



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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Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year C Year 2	Sunday 7th August 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 6th August	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Helena Martin Matsos (Private Int) Maureen O'Donnell	
Sunday 7th August	Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Maureen Guest (RIP) People of the Parish	
Monday 8th August	Memorial of St Dominic, Priest	SFA	9.30am	Kelsey Brown (RIP)	
Tuesday 9th August	Feast St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, ODC Patron of Europe	SFA	9.30am	Kaylayigh Martin (RIP)	
Wednesday 10th August	Feast of St Lawrence Deacon and Martyr	SFA SFA	9.30am 1.00pm	Moya Rooney (Birthday) Funeral Service for John Skillicorn	
Thursday 11th August	Memorial of St Clare, Virgin	SFA	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Josephine (Jo) Malone	
Friday 12th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 13th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Charlie Frost (LD) People of the Parish	
Sunday 14th August	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Thanks to Deacon Paul and Jan Whitehead for Pilgrimage to Lourdes Willy and Rita Ney (Anniversary)	

Baptism

Refer to Parish Newsletter for future updates
0151 427 4015

Weddings

By Appointment with the Parish Priest.
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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....

The concept of 'God's elect' or 'God's people' is one which is very strong among Jewish people. Biblically speaking, this is right. However, we believe that the coming of Christ broadened the scope of this concept to embrace all who are baptized in Christ. This is because: *"Baptism makes one a new creature, an adopted son of God, and a partaker in the divine nature..."* so the Catechism tells us. According to Pope Francis: *"God does not belong to any particular people, because His mercy wills everyone to be saved..."* Therefore, our readings today remind us of our heritage as the people of God. As God's people, we worship an awesome and caring God. Therefore, we have the courage to look forward to a glorious future of our Father's kingdom.

The Book of Wisdom points out to us today the quality of the covenant through which our citizenship as the people of God was established. This covenant is divine and firm. Therefore, we're admonished to be joyful and courageous because our citizenship is based on a solid foundation. This covenant enables us to share in the blessings and heritage of God our Father. According to the one writing to the Hebrews in our second reading, we became God's adopted children through faith. Thus, we share the same heritage with Christ. Faith is like the DNA that identifies people of the same ancestry. It's the proof of our heritage to the same Father. God revealed himself fully in Christ. Hence it's through our faith in Christ, that we became God's people.

All this talk of heritage is all very well but for us who seek to follow Jesus, who may feel like we've given up some things for the sake of this discipleship, what's in it for us? In this little flock, as Jesus describes us, it might be asked just where is this treasure that will not fail us? That's effectively what Peter is asking. What he finds out is that he, and we in turn, have to be on the lookout for it. Again Jesus uses a parable to tell us how we must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we'll be ready for him. This parable was addressed to disciples but it will also be heard by all who, even today, seek to be those disciples too. The parable reminds us that we should be found about our business as disciples when the master arrives. Watchfulness for this coming Kingdom of God means living in such a way that we're always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived and how we have loved.

Fr. Joe



We pray for Ronan Gerard Eves and Lenny Ronnie Pinnington 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 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.



St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes.

For the full national itinerary and more information please go to the Catholic Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/>

St Mary's R.C. Church: Mount Pleasant, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2SR Arrive: 8:30pm Thursday 15 September until 10:00am Saturday 17 September

Cathedral Church of the Risen Christ: James' Mount, Liverpool, L1 7AZ Arrive: 11:00am Saturday 17 September until 2:30pm Saturday 17 September

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King:

See Parish Noticeboard for full details of the Tour. We strongly encourage individuals and groups register their attendance at their earliest convenience choosing a free, dedicated timeslot at their chosen church or cathedral, as demand is likely to be high.

The reservation system is now open and can be accessed here: stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/



On Thursday, 18th August 2022

We are having a leaving Party for Fr. Joe at Heath Hall, Garston.

We will celebrate Mass in Church at 7.00pm. Then there will be refreshments in Heath Hall after Mass

Let's make the evening special for Fr. Joe

Sign up sheet at the back of church for buffet numbers as soon as possible please

All Welcome

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven
The Blessing of Flowers**

It's a great tradition in the Church to bless flowers on the day that we celebrate the fact that Our Lady has been assumed, body and soul, into heaven at a time of year when we rejoice in the abundance of growth we see around us in summer. Please bring some flowers with you to Mass next week, either from your garden or some you may have bought, and the traditional formula will be used to bless them.

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 each Sunday** will be able to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word together in **Little Church**.

This is suitable for **children Year 4**. Children will listen to followed by a discussion and present in the room other than The children and adults will leave church and again when



aged from Reception to the readings/ Gospel of the day activity. No adults may be two DBS checked catechists. sanitise their hands as they returning to church.

If any person over 18 years of volunteer their services to help

*DBS check) that would be very much appreciated! **Please give your name and contact details to the Parish Office by email or by phone.***

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, Gerard Murphy, Michael Peter Holmes, Christopher Brown, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Michael Holmes, Susie Bell, Pat Soundie, Barbara Brooks, Pam Foster, James Dutton, Stella O’Donnell, David Brookfield, Peter Dwyer, Shannon McGrath.



Those who have recently died: Josephine Malone (Jo), John Skillicorn.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: John Ginner, Frances Ivy Roberts, Joseph Kelly, Susan Frances Getty, George McQueen, Raymond Lewis, Herbert Crowther, Steven Hendrick, Patricia Woznarowicz, Rita Smith, Lilian Theresa Smith, Elizabeth Mary Phillips, Bob Agate, Mary Therese Walsh, Dorothy McLoughlin (Dolly), Jim Hassett, Sheila Brown, Kathleen Carney, John Brady, Mary Mullard, Catherine Ryan, Veronica Ainsboro, Christina Dover, George O’Regan, Kevin Edwards, Violet Sheridan, Eileen Barrett, Thomas Cook, Helen Rhodes, Ann Polychronakis, Kevin Duggan, Gregory Warnick, Michael Morgan.

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.





Former St Bernadette's Parishioners may be interested to hear:

For anyone who would like to view the Planning Application for the St Bernadette's Project, it is now available, in minute detail, on the City Council Planning Portal. I include a link to the Application below. It is one of the best quality Planning Applications I have viewed in recent times and have congratulated our Architect accordingly. There are hundreds of pages of it - good bedtime reading

<https://lar.liverpool.gov.uk/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=165559>

Very best wishes
Ray

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



If anyone is suffering from the effects of alcohol, call John on 07525440113