

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

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

**22 FEBRUARY 2026**

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

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**MASSES & SERVICES**

**Saturday 21 February (Vigil Mass)**

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Vigil Mass (Maureen Kabluczenko)

**Sunday 22 February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent A)**

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Christopher Gargon)

11.30 Mass (Parishioners)

4.00 Lenten Rosary & Benediction

**Monday 23 February (Commemoration of St Polycarp)**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Gordon Mercer)

**Tuesday 24 February**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Intentions of Harold Boyd)

**7.30 Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

**Wednesday 25 February**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Bernadette Stokes)

**Thursday 26 February**

8.30 Exposition

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Edward Brady)

**Friday 27 February**

7.30 pm Mass (Intentions of Aiden & Cindy Moore)

**Saturday 28 February**

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (Intentions of Sr Elizabeth Doyle)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass (Parishioners)

## **Next Sunday 1 March (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent A)**

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Patricia Doyle)

11.30 Mass (Intentions of Michael Riley)

12.45 Baptisms

## **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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS** 8 February £603.40; 15 February £520.08

## **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).

**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**

## **CELEBRATING ST FRANCIS' 800<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

This year sees the 800<sup>th</sup> 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. This film will be shown at **7.00 pm on Monday 2 March**.
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. At **6.00 pm** on **Sunday 4 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' 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 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.
5. *Quarant'ore* (the annual prolonged period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, spread over two days), which we normally celebrate on the two days after the Feast of Corpus Christi, will this year be moved to **Monday 5 October** and **Tuesday 6 October**. In this way, *Quarant'ore* will conclude our celebration of the feast and 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Francis.

## **9.30 am SUNDAY CHOIR**

New members of the 9.30 am Sunday Choir would be welcome. Anyone who is interested could speak to an existing choir member.











