

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSENDALE

6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

15 FEBRUARY 2026

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 14 February (Vigil Mass)

5.15 pm Confessions
6.00 pm Vigil Mass (Audrey Slack)

Sunday 15 February (5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A))

8.45 Confessions
9.30 Mass (Parishioners)
11.30 Mass (Mary Patricia Elliott)
12.45 Baptism

Monday 16 February

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass (Enid Cain)

Tuesday 17 February

10.15 Requiem Mass of Joan Pryce

Sacred Lenten Season

Wednesday 18 February (Ash Wednesday)

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass with Blessing & Imposition of Ashes (Intentions of Peter & Patricia Jeffrey)
7.30 Mass with Blessing & Imposition of Ashes (Private Intention)

Thursday 19 February

8.00 Mass (Mary Sanders)

Friday 20 February

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Saturday 21 February

N.b. no morning Mass
5.15 pm Confessions
6.00 pm Vigil Mass (Maureen Kabluczenko)

Next Sunday 22 February (1st Sunday of Lent A)

8.45 Confessions
9.30 Mass (Christopher Gargon)
11.30 Mass (Parishioners)
4.00 Lenten Rosary & Benediction

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, Anne Davies

WELCOME We extend a warm welcome to **Adam Cooper Smith**, who will be baptized today.

CONDOLENCES

Of your charity, pray for the soul of **Joan Pryce**, whose Requiem will be celebrated on Tuesday. Joan died recently aged 102. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This week, on 18 February, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a **day of fasting and abstinence**. This means that those aged 14 and over should not eat meat on Ash Wednesday. Likewise, people who are in good health and aged between 21 and 59 should eat less in total than they would on a normal day.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Extra devotions and spiritual exercises have been arranged for the season of Lent as follows.

Early Mass : Mondays at 8.00 am (unless otherwise advertised). Morning Prayer will be recited during these Masses)

Stations of the Cross & Benediction : 7.30 pm on Tuesday 24 February, Wednesday 4 March, and Tuesdays 10/17/24 March

Lenten Rosary & Benediction : 4.00 pm on Sundays 22 February & 15 March

School Masses : 10.00 am on Tuesdays 3/10/17 March

Penitential Service : 7.30 pm on Tuesday 31 March

“Four Films for Lent” (in the Meeting Room) : 7.00 pm on Mondays 2/9/16/23 March

See below for further details

WALK WITH ME

The “Walk With Me” booklets for Lent 2026 are available at the piety stall. They cost **£1.50** each.

LENTEN ALMS

From Ash Wednesday, a box for Lenten almsgiving will be stationed close to the Sacred Heart altar.

FOUR FILMS FOR LENT

The “Four Films for Lent” (actually two films and two documentaries) mentioned above are as follows :

1. **“Francis of Assisi”** (2 March) : a feature film about the life of St Francis (**1 hour 41 minutes**)
2. **“Tyburn Convent”** (9 March) : about the Benedictine nuns of Tyburn Abbey (**1 hour 30 mins**)
3. **“Secrets of the Vatican”** (16 March) : a look at the parts of the Vatican which are inaccessible to tourists (**1 hour 25 minutes**)
4. **“Maria Goretti”** (23 March) : a feature film about the life and martyrdom of the Patroness of Modern Youth (**1 hour 45 minutes**)

CELEBRATING ST FRANCIS' 800th ANNIVERSARY

This year sees the 800th anniversary of the death of our church patron, St Francis of Assisi, on 4 October 1226. Our parish celebrations in honour of this momentous occasion will be as follows :

1. The St Francis Crucifix, which was blessed recently, is now hanging on a wall in the Meeting Room.
2. One of four films to be shown in the Meeting Room on Monday evenings in Lent will be a feature film about the life, work and ministry of St Francis. Further details in next Sunday's newsletter.
3. Archbishop John Sherrington will preside at our **11.30 am** Mass on **Sunday 4 October**, the Feast of St Francis and also the anniversary of his death. Hopefully there will be lunchtime refreshments in the Meeting Room following this Mass.
4. Either on the evening of 4 October, or on another evening in early October, the **Pilkington Choir** (a St Helens-based mixed-voice choir founded in 1956) will give a concert in our church in honour of St Francis' 800th anniversary. The exact date should become clear in the near future, and again it is hoped that there will be refreshments in the Meeting Room following the concert. There will also be a raffle during the evening. Tickets for this event will be available in due course.

