

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 souls of

**Mary Redmond,
Stephanie Orr &
Margaret Cecilia Hiepko**

who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

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

IMPORTANT: Although Funeral Masses are now being held in church again, please do check with the family of the deceased before attending a funeral, as funerals are limited to 30 people.

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,

William Kerin,

David Johnston,

Phil Shaw,

Eileen Roberts,

David Fagan

Please get in touch if there are any alterations.



Great news, we are happy to announce that we are now able to start with the weekday Masses once again. These will be in place of the Private Prayer sessions.

**** NEW ****

**** MASS TIMES ****

Weekday Masses

Mondays	10am	@ OLSJ
Wednesdays	12 noon	@ Holy Family
Thursdays	12 noon	@ OLSJ
Saturdays	10am	@ Holy Family

Sunday Masses

There will be two Masses at the weekend as follows:

Sunday	9:30 am	@ Holy Family
Sunday	11:15 am	@ OLSJ

Remember to wear a mask to Mass!



Sunday Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading – Isaiah 55:1-3

Come and eat

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
You grant our desires.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
Slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
Compassionate to all his creatures.

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
You grant our desires.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
And you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
Grant the desires of all who live.

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
You grant our desires.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
And loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
Call on him from their hearts.

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
You grant our desires.**

2nd Reading - Romans 8:35, 37-39

*No created thing can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Did You Know?

You can view the wording of the
hymn when you are watching
the Sunday Mass on YouTube?
Simple enable the caption
"English (United Kingdom)" to
view the wording.

Gospel Acclamation – Luke 19:38,2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 14:13-21

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.



The feeding of the five thousand

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them

something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Matthew today shows Jesus is the Messiah in word and in deed. After expounding Jesus' teaching in parables, the gospels for the following three Sundays portray the powerful works or miracles of Jesus. The first of these is the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. Unlike other miracles where a request precedes the miracle, Jesus' action arises from his compassion for suffering people.

The disciples wonder how they will provide food for the people. This suggests Matthew's theme of 'little faith' which is strengthened by Jesus. By explicitly stating that evening had come and by omitting the distribution of fish found in other gospel accounts, Matthew heightens the connection with the Eucharist.

Today's readings give us a lot to reflect on: God is the one who summons the thirsty and hungry that they may have life (first reading). Jesus provides food out of compassion for suffering people – a mandate for the Church in a world of staggering hunger. The 'lonely place' evokes memories of the manna given to a pilgrim people in their wanderings in the wilderness and anticipates the Eucharist as nourishment for a pilgrim Church. The abundance of food is also a symbol of that messianic banquet when death and hunger will no longer stalk our lives.

Mass Intentions for the Week Commencing Sunday 2nd August 2020

Sun 2nd August	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Mass at Holy Family - People of the Parish
		11:15 am	Mass at OLSJ - Dan Miller R.I.P.
Mon 3rd August	St Oswald	10:00 am	Mass at OLSJ - Ernest Pocock R.I.P.
Tues 4th August	St John Vianney	YouTube	Mass Online - Donal Lavery R.I.P.
		12:30 pm	Mary Redmond Funeral Service at Holy Family
Wed 5th August	Ferial	12 noon	Mass at Holy Family - Darragh McDonagh
Thurs 6th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord	12 noon	Mass at OLSJ - John Cranshaw R.I.P.
Fri 7th August	Ferial	10:30 am	Stephanie Orr Funeral Mass at Holy Family
Sat 8th August	St Dominic	10:00 am	Mass at Holy Family - Theresa Coonan & Family
Sun 9th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Mass at Holy Family - PeopJoe & Margaret Hall
		11:15 am	Mass at OLSJ - People of the Parish

Guidance on visiting church for Sunday Mass

We warmly welcome you to our church for the celebration of Mass.

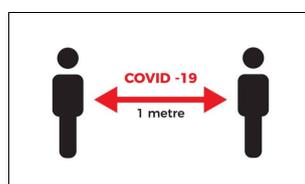
In order to provide capacity for as many people as possible we are using the 1m+ social distancing rules, even so the numbers we can accommodate are very limited and seats will be allocated initially on a first come basis.

