

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSENDAL

18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

3 AUGUST 2025

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

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 2 August (Vigil Mass)

No Confessions

6.00 pm Mass (Private Intention)

Sunday 3 August (18th Sunday of Ordinary Time C)

No Confessions

9.30 Mass (Private Intention)

11.30 Mass (Private Intention)

12.45 Baptism

Monday 4 August (St John Vianney, Priest)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tuesday 5 August (Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major)

1.30 pm Funeral Service of Patricia McParland

7.10 pm Rosary

7.30 pm Mass (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

Wednesday 6 August (Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Sr Catherine Walsh)

Thursday 7 August (Bl. John Woodcock, Edward Bamber & Thomas Whitaker, Martyrs)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (William Cordiner)

Friday 8 August (St Dominic, Priest)

7.30 pm Mass (Michael Gavin)

Saturday 9 August (Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr)

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (Winifred Potter)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass (Ann Whiteway)

Next Sunday 10 August (19th Sunday of Ordinary Time C)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Parishioners)

11.30 Mass (Eileen Burrows)

12.45 Baptisms

SICK LIST

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

VISITING PRIEST

I am very grateful to **Mgr John Butchard** for celebrating all three Masses this weekend, and to Deacon Paul for leading a Service of the Word & Holy Communion on Monday..

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to **Kayce James Carney**, who will be baptized today.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our condolences to the family of **Patricia McParland**, whose funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday by her brother-in-law, Fr Ian McParland, the parish priest of Ss Teresa & Mary Magdalen, Penwortham, Preston. May Patricia rest in peace and rise in glory.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE FOR THE HOLY LAND

In January this year, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, appealed to the Catholics of the world to "Come back as Pilgrims of Hope. We are waiting for you and we need you!" These words were spoken in the context of a dramatic fall in the number of visitors to the Holy Land in the last two years, which has had a devastating impact on local communities. In Bethlehem, 50% of the population are unemployed, 90% have no salary, and 500 families have left owing to economic hardship. There has also been a **95% decrease** in the number of visitors. And in the Old City of Jerusalem, 40% of men and 70% of women are unemployed, 400 shops and restaurants have closed, and 75% of residents live below the national poverty line. The future looks dark as many face the heart-breaking prospect of leaving the land forever. We can bring light to this darkness, and further the cause of peace in the region, by returning as Pilgrims of Hope to the Holy Land. www.pilgrimsofhope.co.uk

EVERY LIFE MATTERS : JOIN THE FIGHTBACK

Recently, those who care about protecting the vulnerable have been dealt some devastating blows, with MPs voting in June to legalize assisted suicide and decriminalize abortion, allowing for abortion up to birth. We should all care about these threats, and Pope Leo has already issued a call to action, saying, *No-one is exempted from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly*. We are living in very dark times, but SPUC invites us to join in the fightback, to make your voice heard and to stand up for the most vulnerable. If enough people stand up for the pro-life cause, politicians will have to heed our concern for those lives lost to abortion and assisted suicide. SPUC urgently needs us to help bring about real and lasting protection for unborn children and those at the end of life. If we do not fight back, we can only expect the culture of death to encroach even further on our society. As a first step, please fill in one of the postcards in the church porch, and SPUC will send you information about what you can do for the cause. Take some away for family and friends. The more people stand up in defence of life, the better.

