

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSENDALE

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (YEAR A)

28 DECEMBER 2025

Parish Priest : Fr David Potter; Deacon : Revd Paul Whitehead *Tel. 0151 427 4015*

MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 27 December (Vigil Mass)

5.15 pm Confessions
6.00 pm Mass (Parishioners)

Sunday 28 December (Feast of the Holy Family A)

8.45 Confessions
9.30 Mass (Joan Burke)
11.30 Mass (Christine Kelly)

Monday 29 December (Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass (Rebecca Ryen)

Tuesday 30 December (Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass (Thomas Carr)

Wednesday 31 December (Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.15 "Miserere" : Act of Penance as the Year Ends
9.30 Mass & "Te Deum" in Thanksgiving for the Closing Year (Joan Cunningham)

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Happy New Year

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Thursday 1 January (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

11.40 Rosary
12.00 Mass (Peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land)

Friday 2 January (Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen)

7.30 pm Mass (Patricia Rankin)

Saturday 3 January (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

9.10 Rosary
9.30 Mass (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)
5.15 Confessions
6.00 Vigil Mass (Betty Fuller)

Next Sunday 4 January (Second Sunday after the Nativity)

8.45 Confessions
9.30 Mass (Parishioners)
11.30 Mass (Norman Williams)

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, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Stella O'Donnell, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Jane Shanley, Peter Jeffrey, Grace Astbury, Gerard Doyle, David Linford

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 14 December £707.81; 21 December £712.12

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Kyle Dottie** and **Sarah Williams**, who were married yesterday. May their life together be long, blessed and fruitful.

THANKS

Fr David thanks parishioners for their generous gifts and offerings at Christmas. Your kindness will be remembered at the altar. Thanks also to the altar servers, musicians, florists and other helpers who contributed to our Christmas liturgies and made the church look so beautiful and welcoming.

AMY COLLERAN

One of our regular organists, **Dr Amy Colleran**, is playing at St Francis of Assisi for the last time this Saturday and Sunday. Amy has just successfully completed her doctorate and has become a member of the Biochemistry Department at Liverpool University, where she is conducting further research. We thank Amy for her fidelity and for all she has given, playing the organ at 6.00 pm on Saturday and at 11.30 on Sunday, and also acting as the cantor at the 11.30 Mass. And we wish her the very best for the future. A successor to Amy has been identified and will begin playing in due course. Our other organist, Dr Matthew Heneghan, remains active in the parish, as does our viola player Mr Nicholas Fennell and the 9.30 choir. All their contributions are greatly appreciated.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

Fr David wishes all parishioners a Happy New Year and abundant blessings in 2026. The season of Christmas continues into the New Year, ending with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on 11 January. Cardinal Basil Hume, who was Archbishop of Westminster from 1976 to 1999, identified one way in which God invites us and calls to us at this sacred time :

Every year at this time we are asked to escape from the tumult of our hearts, to put aside our weighty cares and leave our wearisome toil, to enter for a while into the inner chamber of our souls, to listen to God's Word.

The Word – calling us through the mist of ignorance and apathy to be silent, to listen to the sound of stillness, and to see in the Child born of Mary the Word who became flesh.

