



# 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 Advent (“Gaudete”)				Year A Year 1	Sunday 11th December 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 10th December	Vigil Mass of Sunday	SFA SFA	5.15pm 6.00pm	Confessions Mass with Blessing of “Bambinelli” (Parishioners)	
Sunday 11th December	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Year A	SFA SFA SFA	8.45am 9.30am 11.15am	Confessions Mass with Blessing of “Bambinelli” (Bernard Edgerton Ann.Rem) Mass with Blessing of “Bambinelli” (May & John Fletcher Birthday Ann)	
Monday 12th December	Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe	SFA SFA SFA	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (James Christopher Goodchild)	
Tuesday 13th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA SFA	10.00am 2.00pm	<i>Requiem Mass of Francis Hyland</i> <i>Holy Trinity School Advent Service</i>	
Wednesday 14th December	Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	SFA SFA SFA	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (Intentions of the Mercer & Seddon Families)	
Thursday 15th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA SFA SFA	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (Patrick Hollingsworth)	
Friday 16th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA SFA	12 Noon 7.30pm	<i>Funeral Service of Francis Butler</i> Mass (Patrick Microsngam Anniversary)	
Saturday 17th December	Weekday of Advent II “O Sapientia”	SFA SFA SFA SFA	9.10am 9.30am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Rosary Mass (Sr. Giovanni RIP)) Confessions Mass (Carmel Davies Birthday Anniversary)	
Next Sunday 18th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A; “O Adonai”	SFA SFA SFA	8.45am 9.30am 11.15am	Confessions Mass (Parishioners) Mass (May & John Fletcher)	

# News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

## ***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 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.

*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  
Parish Office by email or**

**and contact details to the  
by phone.**

## **SVP Christmas Appeal**

The SVP would like to thank you for your continued support for our work. Your generosity overwhelms us. This Christmas we are once again launching our appeal for Christmas food for our hampers. A box will be left at the back of the church for Christmas food donations.

After Fr David's wonderful talk about the initiative Baby Basics, where Moses' baskets are filled with items for mother and baby and distributed to new mothers and their babies in need, we have decided to mark Advent by leaving a Moses' basket at the back of the church for donations of any of the following items:  
**First Size Nappies, Baby Wipes, Maternity Pads, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, Adult Shampoo, Adult Shower Gel, Baby Toothbrush, Baby Toothpaste, Baby Towels, Baby Blankets, New-born and 0 – 3 Month Clothing.**

***Thank you for your generous donations so far, they are gratefully received***

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents who want to have their children Baptised in our Parish, please contact the parish office to book an appointment with Fr. David or Deacon Paul before attending the Baptism Preparation course.



***A warm welcome to Laura Stangreciak and Marcel Stangreciak, who were Baptised recently and to their mother Alicja and godparents Julian, Greta and Ilona***

### **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 5.15 to 5.45pm  
Sunday 8.45 to 9.15am

### **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

## Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

This weekend, we will celebrate the “**Third Sunday of Advent** also known as **Gaudete Sunday**, or the Sunday of Rejoicing”.



Here are the main features of this year’s Advent programme in our church.



**MONDAY 12 DECEMBER**

Year 4 from St Austin’s, and Years 4 & 6 from Holy Trinity, at Mass (10.00 am)

**TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER**

Holy Trinity Christmas Carol Concert in church at 2.00 pm

**TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER**

Advent Penitential Service, with individual Confessions, at 7.30 pm

**SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER**

Carols at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass

**SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER**

Christmas Day Masses: 9.30 am Dawn Mass; 11.15am Mass during the day

### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY 10/11 DECEMBER



The blessing of Baby Jesus crib figures (and other crib figures) will take place at the end of **all three Masses this weekend (10th & 11th December)**

So bring along your Baby Jesus crib figures to Mass for a blessing

This custom, which is now widely observed throughout the Church, was first introduced by Pope Paul VI at the Vatican over fifty years ago.

