

**ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSENDALE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**18 JANUARY 2026**

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**MASSES & SERVICES**

**Saturday 17 January (Vigil Mass)**

5.15 pm Confessions  
6.00 pm Mass (Parishioners)

**Sunday 18 January (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A))**

8.45 Confessions  
9.30 Mass (Peter Crompton)  
11.30 Mass (Intentions of Heywood Family)  
4.00 Rosary & Benediction

**Monday 19 January (Votive Mass for the Unity of Christians)**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.10 Morning Prayer  
9.30 Mass (For Christian Unity)

**Tuesday 20 January (St Sebastian, Martyr)**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.10 Morning Prayer  
9.30 Mass (Intentions of Ben & Susan Burke)  
**6.00 Convalidation of Marriage (Jon & Jessica Donakey)**

**Wednesday 21 January (St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr)**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.10 Morning Prayer  
9.30 Mass (Intentions of Donald & Maureen Mellon)

**Thursday 22 January (St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr)**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.10 Morning Prayer  
9.30 Mass (Karen Leahy)

**Friday 23 January**

**12.00 Funeral Service of Kathleen Minett**  
7.30 Mass (Norman Williams)

**Saturday 24 January (St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)**

9.10 Rosary  
9.30 Mass (Matthew & Elsie Ryan)  
5.15 Confessions  
6.00 Vigil Mass with Confirmation & First Holy Communion (Patricia Ogg)

## **Next Sunday 25 January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time A)**

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass with Blessing of St Francis Crucifix (Parishioners)

11.30 Mass with Enrolment into the Guild of St Stephen (John Robinson)

## **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

**TODAY** Second Collection for SPUC White Flower Appeal

## **CONDOLENCES**

Of your charity, pray for the soul of **Kathleen Minett**, whose funeral will be celebrated on Friday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

## **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**

This weekend, as part of the SPUC White Flower Appeal, there will be a retiring collection to promote the right to life in our society. Life is a precious gift from God, and nowhere is it more vulnerable than in the womb. That is why SPUC defends the value of every human being from the moment of conception until natural death.

Despite the best efforts of the Church and pro-life organizations to promote the right to life for all, we are seeing a continuing growth in the threats to life. Several months ago, attempts were introduced to permit assisted suicide across the UK. At the same time, politicians have also given strong support to relaxing the law and allowing women to procure their own abortions at home right up until birth, without answering to the law in any way. SPUC is doing all it can to fight these proposals, and **they have not yet been brought into law**.

SPUC also wants to help avoid the suffering of abortion, and they have an initiative to support students in crisis pregnancy, as well as a counselling service called ARCH (“Abortion Recovery Care Helpline”), to help those who are suffering after abortion.

After the loss of eleven million unborn lives since abortion was legalized in 1967, our society has lost sight of the value of life in the womb. Clever slogans and media narratives numb us to the truth, but we need to rise up and build a culture of life. Please consider filling in the “Join the Fightback” postcard today, and remember the work of SPUC in your prayers, and pray that both the Assisted Suicide Bill and the decriminalization of abortion will be defeated.

Finally, any donation you can make today will be greatly appreciated and will help SPUC to continue its efforts to foster healing, hope and respect for life.

## **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION**

Pope Leo's prayer intention for January 2026 is :

*Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.*











