



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter			Year C Year 2	Sunday 22nd May 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 21st May	Weekday of Easter	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Mark Soundie (Birthday Anniversary) Mr. J. Lalor (Anniversary)
Sunday 22nd May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Myrtle Rhodes (Birthday)
Monday 23rd May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Ann O'Reilly (RIP)
Tuesday 24th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Michael Keefe (Anniversary)
Wednesday 25th May	Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor	SFA	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Michael Teague
Thursday 26th May	Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord	SFA SFA	10.00am 7.00pm	Pupils and Staff of our Parish Schools People of the Parish
Friday 27th May	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word
Saturday 28th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Sr. Maria Angela Sotgio (RIP) Intentions of Barry Duffy
Sunday 29th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Noel Oakley 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....

Is it any wonder that Jesus suggests the disciples are getting the wrong end of the stick as we catch sight of them in the Gospel episode we hear today? Given all the mistakes they've made, often mistakes quite severely pointed out by Jesus, I think it's entirely possible the disciples at this stage would have been asking, "just who is this father he's going on about and who is the son who is in relationship with this father?" But then, maybe he's talking to the disciples who'll remember his words after the resurrection; maybe he's talking to us who should know better, as much as to these disciples. In this season of Easter we're meant to take very much to heart, and make it a matter of our profession of faith, as we do, just who is this Son and who is this Father, recognising that it is their word that we keep, their love that we seek, and we'll have to come to recognise just who is this Spirit, this Advocate that the Father will send us in the name of the Son. Our longing for the Holy Spirit will begin in earnest from Friday, but it's interesting that we hear mention of him now, already.

A longing for the Holy Spirit should be something that we take to heart as much as listening to Jesus' word and seeking out the Father's love for us. All this is part of our profession of faith and this should make us glad. Whether we feel up or down, we can be glad of our faith, as Jesus tells the disciples they should be. It was with the profession of this faith that the disciples of the early Church were able to achieve all that they did and we see some of that recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, but, as we also hear, it wasn't all plain sailing. We hear of disagreement and upset too. Councils of the Fathers of the Church, like the one in Jerusalem we hear of today, are the highest authority in the Church but notice too what they're supposed to be about: settling disagreement and soothing upset. That's what authority in the Church is for.

Authority, however, might seem to get a bad name these days but we must remember that authority in the Church is an authority of service that's meant to settle disagreement and soothe upset, because, as we have seen, disagreement and upset have been unsettling the Church since her earliest days. It is ultimately about letting us feel that peace bequeathed to us by Jesus, a peace no authority in the world can give. Even as we witness again the Lord's Ascension this Thursday, we know we can enjoy this supernatural peace because he has promised that he will be with us always.

Fr. Joe



We pray for Dino Anthony Tennant and Cobie Lee McDonald 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 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.

It is now optional to wear a face covering in church.

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

YouTube own custom address. Our Zoom Novena, 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.

The Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension

40 days after we celebrated Jesus' Resurrection from the dead we celebrate when he ascended to his Father in heaven. So important is this Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, 26th May, that it is a holyday of obligation when we have more opportunities to come together to celebrate this feast with Mass.

Masses here will be at 10 am and 7 pm.

Bishop Tom's Golden Jubilee

Come and celebrate Bishop Tom's Golden Jubilee Mass at either of the following;

On the 27th May 2022 at 7pm at St. Anthony of Egypt or on 29th May 2022 at 11.00am at the Cathedral of Christ the King

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 course.

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



This month our **Focus for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker is: What is Good Work?**

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

Our new series explores what the Bible has to say about work, rest, current practices and their impact on workers in the context of our Catholic faith.

