



The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter

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

Holy Trinity, St Francis of Assisi, St Bernadette, St Austin



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First Sunday in Lent			Year A Year 1	Sunday 26th February 2023
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES	MASS INTENTION	
Saturday 25th February 2023	Vigil Mass of Sunday	5.15pm 6.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday (Parishioners)	
Sunday 26th February 2023	First Sunday of Lent	8.45am 9.30am 11.15am 12.30pm	Confessions Mass (Peter Crompton) Mass (Ava White) Baptism	
Monday 27th February 2023	Weekday of Lent	11.00am	Requiem Mass of John Robinson	
Tuesday 28th February 2023	Weekday of Lent	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (Eddie Malone)	
Wednesday 1st March 2023	Feast of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	10.00am 7.30pm	School Mass (Bernard Fitzsimons) Stations of the Cross & Benediction	
Thursday 2nd March 2023	Weekday of Lent	8.30am 9.10am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Mass (Jack Stamper)	
Friday 3rd March 2023	Weekday of Lent	7.30pm	Mass (Margaret Anderson)	
Saturday 4th March 2023	Weekday of Lent	9.10am 9.30am 5.15pm 6.00pm	Rosary Mass (Tony Dunne) Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)	
Sunday 5th March 2023	Second Sunday of Lent	8.45am 9.30am 11.15am	Confessions Mass (Parishioners) Mass (Ann Gibbons)	

A PRAYER FOR LENT



Father in heaven, form in us the likeness of your Son and deepen His life within us. Help us to walk more closely with you in this desert of Lent. Touch the hearts of all with your love, that they in turn may love one another.

Help us to pray, fast and give. Keep us listening, kneeling at your feet. May we always act with your words and example in our hearts.

Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have not listened to people who speak words we do not wish to hear. Help us, Lord, to find you in the presence of those who walk beside us, today and every day. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHAT TO GIVE UP : A LENTEN REFLECTION

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism — become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments — think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry — trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.
- Give up negativity — be positive.
- Give up anger — be more patient.
- Give up gloom — enjoy the beauty all around you.
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
- Give up gossip — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up — hang in there!



We offer a warm welcome to Lily Aspinall, who will be baptized today.

An Update on the St Bernadette's Site

After a long and protracted pre-planning stage, I am delighted to report that the project to build an 11 self-contained apartment block for people with learning disabilities on the St Bernadette's Church Site finally received full planning approval at a meeting of the City's Planning Committee on Tuesday 21 February 2023. Thank you to so many past-parishioners who have offered both words of support and prayers.

Should you have any further queries, I would be only too glad to try and answer them. Very many thanks.

Ray Pealing T: 427 6759

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

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 from 2021, 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.



Sacrament of Confirmation

The period of registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year began on the

Confirmation this year began on the

16th January and ends on the **17th March**.

Pupils in **Year 8** and above can register their

interest at **www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk**

More details to follow



PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME 2023



Each week during Lent, mainly on Wednesday evenings, we will have a service of Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction. A different set of meditations on the Stations will be used each time. This week, on **Wednesday 1st March**, the meditations will be read by **Jenny Ezeh** and **Vera Ezeh**, who are pupils at Broughton Hall Catholic High School in Year 11 and Year 9 respectively. Several years ago, Jenny wrote her own set of meditations on the Stations, and she has agreed to share them with us with the help of her sister Vera.

These are the extra devotions and activities which will be offered in this holy season.

Early Morning Mass

On **Mondays** in Lent, Mass will be celebrated early at **8.00 am**. This will replace the usual 9.10 Morning Prayer and 9.30 Mass. The only exception would be if a Requiem Mass were scheduled for a Monday in Lent, in which case that would be the only Mass of the day.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction

The Stations of the Cross, followed immediately by Benediction, will be celebrated at **7.30 pm** on the following dates : **Wednesdays 1st/8th/15th/22nd March**

Tuesday 28th March. (The Stations of the Cross on their own will also be prayed on Good Friday.)

Lenten Penitential Service

A service of Penance with individual Confessions will take place at **7.30 pm** on **Tuesday 4th April** (Tuesday of Holy Week).

“Let It Be Done Unto Me”

A DVD-based series about Our Lady in the life of the Church, called “Let It Be Done Unto Me”, will be shown in the Meeting Rooms at **7.30 pm** on **Mondays 6th/13th/20th/27th March** and **Monday 3rd April**. One of the five sessions will be shown each week, with time for comments and discussion afterwards.

WALK WITH ME

The “Walk With Me” booklets for Lent 2023 are now on sale at the piety stall at a cost of £1 each

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk – for newsletters, information and MORE

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, Kay Smith, Bob Cramsie, Roger Cottrell, Ann & John Davies. Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall.



Condolences: Of your charity, pray for the soul of John Robinson, whose Requiem will be celebrated on Monday. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Albert Bullen, Edmund Brunskill, Angela Hill, Francis Flynn, Kathleen Deegan, Michael Culbert, Michael McGuigan, May Elliott, Ann V. Moore, Stephen Malley, Jean Cooper, John Edward Doyle, Ann Rowe, Honora Penlington, William Moran, Martin McLaughlin, Joseph Vaughan, Charles Barry, Joan Hamill, Fr. Arthur Darragh, Fr. Joseph Keller, John Fitzsimmons, Mavis Grice, Theodore Knuckey, Carmen Garcia, Ronald Cobain, Agnes O'Leary, Mary Oritt, John Brookes, Ann Thompson, Mary Elliott, Jack Brookes.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



Appeal to knitters

I have had an appeal from Aintree Intensive Care for knitted hearts. When someone passes away in intensive care they place a knitted heart in their hand and give the family one too. The relatives really cherish these. They had huge donations during lockdown but have now run out. If you could spare the time to knit a red, blue or pink heart I know they would be very grateful.



Copies of the pattern have been left at the back of the church. For further information please contact **Steff Hudson of the SVP on 07933734292**

CALLING ALL CAT LOVERS

Would anyone be willing to give a new home to two graceful and elegant cats who need to be rehoused?

ELSA is three years old, female, neutered, chipped and vaccinated. She is friendly and good with children.

BINX is eighteen months old and also female, but not neutered or chipped. Shy around strangers, but very affectionate when she knows you.

Both are indoor cats and litter-trained.

For further details, including photographs, apply to Fr David.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY ONLINE AND BY STANDING ORDER

Whilst we are still not back to normal, it is very helpful if those who are able, could contribute to the parish

by means other than cash or cheques.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has provided a way of contributing online.

If you would like 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 at this time and always.

Come and Sing in the Metropolitan Cathedral Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to join the Come and Sing Choir on **Saturday 25 March at 7pm**. The event provides people with the unique opportunity to sing in the majestic surroundings of the Cathedral.

Participation and audience tickets are just **£5 each** and under 18s and students can join in for free. See poster in the church porch for further details.

Piety Stall

Gifts and cards are available from the Piety stall. There is a fantastic range to choose from at very reasonable prices, so stock up now and support our church.