



# 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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Third Sunday of Easter				Year C Year 2	Sunday 1st May 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
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	
Monday 2nd May	Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor	SFA	10.00am	Brian Hampshire (RIP)	
Tuesday 3rd May	Feast of SS Philip and James, Apostles	SFA	9.30am	Edward Tweedley (B'day Rem)	
Wednesday 4th May	Feast of the English Martyrs	SFA	7.00pm	Nicole Couchaux (RIP)	
Thursday 5th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Maria Joss	
Friday 6th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 7th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Sr. Maria Angela Sotgio People of the Parish	
Sunday 8th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	George and Peter Plummer Ken Needham (B'day Anniversary)	

**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 time of year, quite rightly we often hear it said that Jesus rose from the dead to set us free. This is true but we need to consider what we mean by that freedom. The world might have us believe that to be free is to be able to do and say as we like and go wherever we like. But the risen Jesus tells Saint Peter in the Gospel that a time will come when a belt would be put around him and Peter will be led where he would rather not go. Still, this is how Saint Peter would give glory to God. This too is how he would be free.

But then it wouldn't have always seemed obvious that Peter would give glory to God. Three times he denied he ever knew his Lord and Master. Can you imagine the pain struck at the heart of that relationship between Peter and Jesus; how could Peter have ever faced Jesus again? But that's why Jesus asks him if he loves him three times. It's not obvious to Peter at first, he gets a bit annoyed, but it becomes clear that these three questions, "Do you love me?" are the way of healing this relationship so that Peter can go on to glorify Jesus. The way in which to heal our broken relationships, with God and neighbour, may not always seem obvious, but in the Sacrament of Reconciliation the way is open to us.

It doesn't seem obvious at first to the disciples who this bloke is standing on the shore and interested in their catch of fish. It's only when he does something really miraculous, something like they remember him doing when he was amongst them earlier it becomes so obvious that this is Jesus they daren't say anything to him. It is still Easter now, though with the shops moved on to the next thing and maybe with all our Easter eggs eaten it may not seem obvious to us. But it is still Easter. The task for us as we journey even deeper into this Season of Easter is to see signs of the hope and the power of the Resurrection, especially when they don't seem obvious, when life presents us with sorrows as well as with joys. For we might be quite happy putting on our own belts and going where we like now, but, just as Jesus predicted of Peter, this may not always be the case for all of us in the future. Inspired by the hope of the resurrection and empowered by it too, all that we need to do is put on our belts and walk in the way of the risen Christ this Easter and always. In this path lies true freedom.

Fr. Joe



***James and Ava Johnston 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, 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.



## Ukraine Appeal update

The current total of the financial donations we have now raised is over £103,000 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**

## 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.



## 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 Water



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

## Children's Liturgy of the Word Little Church – set to return



It's great to through the some of our children at the

**9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday** will once again be able to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word together in **Little Church**.

This will start again next **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May**.

announce that, generosity of catechists,

This is suitable for **children aged from Reception to Year 4**.

Children will listen to the readings/ Gospel of the day followed by a discussion and activity. No adults may be present in the room other than two DBS checked catechists. The children and adults will sanitise their hands as they leave church and again when returning to church.

*If any person over 18 years of age would be prepared to volunteer their services to help out on a rota basis (subject to a DBS check) that would be very much appreciated! Please give your name and contact details to the Parish Office by email or by phone.*

## 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.***



## 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, Maria Joss.



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Anthony Francis Ellis, Thomas Brian Reilly, Katherine Rowan, Samuel Gaunt, Jimmy Keogh, Michael Joseph Lalor, Thomas Albert Wall, James Reed, Vincent Ferns, Monica Kathleen Smith, Thomas Ryan, Frederick Harrison, Rose Litchfield, Thomas Eaton, Eddie Smith, Tom Wright, Josie Donnelly, Michael Fitzgerald, John David Millea, John Joseph Millea, Arthur McCarthy, Catherine Thomas, Jack Kelleher, Millie McClemens, Mary Smith, Alice Bushell, Joan Simpson, Denis Hendrick, Tere O'Hara, Mary Buckley.

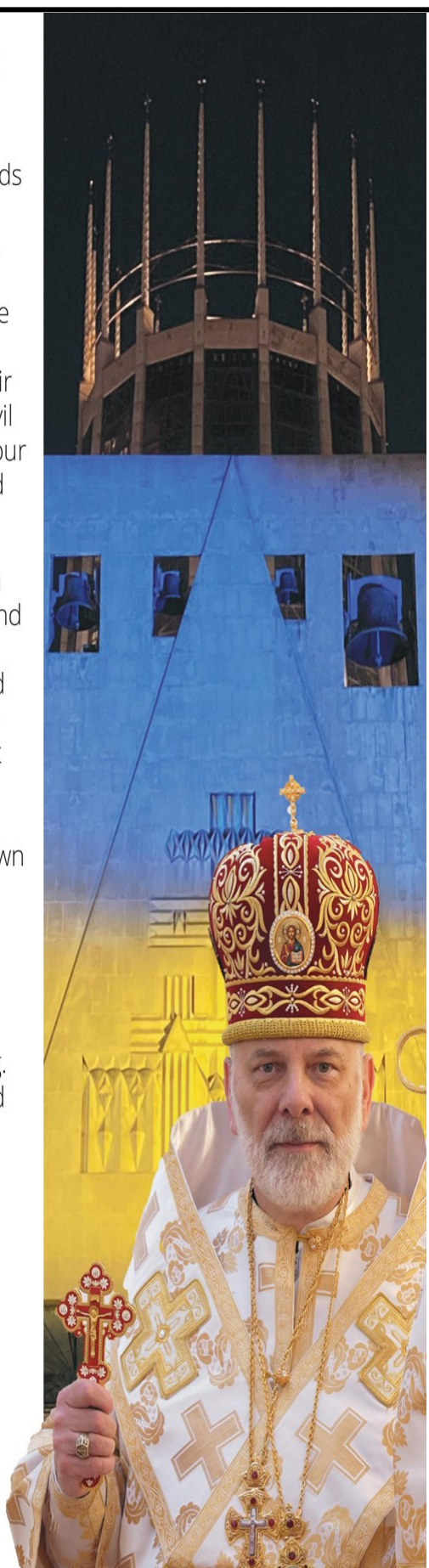
## Prayer for Ukraine

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 May 2022

*Faith-Filled Young People*

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