The Parish collection for the Columban Mission Appeal came to a magnificent sum of **£936.31**.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and for your kindness and generosity for such a worthy cause.

### Looking ahead to 2023 - MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The 6.00pm Mass on **Sunday, 7th January 2023**, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 79 children who have been baptized in our church in 2022. They and all their families will be invited to this Mass.

More details to follow.

### Advent Retreat -online

**Pray as you go** presents an imaginative journey for Advent to help you encounter Jesus a little deeper than you might in ordinary life

[https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/57-downtoearthadvent2022?mc\\_cid=6603de1a40&mc\\_eid=be9e521fee](https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/57-downtoearthadvent2022?mc_cid=6603de1a40&mc_eid=be9e521fee)

**The Ignatian Spirituality Centre** offers you material for daily prayer

[https://www.onlineprayer.net/advent-retreat/?mc\\_cid=6603de1a40&mc\\_eid=be9e521fee](https://www.onlineprayer.net/advent-retreat/?mc_cid=6603de1a40&mc_eid=be9e521fee)

**St Beuno’s** Outreach team, led by Father Damian Jackson SJ, have developed Advent reflections

<https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

## For those who are sick:



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, John Riding, Gerard Hughes, Paul Connor, Chris Doyle, Kenneth Shillcock, Robert Jost, Pat Toner, Jane Shanley, Gore Davitan, Keith Garcia, Tracy Hobson, Michael Peter Holmes, Christopher Brown, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Michael Holmes, Susie Bell, Barbara Brooks, Pam Foster, James Dutton, David Brookfield, Shannon McGrath, Fred Keegan, Eithne McCormack, Betty Needham, Kay Smith.



**Those who have recently died:** Of your charity, pray for the souls of **ELIZABETH REILLY**, whose funeral took place last Thursday and **FRANCIS HYLAND** whose Requiem will be celebrated on Tuesday this week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Eileen O'Brien, Ann McAuley, Terence Michael Haines, Albert Joseph Smith, James McCabe, Julia Mulholland, Tony Reid, Robert Joseph Falls, Patricia Halewood, Mary Elizabeth Murphy, Carol Brady, Reg Maddock, John Grice, Patricia Atherton, Mary Elizabeth Jackson, Francis Lines, Albert Edward Steward, Edith Wood, Gerard Loftus, Olive Jones, Patricia Mary Bromilow, Norman Francis Hendrick, Edith McLoughlin, John Clarke, Susan Quirk, James Cloherty, Kathleen Warren, Colette Josephine Johnstone, Lillian Donnelly, Ada Russell (SB), Louise Garrett, Elizabeth Hughes, Garvan Hoyen-Chung, Ah Tsung Ling, Kathleen Dunn.

### St. Austin's School Admissions September 2023

Any child born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019** will be due to start reception class **September 2023**. The deadline for submitting your application forms to both the Local Authority and our school is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. We will be holding the last meeting for parents/carers to have a look around the school and collect all the relevant forms. There will be a maximum of 2 adults per child allowed to attend, and strictly no children are allowed on this occasion. You **must** book a place for the meeting via our school office on **0151 427 1800** or

email [enquiries@st-austins.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-austins.co.uk)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – 4.30pm – 5.30pm**

You can collect the relevant information at the school office or email [enquiries@st-austins.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-austins.co.uk) request a form electronically. There is a maximum of 30 adults per meeting. You will be shown around the school by our year 6 children.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December



### Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

### SUPPORTING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY ONLINE AND BY STANDING ORDER

If you would like to contribute to the parish by means other than cash or cheques, the Archdiocese of Liverpool has provided a way of contributing online.

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

### Mary's Meals – Double the Love

From 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million.

Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where we work.

With Double the Love, your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, find out more at [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk)

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

### Piety Stall

Christmas cards, Advent Calendars and gifts are available from the Piety stall. There is a fantastic range to choose from at very reasonable prices, so stock up now to avoid disappointment.