

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



HOORAY!! WE ARE REOPENING BOTH CHURCHES!

Subject to the approval of the Diocesan H&S Officer and the Vicar General, we are aiming to reopen both Holy Family and Our Lady and St John, for private prayer from the week beginning **Monday 29th June 2020**.

What do you mean by '*private prayer*'?

Individuals may come to church to pray. Mass, Confessions and Adoration will still not be available in church. There will be a 15 minute time limit on a person's time in church, to enable as many people as possible, the chance to come and pray.

Can I come with my friend or family?

People from the same family or household may come together and sit next to each other. If you are not from the same household, you must sit separately, observing the 2m social distancing rule. Seats will be allocated by the Stewards.

Can I just turn up at either church?

Yes, but there will be set times and days when either church is open.

You may have to queue outside, as the Diocese has advised that a maximum of 10 people (excluding stewards) are to be allowed in at any one time.

There are a set of rules that have been written to ensure that all visitors are able to pray safely. These can be found further on in this week's newsletter.

When will either church be open?

The opening times are as follows:

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| Mondays | 10am - 11:30am @ OLSJ |
| Wednesdays | 1pm - 2:30pm @ HF |
| Thursdays | 1pm - 2:30pm @ OLSJ |
| Saturdays | 10am - 11:30am @ HF |

Do I need to wear a mask or gloves?

It is entirely up to you! The Diocese have not stipulated that visitors must wear any PPE. Please be reassured that all surfaces (handles, kneelers, seats etc) will be thoroughly cleaned at the beginning and at the end of each 1.5 hour prayer session, with appropriate cleaning materials.

In addition, visitors will not be able to sit in a seat that someone has previously been in, unless it has been cleaned.

Visitors will also be asked to adhere to the 2m social distancing rule whilst in church and there will be a new one-way system set up in both churches.

Visitors will also be asked to clean their hands using the hand sanitizer gel provided, on entering and leaving the church.

Will the Piety Stall be open?

No during this time, until advised otherwise the Piety Stall in both churches will remain closed.

Will I be able to use the toilets whilst in church?

No, unfortunately access to all the facilities (toilets, kitchen etc) will be closed to the public.

Can I light a candle?

A limited number of votive candles will be available to light, using single use matches. Please ensure that if someone is lighting a candle and you need to pass by them, that you maintain the 2m social distancing rule.

We are hoping that over the next couple of months, these rules will be able to be relaxed a little and more people will be able to come to church. We will keep you posted on any changes that we are made aware of. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our Parish COVID Lead, Brian Sharp on 342 8519.

Sunday Readings for The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

1st Reading – Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, “‘Terror from every side!’ Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!’ But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

R. In your great love, answer me, O God.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
That shame covers my face,
That I have become a stranger to my brothers,
An alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
And taunts against you fall on me.

R. In your great love, answer me, O God.

This is my prayer to you,
My prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
With your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
In your compassion, turn towards me.

R. In your great love, answer me, O God.

The poor when they see it will be glad
And God-seeking hearts will revive;
For the Lord listens to the needy
And does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
The sea and all its living creatures.

R. In your great love, answer me, O God.

2nd Reading - Romans 5:12-15

The gift considerably outweighed the fall

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 10:26-33

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. †

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

After castigating the leaders for not obeying God’s word, Jeremiah is scourged and put into the stocks by the Chief of the Temple police. Throughout his long career the prophet Jeremiah criticised the elite who held power for their neglect of the poor and for their reliance on foreign entanglements rather than on God. Jesus instructs the disciples about the conditions and challenges of continuing his mission. Today’s gospel is both sobering and consoling. The disciples will face lethal opposition but should not fear “those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul” because they are under God’s loving care and will have Jesus as their ultimate vindicator.

The Church today is a community of martyrs (witnesses) no less than when Christians were thrown to the lions or beheaded on Tower Hill or hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn or in Chester or Shrewsbury. Today’s lions are powerful figures and institutions that are unmasked by people who imitate the prophets and Jesus. Though most of us are not called literally to give our lives, the modern martyrs’ love of “the least of the brothers and sisters of Jesus” and their concern for truth and justice are mandates for all of us.

