

# 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.**

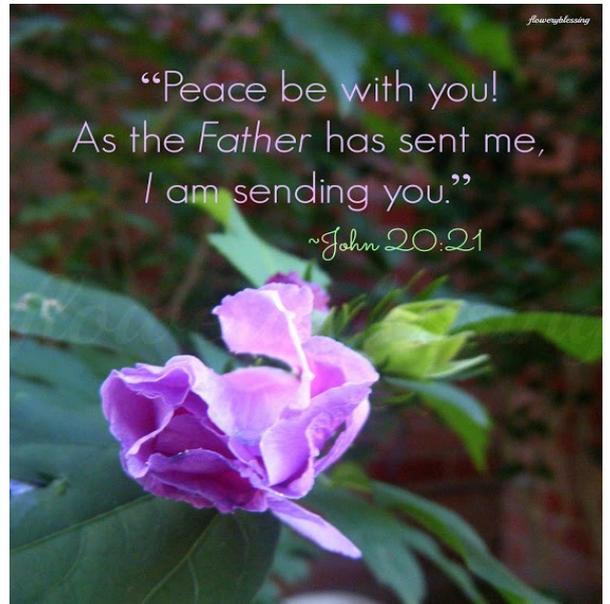
## Parishioners who need our Prayers

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,
- Carol Ross,
- Jillie Huntingford,
- Imelda Atherton,
- Eileen Millard,
- Pauline Pritchard,
- Deacon Philip White,
- Sara Bull,
- Lil Skinner,
- Margaret C. Hiepko,
- William Kerin,
- David Johnston,
- Phil Shaw,
- Theresa Coonan



*Please get in touch if there are any alterations.*



## ✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**Brian Cavanagh**

**Derek McCullough**

**Paul Diable**

who have recently died. May their souls Rest in Peace.

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

## View Mass said by Fr. Stephen



Father Stephen has been recording daily and Sunday Masses from Our Lady and St John. They are available to view on our **new YouTube channel** by 11am that day. It is easy to access. Simply click on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>

## Sunday Readings for Pentecost Sunday

### 1st Reading – Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

The word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34*

**R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

**R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

**R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

## 2nd Reading – Corinthians 12:3 - 7, 12 - 13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

## Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet  
Pleasant coolness in the heat  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew  
On our dryness pour thy dew  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die  
Give us life with thee on high  
Give us joys that never end.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel – John 20:19-23

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. †

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



be with you.  
As the Father has  
sent me,  
so I send you."

## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

As we celebrate the birth of the Church we remind ourselves of our universal mission. At the tower of Babel human beings who tried to raise themselves to God were splintered by different languages. At Pentecost, when God's power descends, there is no longer a confusion of tongues but wonder as people from every nation under heaven hear the disciples in their own languages. One of the most fundamental human divisions is broken down. Through the Holy Spirit our Church will go on to overcome other barriers too.

In today's gospel Jesus appears to the frightened disciples and says twice, "Peace be with you." These disciples who fled in fear at Jesus' arrest are now themselves forgiven and are commissioned to continue his mission from the Father. Though they had abandoned Jesus, he will not abandon them; though they failed Jesus, God's love will not fail them. Jesus breathes on them, saying: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, the disciples are given power to forgive sin and unmask and control the power of evil. In the words of the sequence may the Holy Spirit 'heal our wounds, our strength renew.'



### Ladymount School Foundation Governor Vacancy

A vacancy for a Foundation Governor has arisen and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the role.

Being a Governor is an enjoyable and rewarding role supporting the education of our children.

Governors have key roles in ensuring clarity of vision, holding the school to account, and financial oversight.

Foundation Governors are appointed by Bishop Mark, to represent his and the catholic communities interests, to ensure that the religious character of the school is preserved, and religious education is delivered in accordance with the Bishop's policy.

If you are interested in the role, further information is available from Fr Stephen, or Brian Sharp the current chair of the Governing Board who can be contacted on 07920849388.

### A Prayer and Reflection sent in by one of our parishioners.

*"Come O Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of  
thy Faithful. Enkindle in them the fire of Thy  
Love."*

During this strange period in our lives how are we able to practice our Faith? Loving God and our Neighbour doesn't appear that easy in a lockdown. Yes we can contact each other and offer our help. But how many times is the offer simply reciprocated and not taken up?. If we can afford it, we can send money to deserving causes – but that doesn't take much effort. Now what?

