

News from the Parishes of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St. John, Heswall

Both Holy Family and Our Lady & St John's will remain closed until further notice.

HOLY WEEK

As we are unable to be together during Holy Week, Shrewsbury Cathedral has outlined its planned liturgical schedule for Holy Week. This can be followed live from their website:

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-masses>

Shrewsbury Cathedral Liturgical Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 8:30 am Mass
- 10:45 am Mass
- 5:00 pm Adoration
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer concluding with Benediction for the Sick
- 8:30 pm Night Prayer

Monday of Holy Week to Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer
- 11:45 am Rosary
- 12:15 pm Mass
- 5:00 pm Adoration
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer concluding with Benediction for the Sick
- 8:30 pm Night Prayer

Holy Thursday

- (10:00 am Mass of the Sacred Chrism tbc)
- Sacred Triduum
- 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching concluding with Night Prayer
- 9:00 pm Night Prayer

Good Friday

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 10:00 am Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 8:15 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 8:30 am Mass
- 10:45 am Mass
- 5:00 pm Adoration
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer concluding with Benediction for the Sick



HOLY WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY & OUR LADY & ST JOHN

Here at Holy Family and Our Lady and St John, we thought that we would have a 'virtual' congregation, for us all to come together in prayer as one big parish, during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, as we can't be together physically. Deacon Jeff and Father Stephen are asking that we join together in prayer at the following times during the week:

Palm Sunday 11:00 am - Please join together at home to pray the **SORROWFUL MYSTERIES** of the Rosary

Good Friday 3:00 pm - Please join together at home to pray the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Easter Sunday 11:00 am - Please join together at home to pray the **GLORIOUS MYSTERIES** of the Rosary

For help in saying these prayers, please go to our [website and select Spiritual Life > Prayers](#)

Reflection on the Palm Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

The Passion according to Matthew has distinctive features of Jesus' path to Calvary. Matthew introduces major sections with the title 'Jesus' means "God will save his people from their sins." Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount praises those who are persecuted in the cause of right and is condemned after Pilate's wife warns her husband not to have anything to do with this 'righteous man.' Even Judas repents when he realises he has betrayed innocent blood. Jesus is the suffering just man who will 'proclaim justice to the pagans' at the cost of his own life. Matthew alone recounts the earthquake at the moment of Jesus' death, when tombs are opened and many of the saints are raised, a vivid symbol that death is conquered at the very moment of its apparent victory.

With Christ on the cross are those who gave their lives trying to save and protect others, as well as those whose lives were simply snatched away. Matthew's Passion also reminds us of those people who seek justice by speaking out on behalf of the poor and those left on the margins or who unmask the hidden structures of evil, often at the cost of their own lives.

Hosanna!

Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those in both parishes who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

Catherine Maschke,
Gerry Smith,
Joe Lucas,
John Moroney,
Ken Davies,
Madge McGrath,
David Gorman, Norman Corish, Carol Ross,
Jillie Huntingford, Imelda Atherton, Eileen Millard, Pauline Pritchard, Deacon Philip White,
Sara Bull, Lil Skinner, Margaret C. Hiepko,
William Kerin



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Anne Clark, Hayley Roberts and James McDermott** who have recently died. May their souls Rest in Peace.

Please remember to pray for their families at this difficult time.

PARISHIONER OUTREACH - THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all our parishioners who have responded to the request for help with those in our Parish who are vulnerable, elderly or unable to go out at the moment. Your kindness is really touching. To date, we haven't heard from anyone that needs help but have heard from a number of you, who are contacting parishioners you know may be vulnerable or elderly. Great work!

If you do however, hear of anyone that may need a bit of shopping or a phone call and are unable to help them yourself, do get in touch and we can organise for someone to help out.



A Message from Richard Roberts, the General Manager at the Wirral Foodbank.

Wirral Council and community food providers have come together to make sure vulnerable residents don't go hungry during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

Feeding Birkenhead, Supporting Wirral, Wirral Foodbank and other third sector food providers, are coordinating efforts and centralising their bulk food collection and distribution operations at a new Emergency Food Hub, managed by Wirral Council.

