

# 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

**Joan Fletcher**

**&**

**Pat Miserotti**

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

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

## ☞ Special Thanks ☞

Father Stephen and the parishioners of Our Lady and St John would like to offer a prayer of thanks to Pat Miserotti for all she did for the children and young people of the Parish, including preparing them for First Communion and Confirmation for many years. She will be greatly missed.

May she rest in peace.

## 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,

Stephanie Orr

*Please get in touch if there are any alterations.*



## Sunday Mass will recommence from this Sunday 19th July 2020

There will be two Masses at the weekend as follows:

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

## Our two parish churches remain open during the week for Private Prayer as follows:

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

## Sunday Readings for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 1st Reading – Wisdom 12:13,16-19

*You will grant repentance after sin*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

**R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
Full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
And attend to the sound of my voice.

**R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

All the nations shall come to adore you.  
And glorify your name, O Lord:  
For you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
You who alone are God.

**R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
Slow to anger, O Lord,  
Abounding in love and truth,  
Turn and take pity on me.

**R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

### 2nd Reading - Romans 8:26-27

*The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**



### Readers for Sunday Mass

As you will know, from this Sunday we are beginning to open up our churches for Sunday Mass. If you would like to be a reader at either Sunday Mass (9:30am at HF or 11:15am at OLSJ) please contact Father Stephen. Any current Reader Rotas in place, are suspended until further notice.

Also, if you would like to read for one of the recorded weekday Masses, again, please contact Father Stephen.

## Gospel Acclamation – Ep1:17,18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel – Matthew 13:24-43

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.**



*Let them both grow till the harvest*

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”

He put another parable before them: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*



Jesus again compares God's kingdom to the work of a sower, who sows good seed, expecting a fine harvest. But an enemy comes and sows darnel (a wheat-like weed) among the wheat. The farm workers quite naturally urge the landowner to root out the weeds immediately. Surprisingly, since in the earlier parable the weeds choke the growth, the man tells the workers to let them both grow together, because you might pull up the wheat with the weeds. There will be time enough at the harvest to be sure of the difference. Matthew's allegorical application of this parable to his community clearly identifies the wheat with the righteous and the weeds with evildoers and with those who cause others to sin.

Despite the desire of the disciples to know right now who are the good and who are the evildoers, Jesus says, "Just wait!" The Christian community as it moves through history is composed of good and bad people but cannot always be sure who is who. Precipitous separation may destroy the good (the wheat) while trying to uproot the weeds. A priest told me when I was a little boy, "Stephen, God is at times a really unpredictable fellow."

## Final Hymn for Sunday's Mass

### The Lord's my Shepherd

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

#### 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.

## Guidance on visiting church for Sunday Mass

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

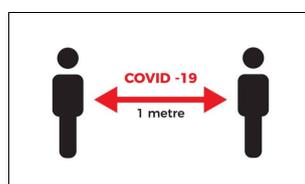
In order to provide capacity for as many people as possible we are using the 1m+ social distancing rules, even so the numbers we can accommodate are very limited and seats will be allocated initially on a first come basis.

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.***





### 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)



### 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.



### View Mass said by Fr. Stephen

Although both our parish churches are opening this Sunday for Sunday Mass, Father Stephen will still be recording 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>

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

**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.**

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

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

## Online giving to the Parish

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There are now 2 new Online Donation buttons on the home page of our website; one for Holy Family and one for Our Lady and St John. By clicking either button, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by InvestMyCommunity, for that particular church.



Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

### Things to note:

- You will need to use a password each time you donate – this is created the first time that you make a donation.
- All donations made by Parishioners are acknowledged by an email from InvestMyCommunity.
- Please also be aware that donations appear on your bank/credit card statements with the narrative "Invest My School".

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with Bernard Larkin 342 5517.

**Thank you for your continued support**



## 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.



# JESUS TELLS THE STORY OF the GOOD BAD SEED

There are **GOOD** people and **BAD** ones living together in the world.  
In the spaces below draw something good and something bad that sometimes people do:

GOOD

BAD

Complete the following prayer.



*Dear Jesus*

*Help me to be always good.*

*Help me to* \_\_\_\_\_

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