Well we can pray. We can turn to God and ask that he fill us with His Holy Spirit. We can thank Him for the opportunity He has given us to share in and help with His continuing Creation, the purpose of which is by our thoughts, words and deeds to do His will and create His Kingdom here on Earth, as it is in Heaven. If our words and deeds are restricted our thoughts are not. And, as the frustrated poet said 'They also serve who only stand and wait'.

### PARISHIONER OUTREACH

***Do you know of anyone that may need a bit of shopping or a phone call and you are unable to help them yourself?***

Do get in touch, as we have a group of parishioners who are willing to lend a hand. Please contact Victoria Hanlon at [contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk) or telephone Father Stephen at the presbytery and we can organise for someone to help out.

#### Things we can help with:

- Phone call for a chat
- Picking up shopping
- Picking up a prescription
- Walking a dog



**Wirral Community**   
NHS Trust

#### Wirral Health and Care Community NHS Trust Adult Social Care

Adult Social Care is operating an extended service during the current challenging times.

The team are happy to discuss general social care needs and are also offering advice, guidance and support in relation to the current restrictions.

**We are contactable on 0151 514 2222 option 3**

This service is open from 8.50 am until 8 pm everyday. The usual duty service is operating during office hours so maybe busy, but between 5 and 8pm weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday the line is for those needing help in particular if you are in isolation, shielding or providing care to others.

If you would like to discuss support or if you need assistance to access local support please do call the team.

**Saturday, 30th May at 3:30pm**

**PRAY the ROSARY with Pope Francis and the principal Shrines of the World**



This coming, we are invited to join in with Pope Francis, as he prays the Holy Rosary before the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens. We are asked to pray the Holy Rosary in spiritual communion with the principal Shrines of the world, in order to invoke the help of Our Lady in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

***They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with Mary (Acts 1:14)***

**Sunday 31st May - 9am to 9pm  
National Rosary Rally in England, Wales & Scotland**

This Sunday, you are invited to join the **Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally**, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across England, Wales and Scotland.

As parishioners of the Shrewsbury Diocese, we are asked to pray the Rosary at 2pm on Sunday. It does not matter what time during the specified hour that the Rosary is prayed. Then on the hour the next Dioceses take up the Rosary relay Rally and so on until 9pm. At 9pm the Rosary Rally will end with a Rosary being led by Bishop John Keenan from St. Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley.



#### Good News Stories

**Good News** At this time, when the world is full of bad news, it is nice to hear something good that is going on, especially from our own Parish. **Over to you!** Do you have any good news stories that you would like to share, here in the Parish Newsletter? Are you celebrating a special birthday, anniversary? Birth of a child/grandchild? Do let us know and spread the happiness! Send your good news story and a photo (only if you want) to [contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk)

**Let's celebrate the good things in life together.**

## Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News



Visit the parish website  
[www.rcchp.org.uk](http://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](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk)



Visit the Holy Family Pensby Facebook page



Watch Masses said by Father Stephen on our NEW YouTube channel - Our Lady and St John Heswall

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>

### Mass Readers - Help Required

Would you be willing to record yourself reading one of the weekday or Sunday Mass readings for Father Stephen? You can do the readings individually or as a couple/family, giving all parishioners the opportunity to hear familiar voices and help Father during celebration of Mass. If you could, please contact Father at the presbytery 342 6581 or email him [father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk) and let him know. He will run through what needs to be done and how. Thank you.



**Do you know of anyone who is isolated and does not have access to the internet?**

**YES?**

Please send Victoria Hanlon an email at  
[contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk)

Please send details of their postal address and I will send them a paper copy of the weekly newsletter, for them to keep in touch with the Parish.

### \* NEW \* Online giving to the Parish \*

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There are now 2 new Online Donation buttons on the home page of our website; one for Holy Family and one for Our Lady and St John. By clicking either button, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by InvestMyCommunity, for that particular church.



Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

#### Things to note:

- You will need to use a password each time you donate – this is created the first time that you make a donation.
- All donations made by Parishioners are acknowledged by an email from InvestMyCommunity.
- Please also be aware that donations appear on your bank/credit card statements with the narrative "Invest My School".

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with Bernard Larkin 342 5517.

**Thank you for your continued support**



### Children's Sunday Liturgy Page

Parents, please feel free to print off this page for your children to colour and complete!

And don't forget that you can follow our own Children's Liturgy programme on our YouTube channel. A new Children's Liturgy video is posted each week, ready to accompany each Sunday Mass said by Father Stephen. Follow the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>

*Pentecost  
Gospel: John 20:19-23*

