



# 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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Solemnity of the Nativity of The Lord			Year A Year 1	Sunday 25th December 2022
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 24th December	Christmas Eve	SFA	11.30pm	Carols, Readings & Blessing of the Christmas Tree
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)
Monday 26th December	Feast of St Stephen, Protomartyr	SFA	12 Noon	Mass with Enrolment into the Guild of St Stephen (Intentions of the Parish Altar Servers)
Tuesday 27th December	Feast of St John, Apostle & Evangelist	SFA	10.00am	Bank Holiday Mass ( Edward Tweedley & Daniel Klepper)
Wednesday 28th December	Feast of the Holy Innocents	SFA SFA SFA	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (Peter Clarke)
Thursday 29th December	Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr	SFA SFA SFA	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (David Mills RIP)
Friday 30th December	Weekday of Advent	SFA SFA	10.00am 12.00	Funeral Service of Anthony Warriner Requiem Mass of Michael Hegarty
Saturday 31st December	Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave	SFA SFA SFA SFA SFA	9.00am 9.20am 9.30am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Rosary Recitation of Psalm 50, the "Miserere" Mass, followed by the recitation of the "Te Deum" (In Thanksgiving) Confessions Mass (Parishioners)
2023 Happy New Year Next Sunday 1st January	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	SFA SFA SFA	8.45am 9.30am 11.15am	Confessions Mass (Ken Needham Anniversary) Mass (Mary McCormack & Family)

# News & Information with Dates for Your Diary



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Fr David wishes all parishioners a blessed, holy and happy Christmas.

Open our eyes, to see your loving presence in the world.

Open our hearts, to sense your love for everyone in our world.

Open our minds, to understand that whatever our creed, colour or culture,  
you came to bring peace to our world.

Open our spirits, Lord, to keep the Christmas Spirit all year round,  
for you dwell with us each day in the hearts of those who love you. Amen.

("Spirit of Christmas", from Rich Pickings)

## SVP Christmas Appeal

The SVP would like to thank you for your continued support for our work in the community. Your generous donations of food and money has enabled us to distribute **36 hampers** to those in need locally.

The generous donations of items for our baby basics has been incredible and these items have been distributed to parent's with new babies in need.

Your continued generosity throughout the year has overwhelmed us and has helped so many people in our community who are struggling at this time.

## 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

### ENROLMENT INTO THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

Four of our altar servers — **Chloe Copeland, Daniel Dudys, Leon Dudys and Carter Madden** — will be enrolled into the Archconfraternity (or Guild) of St Stephen during Mass at **12 noon on Boxing Day**.

The Guild exists “to sanctify servers by helping them to understand the holiness of the office; to help them understand more fully the sacraments in which they play such an active role, especially the Eucharist”. The Guild Prayer, which members are asked to say every day, expresses the importance of their ministry :

**O God, you accept our ministry and allow us to serve at your altar; grant that, while serving you, we follow the example of our patron St Stephen, the first martyr, and that we may, like him, come to see Jesus standing at your right hand in the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son.**

**Amen.**

### 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”

### 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:

**Christmastide** - [www.godwhospeaks.uk/christmas/](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/christmas/)

#### Videos:

The Madonna and Child - [www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-madonna-and-child/](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-madonna-and-child/)

The Nativity - [www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-nativity/](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-nativity/)

**New Sunday Reflections series** by David Jackson - [www.godwhospeaks.uk/sunday-reflections/](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/sunday-reflections/)

**Good Work: Working Towards the Common Good** - [www.godwhospeaks.uk/friday-working-towards-the-common-good/](http://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/](http://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 souls of **Anthony Warriner** and **Michael Hegarty** whose funerals will be celebrated on Friday. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Margaret Kilgallon, Catherine Crosbie, Lena Byrne, Francis Patrick Sinnott, Olga Josephine Jones, John Smith, Thomas Hunt, Raymond Worsley, John Joseph Power, Elizabeth Nuttal, Mary Mulville, Rose Anna Byrne, Stephen Flynn, Mary Carter, Frances Doreen Kelly, George Hibbert, Anthony McCartney, Kathleen Lavelle, Annie Mina Marlow, Anthony Dunbavin, Peter Edmund Giannasi, Elizabeth Cannell, Gewoffrey Charles Slack, Ken Needham, Joseph W. Lund, John Joseph Moran, Pat Rigby, Steven Walker, Margaret McLoughlin, Helen Murphy, Florende De Silva, Reginald Parkinson, Susan Quirk, Peter McKenna, Marie Higgott, Thomas Hunt, Louise Rotherham, Amelia Anderson, 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 **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

A limited stock of Christmas gifts are still available from the Piety stall at very reasonable prices. There are also other cards and gifts available all year around from the Piety stall.