

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSEDALE

22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

31 AUGUST 2025

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

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 30 August (Vigil Mass)

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Mass (Maureen Kabluczenko)

Sunday 31 August (22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time C)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Parishioners)

11.30 Mass (Intentions of Steven & Eileen Fowler)

12.45 Baptisms

Monday 1 September (Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit)

N.b. no Exposition or Morning Prayer

9.30 School Staff Mass (Intentions of Parish Primary Schools)

Tuesday 2 September

8.00 Mass (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

Wednesday 3 September (Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Intentions of Aiden & Cindy Moore)

Thursday 4 September

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Friday 5 September

7.30 pm Mass (Ann Whiteway)

Saturday 6 September (Our Lady on Saturday)

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (Katy Chappell)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass (Private Intention)

Next Sunday 7 September (23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time C)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (James & Agnes Flynn)

11.30 Mass (Parishioners)

12.45 Baptism

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, Bob Cramsie, Ann Davies, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Stella O'Donnell, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Jane Shanley, Peter Jeffrey, Grace Astbury, Gerard Doyle

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 24 August £550.55

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to **Nathan Williams, Cody Marsden and Cory Marsden**, who will be baptized today.

ENROLMENT INTO THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

Two of our altar servers will be enrolled into the Archconfraternity (or "Guild") of St Stephen this weekend : Miss **Joelene Ansah** at the 9.30 Mass, and Miss **Olanna Eze** at 11.30. The Guild exists "to sanctify servers by helping them to understand the holiness of the office; [and] 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 may 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.

CLOSURE OF CENACLE CONVENT

For those who may not know, the Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle in Wavertree will sadly be closing soon. The Sisters' popular Prayer Enrolment Ministry will also send in its current form. Many will be sorry to see the end of this ministry, which has brought spiritual benefits to countless people. The House and the Prayer Enrolment Office will close finally on 31 October, with in-person enrolments ending on 24 October, and the last postal and online orders being taken a week earlier on 17 October.

This closure is accompanied by the following assurance from the Sisters :

For those who have arranged annual and perpetual Mass offerings, we can guarantee that the sharing of Masses and prayers by the Cenacle Sisters will continue to be honoured. We remain present in England, Europe and more internationally, and our commitment to praying for people who have been enrolled in this ministry will not cease.

PRAYING FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa OFM, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, recommends to us this prayer to Our Lady for the cause of peace at this time of bitter conflict in the Holy Land :

O most glorious Mother of God, raised above the choirs of angels, pray for us with St Michael the Archangel, with all the angelic powers of heaven and with all the saints, to your most holy and beloved Son, our Lord and Master. Obtain for this Holy Land, for all God's children and for all humanity the gift of reconciliation and peace. May your prophecy be fulfilled : the proud are scattered in the imaginations of their hearts; the mighty are overthrown from their thrones; and, finally, the humble are raised. Let the hungry be filled with good things, the peaceful be recognized as children of God, and the meek receive the earth as a gift. May Jesus Christ your Son grant us this, He who exalted you above the choirs of angels, who crowned you with the diadem of the Kingdom, and has placed you on the throne of eternal splendour. To him be honour and glory forever. Amen.

