

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSENDALE

3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

25 JANUARY 2026

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

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 24 January (Vigil Mass)

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Vigil Mass with Confirm & First Holy Communion (Patricia Ogg)

Sunday 25 January (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A))

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass with Blessing of St Francis Crucifix (Parishioners)

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

Monday 26 January (Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Colin Green)

Tuesday 27 January (St Angela Merici, Virgin)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Mary Sharp)

Wednesday 28 January (St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Jack & Elizabeth Carberry)

Thursday 29 January

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Josh Waring)

Friday 30 January

7.30 pm Mass (In Thanksgiving AT)

Saturday 31 January (St John Bosco, Priest)

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (John Killeen)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass (Barbara Dooley)

Next Sunday 1 February (4th Sunday of Ordinary Time A)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (John Suffield)

11.30 Mass (Parishioners)

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

COLLECTIONS Offertory 11 January £543.13; Offertory 18 January £643.00; Epiphany £95.09
Christmas Crib £107.36; White Flower Appeal £314.41

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Mr **Jon Donakey**, whose son Jack is one of our altar servers, will be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time at the Saturday Vigil Mass, having been baptized in infancy. Congratulations to Jon on completing his Christian initiation, and best wishes for the future to him, his wife Jessica, and their three children.

BLESSING OF ST FRANCIS CRUCIFIX

Towards the end of last year, Deacon Paul and Jan brought back from Rome a beautiful crucifix bearing the image of St Francis, who was closely associated with the sufferings of Our Lord through receiving the *stigmata*, i.e. the wounds of the crucified Christ, in his own flesh. This crucifix is inscribed all around with the words of St Francis' well-known poem *Cantico delle Creature*, or the "Canticle of Creation". The crucifix will be blessed at the end of the 9.30 Mass today, and will then be fixed permanently to a wall in the Meeting Room. A recording of the Canticle of Creation, sung by Friar Alessandro Brustenghi of Assisi, will be played during Holy Communion at all three Masses this weekend.

ENROLMENT INTO THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

One of our altar servers, Mr **Nnamdi Eze**, will be enrolled into the Archconfraternity (or "Guild") of St Stephen during the 11.30 Mass today. 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.

ORGANISTS

With effect from next Saturday 31 January, Dr Matthew Heneghan will (in principle) play the organ once a fortnight at the 6.00 pm Mass, as he already does at 11.30 am on Sunday. There remains a further "organist in waiting", who will begin playing in due course.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

The intention for February 2026 is :

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

