

# 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

**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.



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

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**Dan Miller**



### Thank You From The Family

All Dan's family would like to thank everybody who have arranged Masses, sent cards, floral tributes and letters. We would also like to say how greatly we appreciated the gathering outside Our Lady & St. John to pay their respects as the cortege passed. Dan would have been very touched

### 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.*

## Sunday Readings for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 1st Reading – Isaiah 55:10-11

*The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty*

Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’.

The word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 64(65):10-14

**R. Some seed fell into rich soil,  
and produced its crop.**

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain.

**R. Some seed fell into rich soil,  
and produced its crop.**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth.

**R. Some seed fell into rich soil,  
and produced its crop.**

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in pastures of the wilderness it flows.

**R. Some seed fell into rich soil,  
and produced its crop.**

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

**R. Some seed fell into rich soil,  
and produced its crop.**

### 2nd Reading - Romans 8:18-23

*The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal  
his sons*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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**Gospel Acclamation – 1S3:9,Jn6:68****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!****Gospel – Matthew 11:1-23**

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.***A sower went out to sow*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, ‘Why do you talk to them in parables?’ ‘Because’ he replied, ‘the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*



In the parable of the sower (really the different sowings) the seed is sown by being thrown on the ground, “broadcast” and then ploughed under. Not surprisingly three quarters of the seed that lands on a footpath, on rocky ground and among thorns produces no grain. The surprise of the parable is that a quarter of the seed produces truly remarkable results, even to a hundredfold, more than making up for the loss. Jesus wants his followers to know that God’s kingdom is that way: extraordinary results from seeming failure.

Building on the image from Isaiah of the word of God as rain that nurtures a fruitful seed, Matthew wrestles with the failure of the word. In an extremely enigmatic set of sayings, Jesus quotes Isaiah to show that this failure is not due to God’s word but arises from unwillingness to listen and be converted. The interpretation of the sower allegorises the original parable of Jesus to describe ways in which followers of Jesus can fail by superficial acceptance of Jesus’ teaching, by fear of persecution and by the lure of riches. Yet the allegory equally assures Jesus’ followers that the rich soil of hearing and understanding will produce astonishing results.

### Final Hymn for Sunday's Mass

#### Eternal Father Strong to Save

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| 1. Eternal Father strong to save,<br>Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,<br>Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep<br>Its own appointed limits keep;<br>O hear us when we cry to thee<br>For those in peril on the sea | 4. O Trinity of love and pow'r,<br>Our brethren shield in danger's hour.<br>From rock and tempest fire and foe,<br>Protect them whereso'er they go,<br>And ever let there rise to thee<br>Glad hymns of praise from land and sea. |
| 2. Saviour whose almighty word<br>The winds and waves submissive heard,<br>Who walkedst on the foaming deep<br>And calm amid its rage didst sleep:<br>O hear us when we cry to thee<br>For those in peril on the sea | John Bacchus Dykes   William Whiting ©<br>Words: Public Domain<br>Music: Public Domain  |
| 3. O sacred Spirit, who didst brood<br>Upon the waters dark and rude,<br>And bid their angry tumult cease,<br>And give for wild confusion peace:<br>O hear us when we cry to thee<br>For those in peril on the sea   |   |

**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.***

## Sea Sunday - Sunday 12th July 2020

Let us join together with all the churches around the world to celebrate Sea Sunday. Let us remember all the seafarers in our prayers and give thanks for all the crucial work they do in the fight against COVID-19. They're not just keeping our supermarket shelves stocked through the crisis, but they're also transporting PPE and vital medical equipment to keep the world safe. The sacrifices they're making are greater than ever; with global travel restrictions in force, many seafarers are faced with the anxious reality of being stranded thousands of miles from home when their contract ends, not knowing when or how they will be able to return to their loved ones.

### 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.**



### SPUC's campaign to expose the human cost of DIY chemical abortions

On 30 March 2020, The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care approved two temporary measures to allow women to self-administer medical (chemical) abortions at home, without meeting with a medical professional in person.

DIY abortions put women at greater risk of physical and psychological dangers as well as facilitating coercion from abusive men. Abortion drugs could be obtained under false pretences. DIY abortions will lead to greater loss of unborn human life.

**The DIY abortion regime must be withdrawn immediately.** Visit the SPUC website [www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Tell-the-Truth-DIY-Abortion](http://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Tell-the-Truth-DIY-Abortion) to write to your MP.



### 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.



### Golden Wedding Anniversaries



Peter and Sue Rathe (June) and Martin and Rosemary Greaney (July) are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversaries this year.

**Congratulations to both couples**

## 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



**YouTube** 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:laurajones2503@gmail.com)

It would be nice to include these photographs in the final video, so they need to be sent by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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>



### Sunday Mass in Church - Help Needed!

No sooner have we embarked on the opening of churches for private prayer, we are now planning for the celebration of Mass on Sundays.

We are currently finalising the risk assessments and seating plans for both churches with a view to starting Mass towards the end of July.

It is likely that we will only have one mass in each church initially, and maybe grow the number of Masses as things develop.

Mass will need stewards even more than for the private prayer sessions. We would like to have four stewards per Mass, so that we can keep control of the door, ensure we seat everyone safely, and that everyone leaves in an orderly socially distanced manner. In addition we would need to clean the church in the same way as for private prayer.

If you think that you would be able to help steward or clean either churches to enable Sunday Masses to commence, please contact our Covid-19 Coordinator, **Brian Sharp** on **0792 084 9388**.

Without sufficient support, we will be unable to safely open our doors for Sunday Mass, please do help if you can.



### 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.

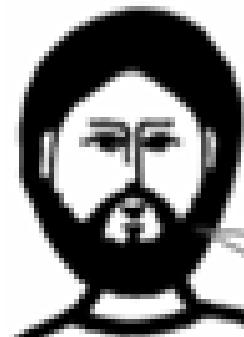
If you are interested in the role, further information is available from **Fr. Stephen**, or **Brian Sharp** the current chair of the Governing Board who can be contacted on **0792 084 9388**.



### Children's Sunday Liturgy Page

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

# JESUS TELLS THE STORY OF A SOWER



A man went out to his field sowing seeds ...

Complete the sentences by changing the pictures into words.

- Some seeds fell on the path and  b \_\_\_\_\_ ate them.
- Some fell among  r \_\_\_\_\_.
- Some fell among  t \_\_\_\_\_.
- Some fell on good  s \_\_\_\_\_ and produced good crop.

We are like the good soil when we listen to God's word. Draw a picture of yourself doing something good.