Individuals who are currently shielding should continue to follow the government's advice on shielding. Please note that the Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended until further notice.

To reduce the risk of spreading infection, please ensure that you take the time to read the following rules,

- You are expected to wear a face covering in church.
- Hands should be sanitized on the way in and on the way out of church.
- Please observe the directions given by stewards when entering and exiting the church.
- Please ensure that you maintain the 1 metre distance from the next person in the row.
 - 2 empty seats at Holy Family
 - 1 Metre at Our Lady and St John – a ruler has been placed in each bench
 - Couples and those in social bubbles / families can be seated together.
- Please **do not** kneel during Mass – this is to maintain the distance from the person in front of you.
- Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, and the congregation will leave the church immediately after receiving communion, stewards will guide this.
- The normal social distancing rules apply when waiting outside the church. Please try to stay 2m away from another person.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. Hopefully these measures will enable our churches to open successfully for Mass. We will learn from the first sessions and make changes as needed. Please stay safe.



Young Vincentians Summer Challenges



Calling all young people! Over the next 6 weeks, you are invited to engage in our "Seeds of Hope" challenge and our "Summer Reading Challenge" for older young adults. Please visit our websites for more information.

Please find the links below:

- **Mini Vinnies:** www.svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies
- **Youth SVP:** www.svp.org.uk/youth-svp
- **B-Attitudes:** www.svp.org.uk/b-attitude

and look out for posts relating to these appearing on our social media channels too:

- **Twitter:** @SVPEnglandWales
- **Facebook:** @SVPEnglandandWales
- **Instagram:** @SVPEnglandWales



Weekly Mass Offerings Envelopes Our Lady and St John

As public Masses have now recommenced your box of envelopes is available for collection.

If you are attending 11.15 Mass on Sunday you may collect your envelopes when the service is over. Please leave the church by the main doors, as instructed, and walk around the outside of church to the main Meeting Room door. Your box will be on one of the tables inside.

If you are not yet able to return to Mass please contact Bernard Larkin by e-mail on bernard.larkin@btinternet.com or by telephone 07814374963 to make arrangements to receive your envelopes.

The Meeting Room will not be open at any other time.



Weekly Mass Offerings Envelopes Holy Family

Now that the church has re-opened several people have asked about using the envelopes.

This year's envelopes are on a table at the back of church. If you are able to attend mass or visit the church then please collect your box. You can use the envelopes to include several weeks offerings if that is more convenient for you. Please contact Fred Taylor 342-5922 if there are any questions about this.



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.**

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.

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 and our Children's Liturgy videos on our YouTube channel - Our Lady and St John Heswall

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

News from Fr. Andreas in Assam

Hello!

How is the situation there? Here we are locked down since 3 months. Still situation has not improved as expected. Added to that, we are hit badly by flood now. We pray that God give us strength to fight against such odds of life. Recently, one of our Priests died of cancer. Despite of all these, life is moving on; workers in the tea estates are working hard to meet their both ends; likewise, farmers in the field are busy planting paddy so that they may have something for the future. Though schools are closed, classes are going online. Except Corona virus, there seems to be no other sickness. Even if there is one, nobody wants to visit a hospital. Vaccines are yet to be finalized. It looks it will be so till the end of this year.

Let us hope and pray for each other.

Love and regards

Fr. Andreas
 Assam, India

View Mass said by Fr. Stephen

Although both our parish churches are opening again for Sunday and Weekday Masses, Father Stephen will still be recording some daily and Sunday Masses for those parishioners who are unable to attend Mass in person.

The daily and Sunday Masses can be viewed by clicking on this link (Ctrl + click to follow link)

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

Which will take you to our YouTube channel. You will be able to view previous Masses and also previous Children Liturgy videos that have been recorded.

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>

Father Stephen would like to remind everyone that the Bishop has continued to suspend the Sunday Mass Obligation. You should only attend Mass if it is safe for you to do so.



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

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.

Children's Sunday Liturgy Page

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



- Jesus
- Boat
- Crowds
- Sick
- Disciples
- Villages
- Food
- Loaves
- Fish
- Grass
- Heaven
- Blessing
- Baskets


Find the hidden words

