fall into that category? I think, rather most of us have many great experiences of the power of the risen Christ in our lives, direct or otherwise, and often fail to see their value, see their true nature and source. It's right that when things seem to be going wrong, when unhappy times and struggles befall us we ask where is God in all this? and also ask for his help. But when things are going right, when we feel blessed and maybe even successful, how ready are we to thank God for those times, for allowing the power of the risen Christ to be seen and felt in our lives? How thankful are we that Jesus is prepared to show up once again, just as he did for Thomas's sake, to give us a chance to start over again and enjoy this Divine Mercy?

Fr. Joe



***We pray for Nancy and Lenny Pinnington who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.
Please keep them and their 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



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

You Tube 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.

Easter Water



There was plenty of water blessed at the Easter Vigil last week.

All are welcome to take some of this blessed Easter water for use at home. Please bring a container with you and, using the funnel and the ladle provided, please take water from the large jug behind the font first.

Ukraine Appeal update

The current total of the financial donations we have now raised is over £88,000 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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Following the latest guidance received 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 .**

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, contact the parish office to book onto the Baptism Preparation course.

You need to book onto the course, to secure your place.

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.

Donate to Ukraine

Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70085** to donate **£2**

Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70450** to donate **£3**

Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70460** to donate **£5**

Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70470** to donate **£10**

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

All funds will go to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London to support the people of Ukraine.



St Wilfrid's Catch up with a Cuppa

Every **Thursday from 2:00 – 2:30pm** you are invited to take a break and drop in to Zoom for a chat with a cuppa (you'll have to supply!) The link will stay the same whatever the weather!

Meeting ID: 251 401 7517

Passcode: 427338

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, 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, Peter Dwyer.



Those who have recently died: Sheila O'Neill, Maureen O'Donnell.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: James and Aileen Kempson, Kathleen Margaret Hudson, Peggy Ornellas, Thomas Stephen McGovern, Anthony Murray, Harry Feery, George Crompton Jr, Teresa M. Unsworth, David Holland, James Joseph Moorhead, Eileen Bentley, J. Corcoran, Dr. Conal Gallagher, Agnes Moran, Albert Williams, Elsie Williams, William Dover, Maureen Smith, James Gaffney, Maureen Barker, Frank Burrows, Daniel Tracey, Carrie Kitchen, Stephen Hughes, Michael Duff, Leonard Varty, Maureen Tarabiea, Fr. Singa Rayar, Betty Coakley, Kathleen McDonnell, Mavis Myers, Agnes Moore, Edith Healey, James Hilton, Amy Hilton, Mark Seddon, Ian B. Jobes.

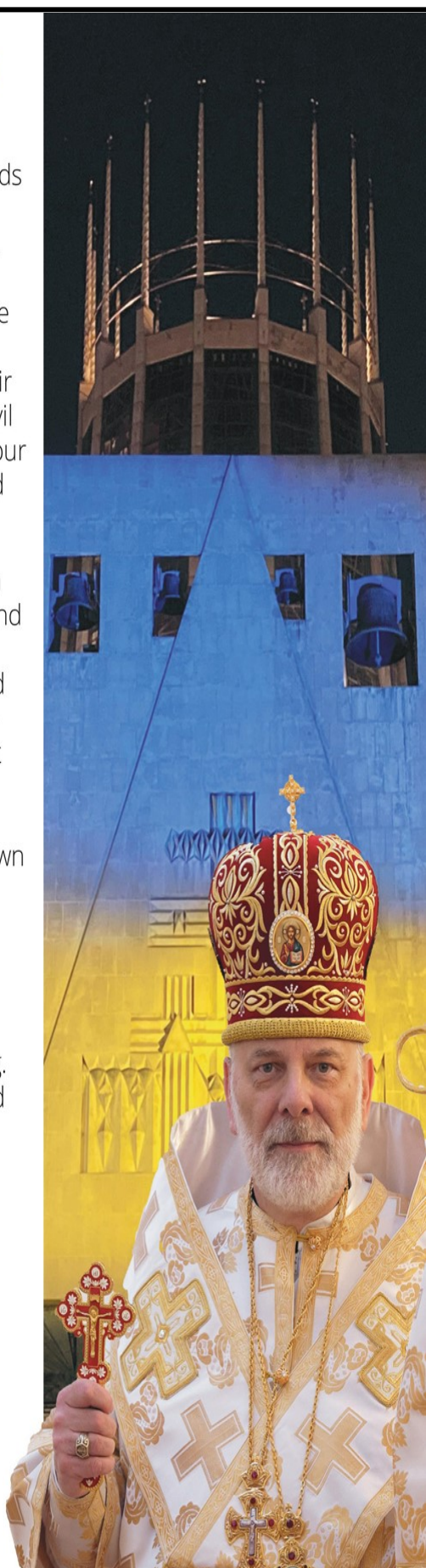
Prayer for Ukraine

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.



SUPPORTING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY ONLINE AND BY STANDING ORDER

Whilst we are still not back to normal, it is very helpful if those who are able, could contribute to the parish

by means other than cash or cheques.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has provided a way of contributing online.

If you would like to contribute in this way please visit

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-wilfrid-liverpool>

To donate by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office and a form will be sent to you.

Thank you all for your support at this time and always.

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.