ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSENDALE

SOLEMNITY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, PATRON OF THE PARISH CHURCH

4 OCTOBER 2026

Parish Priest : Fr David Potter *Tel. 0151 427 4015*

MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 3 October (Vigil Mass)
5.15 Confessions
6.00 Vigil Mass (Parishioners)

Sunday 4 October (Solemnity of St Francis of Assisi, Patron of the Parish Church)
8.45 Confessions
9.30 Mass (Patrick & Sara McLoughlin)
11.30 Mass with Confirmation & Reception into the Church (Holy Father's Intentions)

Monday 5 October (St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin)
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass (Hilda Preston)
10.00 Quarant'ore begins
6.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 6 October (St Bruno, Priest)
8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass (For Healing)
10.00 Quarant'ore resumes
6.00 Rosary & Benediction
7.00 Close of Quarant'ore

Wednesday 7 October (Our Lady of the Rosary)
8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass (Ann Lawrence)

Thursday 8 October
8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass (Canon Leo Stoker)

Friday 9 October (Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest & Doctor of the Church)
8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass (Richard Brown)
7.30 Perpetual Succour Novena & Benediction 6/9

Saturday 10 October (Our Lady on Saturday)
9.10 Rosary
9.30 Mass (Intentions of John & Kath Holden)
5.15 Confessions
6.00 Vigil Mass (Terry Line)

Next Sunday 11 October (28th Sunday of Ordinary Time A)
8.45 Confessions
9.30 Mass (Parishioners)
11.30 Mass (James & Mary Edwards)
12.45 Baptism

SICK LIST
Sean Armstrong, Linda Barry, Mary O'Neill, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Michael Peter Holmes, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Fred Keegan, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Peter Jeffrey, Grace Astbury, Gerard Doyle, David Linford, Anne Davies

COLLECTIONS Offertory 19 September £547.00; Offertory 26 September £520.30
Home Mission £280.09

NEXT WEEKEND 10/11 OCTOBER **Fr Hilary Basil OSA** will preach the annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Augustinian Friars

800th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI INTO HEAVEN
Archbishop John Sherrington will preside at the **11.30 am** Mass today, which is the patronal feast of our church and the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. During the Mass, the Archbishop will confirm **Lewis Pratt** and receive him into full communion with the Catholic Church. Lewis is the son of my cousin Andrea, and therefore my first cousin once removed.

PILKINGTON CHOIR CONCERT & RAFFLE
This evening, the Pilkington Choir will be giving a concert in our church at **6.00** pm, followed by refreshments in the Meeting Room. Concert tickets can be obtained from Fr David at the price of **£5** each. You can also pay on the door. We will also have a raffle during the concert, and raffle tickets will be on sale in the church porch beforehand.

"LITTLE FLOWERS OF ST FRANCIS" 6/6
The last four illustrations of the Life of St Francis, displayed today, are captioned as follows :
25. St Francis makes Friar Masseo turn round many times to find the way he should go
26. St Francis descending Mount La Verna with Friar Leo after the imprinting of the holy stigmas
27. St Francis sick in the Bishop's Palace at Assisi
28. St Francis on his death-bed

QUARANT'ORE
Quarant'ore will be celebrated this Monday and Tuesday **5 & 6 October**. Quarant'ore has been moved this year to associate it with our festivities for St Francis' 800th anniversary. Next year, it will return to its usual place on the Monday and Tuesday after the Feast of Corpus Christi. In 2027, those dates will be **31 May** and **1 June**.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY
During October, the Rosary will be prayed at **7.10 pm** before Friday evening Masses, as well as at the usual times. The remaining parts of this year's Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour will be celebrated at **7.30 pm** on **Friday 9 October** and **Wednesdays 14/21/28 October**.

SVP COFFEE MORNING
The next SVP Coffee Morning will take place in the Meeting Room on **Thursday 8 October**, starting at approximately 10.30 am. All are welcome, and anyone who needs a lift can ring Steff on **07933734292**.