



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time				Year C Year 2	Sunday 21st August 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 20th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Pat Doyle (RIP) People of the Parish	
Sunday 21st August	Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	Phil Moss (Birthday Anniversary) Murad Ghorbal (Anniversary)	
Monday 22nd August	Memorial of the Queenship of Mary	SFA	9.30am	Josie Malone (RIP)	
Tuesday 23rd August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	John Hollingsworth (RIP)	
Wednesday 24th August	Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle	SFA	9.30am	Baby Stephen Fields (Unwell)	
Thursday 25th August	Weekday in Ordinary Time	SFA	9.30am	Robert Flewitt (RIP)	
Friday 26th August	Memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God	SFA	9.30am	Service of the Word	
Saturday 27th August	Memorial of St Monica	SFA SFA	10.00am 6.00pm	Bernard Taylor (Intentions) Pat Soundie (90th Birthday)	
Sunday 28th August	Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	SFA SFA	9.30am 11.15am	People of the Parish Ethel Burke (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....

Going to Lourdes on the Jumbulance was the last time I went on a Shuttle through the Channel Tunnel. As it had before, it amazed me then how the driver gets us onto the train. I think it's worth going on a coach on the Shuttle just to marvel at how the drivers do it. It's so counter-intuitive, to me at least. You approach the train on its right hand side. You come to a gap. You swing hard left so that the front of the coach goes past the gap into the train and then swing hard right and amazingly the whole coach gets in. I think it's amazing anyway!

"Try your best to enter by the narrow door," Jesus tells us today. I'm afraid that if I were a coach driver trying my best to enter through the narrow door of the Shuttle train I'd make a complete mess of it. It must take all their training, all their years of experience driving through narrow roads and gaps, and there are plenty of them in Lourdes too, to do what they do at Folkestone and Calais. In the same way, it will take all that we learn, all that we hear and observe when we come to listen to God's word, in order to enter by the narrow gate. The Christian life can seem like a struggle: a long, hard slog to the end. Yet Jesus calls us to persevere to the end just as he did, faithful in all the big and small things. This is the testimony he gives us: to do the will of the Father at all times, up to death, even death on the Cross. In the Letter to the Hebrews we're reminded that we must persevere in trials, even as God uses them to discipline us because it is the loving discipline of a father with his children.

And so we see that Jesus challenges his listeners not to presume God's mercy. The way of life Jesus calls us to requires change, effort and conversion, and a desire to see all that in others too, not just in ourselves. The first reading points to our task to invite all into the kingdom of God, even those from those far distant lands the prophet Isaiah mentions; this is the point of the change in our lives prompted by the Gospel. While there seems to be an awful lot of challenge and even bad news in today's readings - narrow doors, even closed and locked doors - what we may need to remember is that often we're the ones who have closed and locked the door from the outside, not God from the inside. The key is our personal response to him. If we really do acknowledge God and love him, then we might just find the door opened.

Fr. Joe



We pray for Amelia Rose Cupit and Sadie-Mae Rooney 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.



Message from Fr. Joe

Thank you very much to all those who worked so hard to make the Farewell Mass and celebration on Thursday such a special occasion. It was really quite overwhelming to have the opportunity to celebrate with so many people who have been an important part of my life here in Saint Wilfrid's for ten years and show what a wonderful parish this is.

Thanks too for all the cards, messages and gifts that I've received recently too. It is very kind of you all.



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/

A message from Mary Crilly

It has for sometime worried me that I have been unable to thank personally all those who attended Tony's Requiem and all who sent Mass and sympathy cards and messages of support. They have been a great comfort to me and all the family at a very difficult time. Holy Mass has been offered for all your intentions

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents who have completed the Baptism preparation course and need to arrange 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.**

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

This is suitable for **children aged** will listen to the readings/ Gospel of activity. No adults may be DBS checked catechists. The children as they leave church and



from Reception to Year 4. Children the day followed by a discussion and present in the room other than two children and adults will sanitise their hands 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.

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:



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Pauline May Bradshaw, Robert Jost, Charlotte Doyle, Maureen Rawlinson, Mary Handley, Moses Hendrick, Anthony Joseph McLoughlin, Emily McLeod, Cathleen Durrant, Antonia Giorgia Rosa Skillicorn, Michael Atherton, Maria Ruth Taggart, Margaret Foster, Sarah Cullen, Michael Casey, Winnie Clark, Esther Williams, Bridget Connolly, Gerard Leckie, Henry Robinson, Maureen Stranack, Bernadette Cunningham.

Days of prayer for Ukraine

Wednesday 24 August is Ukraine's Independence Day, to mark this, Fr Taras and Bishop Tom Neylon will lead an ecumenical prayer service at 3pm at the Cathedral. We are hoping to have a live link to Bishop Gregory Komar at Drohobych Cathedral during the service.

On **Wednesday 14 September**, the Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine and the Council has asked that cathedrals and other major churches host a period of Eucharistic adoration.

In response, the Metropolitan Cathedral will be having a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm that day and then Mass for peace in Ukraine will be celebrated at 5pm.

Did you know?

CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We work with some of the most hard-to-reach communities around the world and those living in the hardest of circumstances. We believe in tackling the root causes of poverty and this is why we ask our supporters to take part in our campaigns which address poverty and injustice head-on. We encourage people to sign petitions, meet their MPs and contact big businesses etc. Together we've witnessed some historic breakthroughs such as debt relief for struggling countries, action by government on climate change and large companies signing up to ethical agreements. Thank you for joining us in this work. Do have a look at our current campaign which is about food cafod.org.uk/food and help make the world a better place for all.

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

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.

