

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



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:

- **URGENT - Socks!**
- Chocolate, Sweets, Toblerone
- Homemade Cakes such as : Fruit Cake, Lemon Drizzle, Ginger, Madeira, Fairy Cakes (**no fresh cream or fresh fruit on any cakes**)
- 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)

**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.**



**Our two parish churches are
open for Private Prayer 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 souls of

Christine McAlister's Mum, Flo

&

Peter Kieran

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

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

Sunday Readings for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading – Zechariah 9:9-10

See now, your king comes humbly to you.

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;

he is victorious, he is triumphant,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim

and horses from Jerusalem;

the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

I will give you glory, O God my King,

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day

And praise your name for ever.

R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

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. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
And your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
And declare your might, O God.

R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
And loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
And raises all who are bowed down.

R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

2nd Reading - Romans 8:9,11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation – Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 11:25 - 30

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 have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.

Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Jesus is the one who reveals the very nature of God. He summons people to take up his yoke and learn from his wisdom. He reveals himself to mere children, the “little ones,” people who are blessed: the poor in spirit, the humble. “In so far as you did this to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.”

These little ones are those who labour and are overburdened, those who suffer under the burdens of religious obligations imposed by those who “tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders” while neglecting justice, mercy and good faith. These “little ones” are also those whose faith, when tested or fragile is sustained by God. They are those who not only receive God’s revelation but who embody its deepest meaning for others.

We must learn from the experience not only of Jesus, who was meek and humble of heart but also from those who cast their burdens on him, those, for example, who come to our land, fleeing persecution or seeking a decent life for their loved ones. We should never forget to listen to the voices of the little ones who carry God’s presence.

Final Hymn for Sunday’s Mass

All ye who seek a comfort sure

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| <p>1. All ye who seek a comfort sure
In trouble and distress
Whatever sorrow vex the mind
Or guilt the soul oppress</p> | <p>4. Jesus thou joy of saints on high
Thou hope of sinners here
Attracted by those loving words
To Thee I lift my prayer</p> |
| <p>2. Jesus who gave Himself for you
Upon the cross to die
Opens to you His sacred heart
Oh to that heart draw nigh</p> | <p>5. Wash Thou my wounds in that dear blood
Which forth from Thee doth flow
new grace, new hope inspire, a new
and better heart bestow.</p> |
| <p>3. Ye hear how kindly He invites
Ye hear His words so blest
'All ye that labour come to me
And I will give you rest'</p> | |

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

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

Children's Liturgy Update

Our Children's Liturgy videos will be finishing on **Sunday 12th July** for the summer holiday break. If there is anyone (children or grown ups!) who have made something from the activities in the videos, it would lovely to see a photograph, you can send them to: laurajones2503@gmail.com

It would be nice to include these photographs in the final video, so they need to be sent by **Friday 10th July**.



Children's Liturgy - The Holy Trinity

111 views · 3 weeks ago
 YouTube · Our Lady & St John

Just to remind you that our weekly Children's Liturgy Videos to accompany Sunday Mass, can be viewed on our You Tube channel, along with the daily Masses. Go to:

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



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.



Parishioner Recommendation

Parishioner, Stephen Burke, is recommending that parishioners might like to take part in an online international conference entitled **"I THIRST"** and is brought to you by **Peregrinos del Amor - Pilgrims of Love**

It can be viewed via YouTube this weekend, **4th & 5th July**.

www.youtube.com/peregrinosdelamor



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>

Use the following key to find out what Jesus says in today's Gospel.

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Draw a picture of something good that leads you to Jesus.

