



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent				Year A Year 1	Sunday 18th December 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 17th December	Vigil Mass of Sunday "O Sapientia"	SFA SFA	5.15pm 6.00pm	Confessions Mass (Carmel Davies Birthday Anniversary, plus Intentions of Martin & Margaret Lawrence)	
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)	
Monday 19th December	Weekday of Advent "O Radix Jesse"	SFA SFA SFA	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (Special Intention for the Sick)	
Tuesday 20th December	Weekday of Advent "O Clavis David"	SFA SFA SFA SFA	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am 7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (David Mills RIP) Advent Penitential Service	
Wednesday 21st December	Weekday of Advent "O Oriens"	SFA SFA SFA SFA	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am 11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (Frank & Imelda Longworth) Funeral Service of Mark Bell	
Thursday 22nd December	Weekday of Advent "O Rex Gentium"	SFA SFA SFA	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (Russell Bunks RIP)	
Friday 23rd December	Weekday of Advent "O Emmanuel"	SFA SFA	7.10pm 7.30pm	Rosary Mass (Sr. Paulinus)	
Saturday 24th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA SFA SFA SFA	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am 11.30pm	Rosary Mass (Mary Rice RIP) Confessions (N.b. no evening Confessions or Saturday evening Vigil Mass) Carols, Readings and Blessing of the Christmas Tree	
Next Sunday 25th December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	SFA SFA SFA SFA	12.00 8.45am 9.30am 11.15am	Christmas Midnight Mass (Norma Potter) Confessions Christmas Dawn Mass (Winifred & Bernard Edgerton) Christmas Daytime Mass (Parishioners)	

News & Information with Dates for Your Diary



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 Baptized in our Parish, please contact the parish office to book an appointment with Fr. David or Deacon Paul before attending the Baptism Preparation course.



***We pray for all those who have been Baptised in our Parish this year.
Please keep them and their families in your prayers.***

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 “**Fourth Sunday of Advent**”



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



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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Any donations towards the cost of church flowers for Christmas can be given to Fr. David or brought to the Presbytery and would be gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Following tradition, all offerings (loose plate or in envelopes) collected at the three Christmas Masses are for the support of the Parish Priest. So are any monies donated at other times in envelopes marked “Christmas Offering or Christmas Gift”

BOXING DAY

Please note that Mass on Boxing Day, 26th December will be at **12 Noon**. Several of our altar servers will be enrolled in the Guild of St. Stephen during the Mass.

Looking ahead to 2023 - MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The 6.00pm Mass on **Saturday, 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.

God Who Speaks

New resources including 2 new Bible and Art videos on The Madonna and Child and The Nativity; a look at the ‘O Antiphons’ and a variety of family activities:

Advent - www.godwhospeaks.uk/advent/

Christmastide - www.godwhospeaks.uk/christmas/

Videos:

The Madonna and Child - www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-madonna-and-child/

The Nativity - www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-nativity/

New Sunday Reflections series by David Jackson - www.godwhospeaks.uk/sunday-reflections/

Good Work: Working Towards the Common Good - www.godwhospeaks.uk/friday-working-towards-the-common-good/

This month David McLoughlin tackles legislation for workers’ rights and our vocation to image God’s creative love in all our relationships, including our place of work.

Bible Society Christmas resources here - www.godwhospeaks.uk/saints-seasons-christmas-celebrate-christmas-with-bible-society/



For those who are sick:



Sean Armstrong, Joseph Ball, Linda Barry, 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, 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, Bob Cramsie.



Those who have recently died: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Bell, whose funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time: Ellen Harrison, Frederick Todd, Edward Mogan (SB), Martin Pryer, James Garvey, Maureen Lund, Gerald Terence McGillicuddy, Ann Davies, Walter Davies, Paul Sawden, Hugh Joseph Michael O'Donovan, Lilian Whitehead, Don Caldwell, Margaret Mary Rice, Margaret Wilcott, James Malone, Patricia Margaret Flynn, Mary Ann Doyle, William Flatley, Mary Louisa Southern, John Edward Richardson, Gerard Hughes, Stephanie Redmond, Peter Thompson, John Holmes, Patricia Chandler, Mary Melia (SB), Linda Francis, Elizabeth Todd, Mayree Pile, Margaret Murphy, Mildred Langley, Kevin Mullen, Jim & Nora Coogan, Anthony Francis Williams, Mary Frances Dunn, Neil Williams, Bernard Murray, John Draper, Deborah Whitfield, Joyce Fletcher, Ann Davies, Alf Williams, Peter Williams, Tess Formby, Stephen Dooley, Mary Bolger, Ronald Kavanagh.

St. Austin's School Admissions September 2023

Any child born between **1st September 2018 and 31st 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 **15th 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

Tuesday 10th January – 4.30pm – 5.30pm

You can collect the relevant information at the school office or email 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

**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.