

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSEDALE

5th SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

6 APRIL 2025

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 5 April (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Mass (Intentions of Joan Peacock)

Sunday 6 April (5th Sunday of Lent C)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Edward Tweedley)

11.15 Mass (Parishioners)

Monday 7 April (St John Baptist De La Salle, Priest)

8.00 Mass (Arthur & Anne Taverner)

Tuesday 8 April

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Joanne Conway)

Wednesday 9 April

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Anne, Thomas & Harry Holmes)

7.30 Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Thursday 10 April

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Irene Betteley)

Friday 11 April (St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr)

7.30 pm Mass (John, Jean & Catherine Hughes)

Saturday 12 April

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (Graham Highet)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass with Blessing of Palms & Procession (Parishioners)

Next Sunday 13 April (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord C)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass with Blessing of Palms (Intentions of Rainford Family)

11.15 Mass with Blessing of Palms (Fr Peter Haverty)

SICK LIST

Sean Armstrong, Linda Barry, Mary O'Neill, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Chris Doyle, Pat Toner, Keith Garcia, Michael Peter Holmes, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Shannon McGrath, Fred Keegan, Kay Smith, Bob Cramsie, Ann Davies, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Stella O'Donnell, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Jane Shanley, Eileen Burrows, Joseph Morgan

PASSIONTIDE

The veiled crucifix and statues in church indicate that we are now entering the phase of Lent known as Passiontide. This is a period of sharper focus on the redemptive sufferings of Christ, leading to His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Our main services for the Easter Triduum will be as follows :

Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30 pm on Maundy Thursday 17 April

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 pm on Good Friday 18 April

Easter Vigil at 8.30 pm on Holy Saturday 19 April

Full details will be provided in next Sunday's newsletter.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to **Mia Bowden-Davies**, who was baptized recently.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

This weekend we will hear a Pastoral Letter on the Assisted Suicide Bill, which will have its Third Reading in the House of Commons on 25 April. Catholics are urged to ask their Members of Parliament to vote to defeat the Bill at this stage, and just 28 MPs would have to change their minds to bring this about. In the words of Lord David Alton, "Colleagues agree that one of the most effective ways to persuade MPs to oppose this dangerous Bill is through physical letters or postcards from constituents asking them to vote 'no' to the Bill". Please consider sending to our MP one of the postcards in the church porch, which are headed "Assist us to live, not to die".

CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIME

With effect from **Sunday 27 April** (Divine Mercy Sunday), the second Mass on Sunday morning will begin 15 minutes later than previously at **11.30 am**. This is a permanent change, therefore Easter Sunday is the last day when the final Sunday Mass will start at 11.15 am.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Extra devotions and spiritual exercises have been arranged for the season of Lent as follows.

Early Mass : Mondays at 8.00 am (unless otherwise advertised)

Stations of the Cross & Benediction : 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9 April

Penitential Service : 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15 April

"The Gift" (in the Meeting Room) : 7.00 pm on Monday 7 April

"The Cross" (in the Meeting Room) : 7.00 pm on Monday 14 April

LENTEN ALMS

There is a box for Lenten almsgiving at the entrance to the Sacred Heart chapel.

SVP COFFEE MORNING

The SVP will be hosting a Coffee Morning on **Thursday 10 April** at **11.00 am**. All are welcome. If you require a lift, please ring Steff Hudson on **07933734292**.

EASTER FLOWERS

Any donations towards the cost of church flowers for Easter can be given to Fr David after Mass or brought to the presbytery. They will be gratefully received.

