

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

## ☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

### Dan Miller

who has recently died. May his soul rest in peace.

Dan's funeral service will take place at Blacon Crematorium on **Thursday 2 July 2020 at 2pm.**

On **Thursday 2nd July**, Dan's coffin will be driving past Our Lady and St John's church and stopping briefly around **1pm**. This will be an opportunity for friends and fellow parishioners to pay their respects.

They can stand on the grass outside the church or across the road from it. The funeral service itself is limited to 20 people because of COVID restrictions. There will be a Memorial Mass for Dan at a later date.

Please remember to pray for his family at this difficult time.



## HOORAY!!

**WE ARE REOPENING BOTH CHURCHES FROM MONDAY!**

The opening times are as follows:

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

## 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. Hiepkko,  
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 soul of

### Christine McAlister's Mum, Flo

who has recently died. May her soul rest in peace.

Please remember to pray for her family at this difficult time.

## A message to all parishioners from Father Stephen

"I am so deeply grateful to all of you who sent messages of sympathy and condolence to me and my family, following the death of our dear mother Theresa. Your thoughts and prayers and the lovely things you said about Mum have helped us very much in our grief and sense of loss. Mum's Funeral took place as a graveside service in Stockport last Monday. The setting was lovely and the weather was perfect and everything went well considering the current COVID restrictions."

## Sunday Readings for The Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

### 1st Reading – Acts 12:1-11

*Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. ‘Get up!’ he said ‘Hurry!’ – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, ‘Put on your belt and sandals.’ After he had done this, the angel next said, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. ‘Now I know it is all true’ he said. ‘The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.’

The word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33:2-9

**R. The angel of the Lord rescues those who  
rever him.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
His praise always on my lips;  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

**R. The angel of the Lord rescues those who  
rever him.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
From all my terrors he set me free.

**R. The angel of the Lord rescues those who  
rever him.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
Let your faces not be at ashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
And rescued him from all his distress.

**R. The angel of the Lord rescues those who  
rever him.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
Around those who rever him, to rescue them  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

**R. The angel of the Lord rescues those who  
rever him.**

**2nd Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18**

*All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

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**Gospel Acclamation – Matthew 16:18**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel – Matthew 16:13-19**

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.**

*You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*



In today's gospel we have Matthew's version of Peter's famous confession of Jesus. The Church is seen to be built on Peter's confession of faith. Peter is the one who is enabled by God to say who Jesus is. The Gospel acknowledges that not only does Peter confess Jesus, he also denies him. But the important thing is that he can do both and still be a rock. He can use his failure as a source of strength for others. After the resurrection we see that because of his love for Jesus Peter can be chief shepherd to the people of Christ. Peter heads the movement of the early church after Pentecost. Even though there is opposition to some of his ideas, he is acknowledged as the chosen leader and the centre of unity.

Paul was an intellectual as well as a man of action. He personally thought through great questions of faith and communicated the Gospel with passion and intelligence. Paul was a driven man as he shared the exciting news of the Gospel that in his suffering and death Christ had gained freedom for all people. He also dealt with numerous pastoral problems in both his visits and his letters to the Churches.

### Final Hymn for Sunday's Mass - For all the Saints

1. For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their  
might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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*Music: R Vaughan Williams*

*Words: William Walsham How*

**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.***

**Pope Francis' Prayer For Protection**

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

**NHS 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.

**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 (Ctrl + click to follow link)

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

Or copy and paste it into your internet browser search bar.

You don't need to sign up to anything, just select the Mass you want to view and press play. Make sure your volume is on and not muted!

The readings and gospel for the Sunday Mass are in this newsletter for you to follow along. However, if you would also like to read the readings, gospel and responses for the weekday Masses, click on the following link for the weekday Mass sheets.

<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Week-10-Year-II-2020.pdf>

The mass sheets have been kindly provided by the Coventry Catholic Deanery and can also be printed off, as they are a PDF document.



Mass for Thursday of Third Week of Easter

## 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>



### 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](mailto: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>

## We remember 29 June 2 SPECIAL FRIENDS OF JESUS



**St Peter**



**St Paul**

Fill in the missing letters to complete the following sentences.

- St Peter was a f \_ s \_ e \_ m \_ n. Jesus chose him as an a \_ o \_ t \_ e.
- St Paul became a C \_ r \_ s \_ i \_ n on his way to Damascus. He t \_ a \_ e \_ l \_ d a lot to preach about J \_ s \_ s.
- We c \_ l \_ b \_ a \_ e the feast of St Peter and St Paul every year on the \_\_\_\_th of J \_ n \_.