Residents experiencing difficulties in accessing food can visit www.wirral.gov.uk/foodhelp to submit their details online using a simple form or call the **Wirral Coronavirus Helpline (0151 666 5050, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)**. Residents should be encouraged or supported to use the online referral form wherever possible.

Residents are also encouraged to visit www.wirralinfobank.co.uk for details of shopping and delivery services provided by community groups in their local area. The Infobank has an easy-to-use search facility which shows what help is available, simply by inserting a postcode. The Infobank also has a list of social supermarkets in Wirral.

Residents requiring financial assistance can continue to apply online for www.wirral.gov.uk/benefits-and-money/local-welfare-assistance

Wirral children who normally get free school meals will receive vouchers to cover the cost of food as part of a partnership between the Council and local schools. For more information on this scheme, go to <https://wirralview.com/news/meal-vouchers-wirral-schoolchildren>

If you have enough food for yourself, please do keep donating food at your local Foodbank collection points in your local supermarkets.

**Mass**

Did you know that you can watch Mass over the internet on your laptop, tablet or phone? Simply go the website www.churchservices.tv You can watch Mass live from parishes all over the UK and Ireland. Alternatively, you can visit our Diocesan website to view weekday and Sunday Mass live from Shrewsbury cathedral www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-masses

Free Catholic Newspapers

During this period, many of your usual Catholic newspapers are available to read online, free of charge. Visit www.ChurchPaper.co.uk, The website contains over 600 editions of the country-wide newspapers, including:

- Catholic Pic (Archdiocese of Liverpool)
- UCM News (Union of Catholic Mothers)
- Reach - Catholic Schools Paper

With many more being added weekly. They are free to download and view on your tablet or phone.

Daily Prayer

Our Diocesan website has suggestions for daily Morning and Evening Prayers, as well as a Meditation for the Week and an interesting read about the Saint of the Week. Visit www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News



Visit the parish website
www.rcchp.org.uk



Sign up for the weekly parish newsletter via email
 To join send an email to Victoria Hanlon
contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk



Visit the Holy Family Pensby Facebook page

Church Offertory Giving



A number of parishioners have contacted Father Stephen to ask how they can give their weekly Offertory envelopes or the envelopes for the CAFOD collection whilst the churches are closed.

Obviously, the safety of everyone concerned is our overriding concern and it would not be safe to pass these directly from one person to another or to put them through the presbytery letterbox.

One way would be to simply retain the envelopes until the churches reopen and Mass is once again celebrated in public. However, the 2019/2020 envelopes will soon run out and with the churches closed it is neither practical nor safe to distribute the 2020/2021 boxes of envelopes and we do not yet know when this might be allowed.

There is a possible solution to this conundrum which you may wish to consider; switching to Standing Order payments, either permanently or for the duration of this emergency. Many of your fellow parishioners already make their donations to the Church using this method and they find it very convenient.

If you wish to explore this option please ring Bernard Larkin on 342-5517 and he can explain what is involved.

Stage 6 and final stage of Our Journey Together through Lent



Reflection

Could we spend a little time this week thinking about our Journey over the last 5 weeks.

What have I done on this journey?

Why did I do it?

Who did I meet on the way?

What did I experience?

Jesus said "Whatever you do to the least of my little ones you do to me".

Is there some permanent change possible, even in a small way? Reducing sugar in my diet, reducing my food waste, using my time a little differently



This Sunday brings our Journey to an end. But the work of Cafod goes on. Please do ensure you hand in your Cafod envelope once churches are allowed to reopen.

For prayers for Lent visit
cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Lent-prayers

News from Assam

We have heard from Fr Purty in Dibrugarh. They are experiencing a 'lockdown' like us but so far there have only been a few cases of infection locally. The boys, however, have all been sent back home to their villages as a precaution. Fr Purty and Bishop Albert both promise to pray for us and ask for our prayers in return. The monthly collections are, of course, suspended but will resume as soon as we have the 'all clear'.

Do you have an item for the newsletter?



If you do please send it to Victoria Hanlon at
contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk
 by 4pm on a Thursday afternoon.

