



# 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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Seventh Sunday of Easter			Year C Year 2	Sunday 29th May 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 28th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Sr. Maria Angela Sotgio (RIP) Intentions of Barry Duffy
Sunday 29th May	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Noel Oakley People of the Parish
Monday 30th May	Weekday of Easter	SFA	9.30am	Kathleen Goodchild (Birthday Rem.)
Tuesday 31st May	<b>Feast of the Visitation of the BVM</b>	SFA	9.30am	Veronica McLinden (Anniversary)
Wednesday 1st June	<b>Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr</b>	SFA	9.30am	George and Peter Plummer
Thursday 2nd June	Weekday of Easter	<b>SFA</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Elaine Brenan (RIP)
Friday 3rd June	<b>Memorial of Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions</b>	SFA SFA	10.00am 1.00pm	Special Intention <b>Wedding of Michael Brownlee and Amy Hayes</b>
Saturday 4th June	Weekday of Easter	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Mars Ali (RIP) People of the Parish
Sunday 5th June	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Michael Teague (RIP) Adrian McCall

**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....**

Patience, we're told, is a virtue. But do we really like to wait? Whether we like it or not, we're in a time of waiting now. This time between the Ascension and Pentecost can seem a bit strange sometimes. It could seem like a time when it's neither one thing nor the other. But Jesus actually gives us two very important things to ponder today while we do our waiting for the Holy Spirit's coming to us once again: love and unity.

In the Gospel today we hear a portion of the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus in which he prays not only for his apostles, but also for those who will believe because of their word. What was it for which he prayed? That we would be one in him, that he would dwell in us, that we would be brought to perfection, that we would be loved by the Father, and that we would be with Jesus forever. This is the prayer of the Son of God for us. Jesus really wants us to be one. When he says "may they be one in us, as you[, Father,] are in me and I am in you," he really means it and it's so astounding we might not begin to imagine this closeness. Most of the time, we only want to be one with those who think like us and who appreciate us. We don't even want to consider being with people whose lives are terribly different from our own or whose way of thinking seems entirely foreign. The readings today invite us to walk in the way of Jesus and begin to recognize that, far from there being more things that divide us, we are, in fact, all one.

When we hear in the second reading that Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, the root and offspring of David and the Bright Morning Star, we can give credence to them all without hesitation. However, when he says "Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life," it may be a different story, recognising that this requires something more of us than just the thinking of our brains; it requires an act of the will to move forward in love, to respond in love to God and to the needs of our neighbour, a movement of our hearts you might say. We might ask ourselves today how deeply we actually long to see our Lord come to us again, encounter him as our judge even? How wholeheartedly are we asking the Holy Spirit to come afresh on us, as once he did on the Apostles at Pentecost, as once he did on us at Baptism and Confirmation?

**Fr. Joe**



***We pray for Luca Joseph Almond and Nellie Susan Stuart 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, 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 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

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.



## 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* and all our other school posters here -

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/posters-for-schools/>

Continuing our super **Meaning of Life series**, our 4<sup>th</sup> 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/>



## Corpus Christi

**Sunday, 19th June 2022**

**Procession starts at 2.30pm**

We look forward to seeing you all again at our Corpus Christi day procession

on **Sunday, 19th June 2022 beginning at 2.30 pm**

on the day we celebrate being the Body of Christ and the gift Jesus gives to us of himself,

followed by a hog roast, ice cream and a bouncy castle.



Please let the parish office know of any dietary requirements as soon as possible.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word Little Church

It's great that, through the generosity of some of our catechists, children at the **9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday** will be able to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word together in



**Little Church.**

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.**



## Encounter and Listening: A Synodal Journey with CAFOD

**Tue, 7 June 2022**

19:00 – 20:30



Pope Francis has called us to journey together in Synod to discern how we continue to be prophetic witnesses for justice, embracing the entire family of humanity.

We are taking this moment as part of our 60th anniversary year at CAFOD to unite as volunteers and friends across the generations, to encounter and to listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit.

In convening the Synod 2021-2023, Pope Francis invited us all to participate in the process that he called “an exercise of mutual listening, conducted at all levels of the Church and involving the entire People of God”. Your voices will form a part of CAFOD’s contribution to the synodal process for the worldwide Church.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/encounter-and-listening-a-synodal-journey-with-cafod-tickets-333543988047>



## 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:** Elizabeth Holt, Kenneth Birchall, Gerard Cloherty, Roy Stewart, Doris Mary Taylor, David Meredith, Agnes Corbett, Eileen Stamper, Richard Gill, Ann Susan Proudfoot, Canon Arthur Maguire, Barbara Broderick, Christine Hooton, Robert Poynton, Alf Cooper, Elizabeth Reynolds, Frederick John Caveney, Peter Prendergast, Kathleen Feeney, Ann Cain, Margaret Grace, Arthur Ferns, Gertrude Walsh, Catherine Jameson, Thomas Kearns, Mary Ziolo.

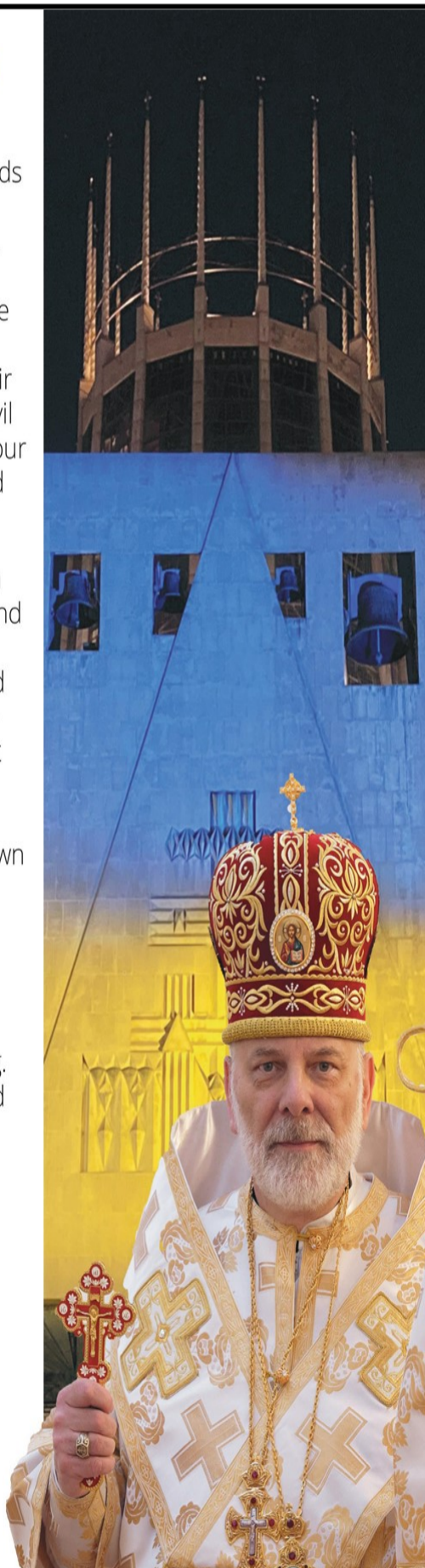
## Prayer for Ukraine

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.



**On Monday– Thursday  
we have Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayer of the  
Church and Benediction at 9.00 am.**

**We have Mass at 9.30 am.**

*Pope Francis' Prayer Intention  
for June*

**Families**

**We pray for Christian families around  
the world; may they embody and  
experience unconditional love and  
advance in holiness in their daily lives**

