

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSENDALE

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

23 APRIL 2023

Parish Priest : Fr David Potter; Deacon : Revd Paul Whitehead

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 22 April (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Mass (Parishioners)

Sunday 23 April (3rd Sunday of Easter A)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Sr Louise)

11.15 Mass (John Doyle)

Monday 24 April (Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Philip Moss)

Tuesday 25 April (Feast of St Mark, Evangelist)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Ann Hitchmough)

Wednesday 26 April

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Murad Ghorbal)

Thursday 27 April

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Peggy Mulholland)

Friday 28 April (St Louis Marie de Montfort, Priest)

7.30 pm Mass (Fr Peter Haverty)

Saturday 29 April (Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe)

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (Geoffrey Slack)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass of Sunday (Hugo, Neil, Sanath, Lorenz, Nesita)

Next Sunday 30 April (4th Sunday of Easter)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Parishioners)

11.15 Mass (Joseph Brophy)

SICK LIST

Roger Cottrell, Sean Armstrong, Joseph Ball, Linda Barry, Mary O'Neill, Tom Kenwright, Greg McCullough, Gerard Doyle, Muriel 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, Ann & John Davies, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to **Martha Hughes**, who was baptized last Sunday.

CONDOLENCES

Of your charity, pray for the soul of **Gerard Bailey**, whose funeral was celebrated last Thursday at Springwood Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

MEETING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Divorced? Separated? Meet in a small group for a gentle day of accurate information, non-intrusive support and confidential encouragement. **Saturday 13 May, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm**, at the Irenaeus Centre, Great George's Rd, Waterloo, L22 1RD. Free, but donations welcome. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, or to make a booking (essential), contact **Frances Trotman** on **0151 727 2195**.

FROM THE DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL

"In recent pastoral letters, the Archbishop has acknowledged that the work of the Synod is continuing in various ways across the Archdiocese, but it might appear that nothing has been happening locally. Since July 2022, a small group of priests and people from across the Deanery have been working together as members of the Deanery Synodal Council. The four meetings since September have seen the real work begin. We have explored something of the richness of what is happening in our deanery, and have sought to interpret what the idea of "Families of Parishes" means. As we have explored further, the enormity of the task ahead has become clearer, and we have considered some of the limitations we might face because of geography and resourcing. We decided at our last meeting that the most effective way forward would be to take a step back and examine a little more the purpose of our group and how "Families of Parishes" might shape the work in our area. In April we will meet again to focus on these questions, and will report back the fruit of our discussions in the summer term. Please keep the Deanery Synodal Council members in your prayers.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT

Although the four areas which make up the territory of this parish have been united as St Wilfrid's for some years, there are still three parish bank accounts : one in the name of St Wilfrid's, one for St Bernadette's and one for St Austin's. The latter two accounts still exist only because some people who kindly support the parish by Standing Order have those Standing Orders in the name of St Austin's or of St Bernadette's. It would be much easier administratively if there were just one united parish account, so I wonder whether those people whose Standing Orders are not yet in the name of St Wilfrid's would be willing to change the designation accordingly? If this were done, the St Austin's and St Bernadette's accounts could be closed and their contents transferred to the overall St Wilfrid's account. Please let me know if you have a Standing Order in the name of one of the former parishes and would be prepared to make the change explained here.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank you for all the kindness and appreciation you have shown as my time as your parish priest has been drawing to a close. Thank you in particular for the gifts, cards and very generous collection presented to me at the leaving celebration last Monday.

The ten years which I have spent with you have been the best of my life as a priest so far, and it is good to give thanks for what has been. At such a time as this, it is also vital to look to the future, and I believe that St Albert's parish can do this with hope, confidence and a deep trust in the Lord. I wish you all well, together with Fr David Gamble and your newly-ordained deacon Revd Daniel Piwowar.

The departure of one parish priest and arrival of another can seem like a change of era, but there is more to the life of any parish than a succession of priests at the helm. Priests come and go; Christ remains for ever. And Christ lives in each of us. That is the most important truth of all to keep in mind.

It has been a privilege to be part of the life of St Albert's parish for the past decade, and I will always remember these years with gratitude. Pray for me, as I will for you, and I hope to see some of you at the 5.00 pm Mass on Sunday 11 September.

We must go on to the other villages around here. I have to preach in them also, because that is why I came. (Mark 1:38)

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Albert the Great, pray for us.
St Wilfrid, pray for us.

Fr David Potter,

31 August 2022

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10.00 am Mass Sunday 4 September : **Fr Vincent McShane**
5.00 pm Mass Sunday 4 September : **Bishop Thomas Neylon**

10.00 am Mass Sunday 11 September : **Fr Vincent McShane**
5.00 pm Mass Sunday 11 September : **Fr David Potter**