Our first article by David McLoughlin looks at two models of work as blessing and curse in the book of Genesis.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/monday-blessing-or-curse/>

Poster for **St Joseph in Scripture** – see [right](https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/posters-for-schools/) and all our other school posters here - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/posters-for-schools/>



Continuing our super **Meaning of Life series**, our 4th article by Bishop David Evans explores how Jesus and the philosopher Edith Stein understand **empathy** and its relevance to our relationships and faith today. <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-4-empathy/>

Ascension Day Resources - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/ascension/>

Beyond the Cloud: The Ascension of Christ – <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/beyond-the-cloud-the-ascension-of-christ/>

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: Michael Teague.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Martin Burke, Richard Sawden, Sheila McDonough, John McMahon, John Anthony Dignan, Ethel Wilson, Eileen State, Alan P. Dugdale, Michael John Keefe, Elizabeth Sarah Beers, Joseph Patrick Hamblin, Richard Kelly, John Putt, Lawrence Smith, Patricia Ann Greenwood, Agnes Josephine Davies, Anthony B. Mallon, Thomas Vincent McNally, Patricia Ann Erbil, Odd Hermanson, Michael Aloysius Kelly, Joan Rowan, Patricia Maria Stirling, Edna May Smith, Ada Rawlinson, Rose Catherine Foster, Therese Oskiewicz, Margaret J. Edwards, Veronica Burke, Patricia Thomas, Delia and James Kilkelly, Joyce Halsall, Edward Carney, Jerry Brooks (SB), William Egerton, Richard Kilkelly, Michael Kelly, Bernard Cummings, Elizabeth Reynolds, Stephen Burke, Joan Ryan, Frank Connolly, Colin Brown, Kathleen Williams, Frank Cowley, Jeanne Burns, Elizabeth Reynolds, Kathleen Feeney.

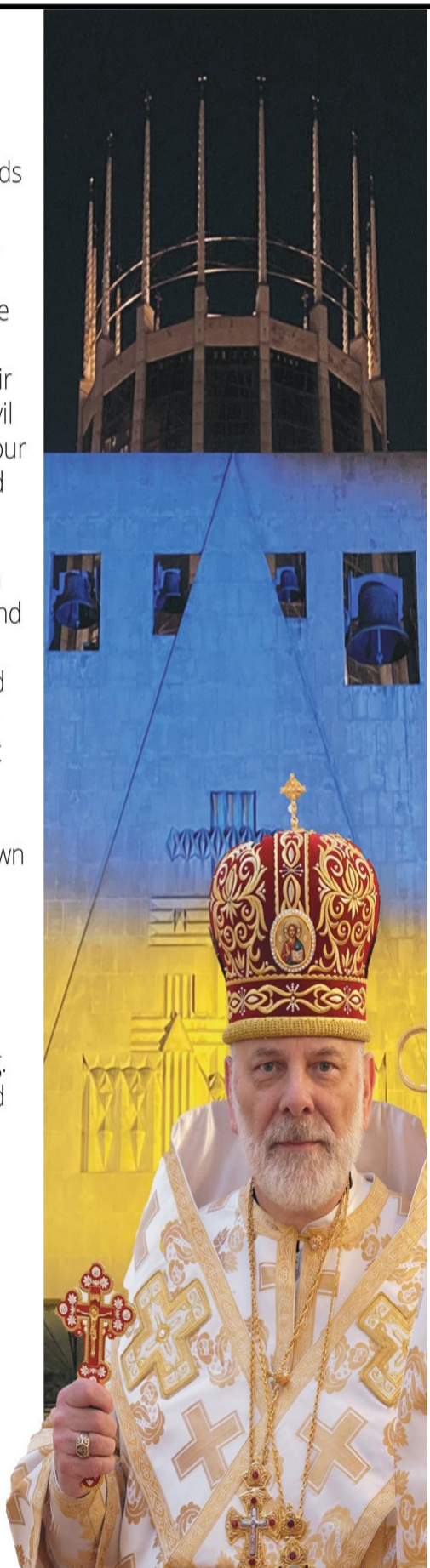
Prayer for Ukraine

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.



Vocations Weekend for young women

Theme: Discernment and Vocation

Dates: 27-29 May 2022

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the sisters,
Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

**There is nothing quite like religious life
it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep
relationship with God.**

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ
at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our
website www.fcjsisters.org

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.

