



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 8th May 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
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)	
Monday 9th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Maureen O'Donnell	
Tuesday 10th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Sue Abbott (RIP Anniversary)	
Wednesday 11th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Olive Howard (Anniversary)	
Thursday 12th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	10.00am	James Byrne (Birthday Mem.)	
Friday 13th May	Feast for Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 14th May	Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Jean McGaughey (Anniversary) People of the Parish	
Sunday 15th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Ian Phillips (Anniversary) Pat Doyle (B'day)	

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....

Not all that long ago, Pope Francis told priests that they should have the smell of the sheep about them. Good advice for a good pastoral ministry perhaps: but how many of God's faithful people thought they had a particularly sheepy smell about them? Jesus compares himself to a shepherd, as we celebrate today, but in doing so he most likely had in mind the shepherds of the Middle East whom he would have seen rather than the shepherds of the West, whom he's unlikely to have seen; there is, so I have learnt, a difference. The shepherds of the West seem to steer their flock from behind using dogs and calls whereas the shepherds of the Middle East lead from the front; the sheep quite literally recognise the voice of their own shepherd and follow him. Sometimes a bad shepherd, a hired hand, will try to lure away some sheep, but the good sheep recognise the voice of their own shepherd, the good shepherd, and will only follow him.

The Good Shepherd is a wonderful image and a wonderful way to think of our Lord. But what is a good sheep? What is the nature of a good sheep who listens to the voice of the Lord, the Good Shepherd, and follows where he calls? Jesus in this gospel considers who he is in relationship to the Father: they are one. Who are we in relationship to the Father and the Son? It is all about being rather than doing. The teaching of Paul and Barnabas in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles underlines this too. The Lord has commanded them to bring the Good News to the pagans because he has made them the light for the nations. They *are* the light for the nations and so they must fulfil this commandment. What they do is dependent on who they are. We need to see that what we're called to *do* is a secondary consideration to who we're called to *be*. Jesus may be the Good Shepherd but those in his flock are not sheep; we're human beings. Human *beings*, you see. If we reduce the sum total of who we are to be tested by what we do in life, still more fruitlessly by what we achieve, then we might as well be those daft sheep we can all go and watch on the hillsides today. We're human *beings*, not human *doings*.

We give God thanks today that many are called and accept that call to be deacons and priests and so have their nature conformed, in different ways, more to Jesus the Good Shepherd. Please pray today especially and always that more will listen out for and accept that call so that the flock of the Good Shepherd may be called and led in his ways.

Fr. Joe



We pray for Leo Luke Abbott and Rory Michael McCann who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

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.



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



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

announce that,
generosity of
catechists,

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 this **Sunday, 8th May**.

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.*

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**

St Austin's School Latest News

St. Austin's School has raised an amazing **£5260.21** this lent which will be split between CAFOD and The Whitechapel Centre.

Congratulations to everyone involved in raising this magnificent sum for such worthy causes.

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.

PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

You are invited to pray the rosary during Our Lady's month of May for peace in our world, particularly in Ukraine. A link to the migrants' rosary is below.

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/migrants/Rosario/rc_pc_migrants_rosario_en.html

LITANIES OF PEACE AND LITURGY OF THE WORD have been compiled by the J&P Commission (**available on our website**). The **Litanies** can be used in groups or for private prayer; **the Liturgy of the Word** could be used for home prayer, especially for those who are unable to participate communally.



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:



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: John Birkenhead, Teresa Wood, Thomas Gibbons, Mary Fisher, Bernard Diaz, Mary Bernadette O' Leary, Joan Harding, Mary Josephine Powney, Sarah Burke, Margaret Mary Hudson, Jimmy Moore, Margaret Kempson, John Alexander Millar, Elizabeth McCann, Kathleen Bateman, Gordon Alan Wright, Teresa Hamilton, Elizabeth Parry, Elizabeth Ashcroft, Patrick Coyne, Thomas Bullen, Stephen McGovern, Joseph Burke, Pauline Rowan, Mary Moore, Stanley Raymond Jones, Mary Cottrell, Charles Hurst, John Penketh, Mary Feast, Lucy Ledwith, June Boggan, Robert Byrne, William Vaughan, Ann Bourke, Mary Lang.

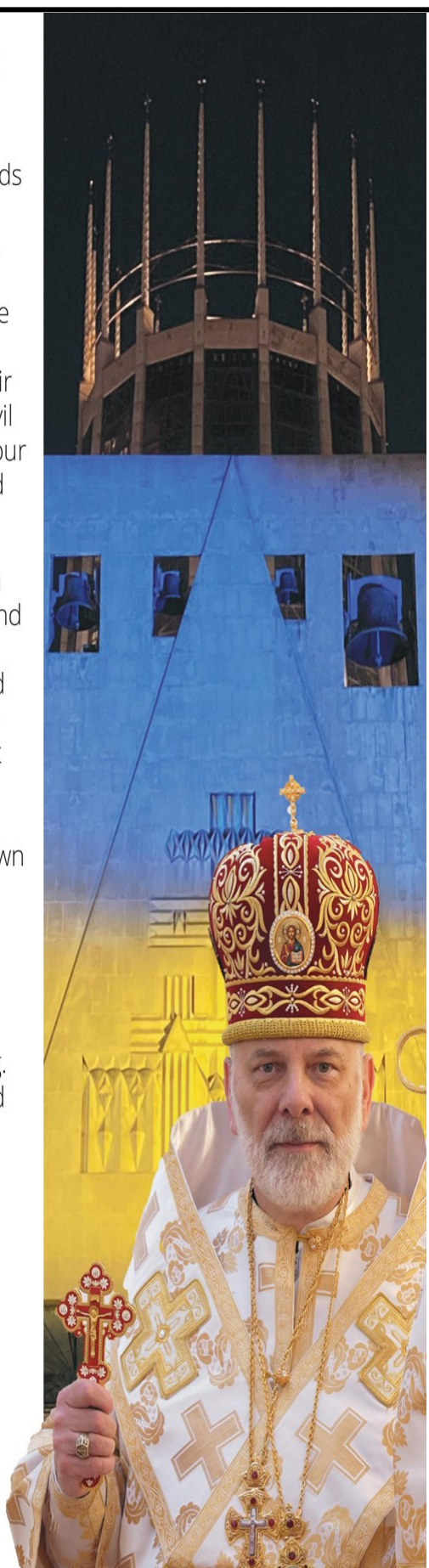
Prayer for Ukraine

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.