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,
Eileen Roberts



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Theresa Coonan

Dan Miller

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

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

Final Hymn for Sunday's Mass

O Sacred Heart

1. O Sacred Heart,
our home lies deep in thee;
on earth Thou art an exile's rest,
in heav'n the glory of the blest,
O Sacred Heart.
2. O Sacred Heart,
thou fount of contrite tears;
where'er those living waters flow,
new life to sinners they bestow,
O Sacred Heart.
3. O Sacred Heart,
our trust is all in thee,
for though earth's night be dark and drear,
thou breathest rest where thou art near,
O Sacred Heart.
4. O Sacred Heart,
when shades of death shall fall,
receive us 'neath thy gentle care,
and save us from the tempter's snare,
O Sacred Heart.
5. O Sacred Heart,
lead exiled children home,
where we may ever rest near thee,
in peace and joy eternally,
O Sacred Heart.

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Church Visiting Rules as of 29th June 2020

The following document will be given to anyone visiting either church to pray, when we reopen the week commencing 29th June 2020. The rules and regulations have been given by the Diocese.

We warmly welcome you to our church. To reduce the risk of spreading infection, please ensure that you take the time to read the following rules, when coming to pray in our church:

- No more than 10 people are allowed inside the church (excluding Stewards) at any one time.
- Each person is allowed a maximum of 15 minutes inside the church.
- Hands should be sanitized on the way in and on the way out of church.
- Please observe the one-way system in place, when entering and exiting the church.
- Votive candles may be lit. Please do not touch the candles, but use a match to light it from an existing candle and then place the used match in the sand bucket for disposal.
- Please note, that any statues or religious paintings etc. should NOT be touched.
- Please sit in the seat number allocated to you.
- When you are ready to leave, please turn over the seat number, so that the Steward knows that it has been used and needs to be cleaned.
- The normal social distancing rules apply at all times, when waiting outside and when inside the church. Please try to stay 2m/6ft away from another person.
- The toilet facilities are not available in church.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. Hopefully these measures will enable our churches to open for prayer to everyone. If these rules are not adhered to, the church will be forced to close its doors once more. Please stay safe.

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



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

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



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR SEAFARERS

Currently when ships arrive in our Ports the crew onboard are not allowed to disembark due to the

COVID-19 situation. In fact they cannot leave the ship at any port of call. So there are items that the crew cannot access and it would be very much appreciated if you could make any of the following donations to make life onboard a little better for them:

- Chocolate, Sweets, Toblerone
- Shower Gel (Men)
- Shower Gel (Women)
- Deodorant (Women) - Roll On Deodorants **Only**
- Deodorant (Men) - Roll On Deodorant **Only**
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Mixed Nuts (not of the salted variety)
- Bananas
- Easy peel satsumas or similar (not oranges)
- Homemade Cakes such as : Fruit Cake, Lemon Drizzle, Ginger, Madeira, Fairy Cakes (**no fresh cream or fresh fruit on any cakes**)

Any of the above can be delivered to Joan Larkin at

14 Speedwell Drive, Barnston CH60 2SZ

There will be a box in the Porch for your donations. Thank you



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.



Good News Stories

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

Let's celebrate the good things in life together.



Children's Sunday Liturgy Page

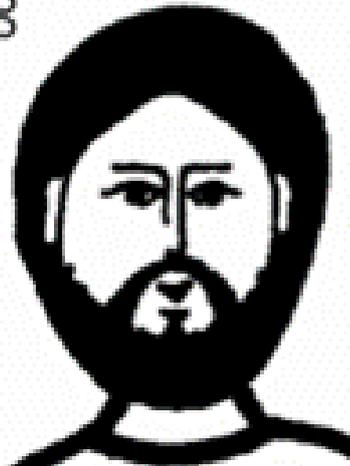
Parents, please feel free to print off this page for your children to colour and complete!

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>



Jesus says:
Do not be
AFRAID ...
GOD is at
your **SIDE.**



HE LOOKS AFTER YOU LIKE A



HE GIVES THEM EVERYTHING THEY NEED.

How does God look after sparrows and other birds? Draw your picture here.