

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

&

Mary Redmond

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

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

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 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!

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

If you have been considering coming to Church on the days it is open for Private Prayer, but have been worried about having to queue to get in, rest assured that over the past couple of weeks we have been able to accommodate everyone without the need for queuing. Time slots are restricted to 15 minutes if we are busy, but mostly people have been able to stay as long as they like.



Sunday Readings for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading – 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

R. Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
Is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
Than silver and gold.

R. Lord, how I love your law!

Let your love be ready to console me
By your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live,
For your law is my delight.

R. Lord, how I love your law!

That is why I love your commands
More than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

R. Lord, how I love your law!

Your will is wonderful indeed;
Therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
And teaches the simple.

2nd Reading - Romans 8:28-30

Those he called, he justified

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 – John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 15:44-52

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.

He sells everything he owns and buys the field



Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.



‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.



‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen



The kingdom of heaven, or God's way of reigning, is first compared to the joy of unexpected discovery of a treasure in a field, causing the person to sell everything and buy the field. The main point of the parable is not simply the decision to sell everything to gain the treasure but the joy of discovery. The treasure of God's forgiveness, when found in the proclamation of the Gospel by Jesus, releases hearers to respond without counting the cost.

In the second parable of finding a purposeful merchant has been looking perhaps all his life for a precious pearl and when he comes across it, he sells all to buy it. Though the joy of finding is presumed, the stress here is on the long and successful search. These two parables mirror people's experience of discovering God's love and forgiveness, perhaps unexpectedly, perhaps after a long search.

The third illustration of the net hauling in good and bad fish is really an allegory of the final judgment and corresponds to last week's gospel and the interpretation of the dandel (weeds) and the wheat. Don't rush headlong into separating the good from the evil because you may damage the development of the good too.

Mass Intentions for the Week Commencing Sunday 26th July 2020

Sun 26th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Mass at Holy Family - People of the Parish
		11:15 am	Mass at OLSJ - Pat Miserotti R.I.P.
Mon 27th July	Ferial	YouTube	John Stewart R.I.P.
Tues 28th July	Ferial	YouTube	Kathleen Grehan's Intentions
Wed 29th July	St Martha	YouTube	Audrey Hopkins R.I.P.
Thurs 30th July	Ferial	YouTube	Pat Miserotti R.I.P.
Fri 31st July	St Ignatius Loyola	You Tube	Fr. John Quinn R.I.P.
Sat 1st August	St Alphonsus Liguori	YouTube	Theresa Coonan R.I.P.
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 - Pat Miserotti R.I.P.

Guidance on visiting church for Sunday Mass

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

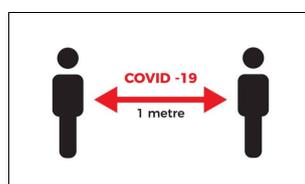
In order to provide capacity for as many people as possible we are using the 1m+ social distancing rules, even so the numbers we can accommodate are very limited and seats will be allocated initially on a first come basis.

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



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 also be a box in the porch at OLSJ 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>

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



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



Weekly Mass Offerings Envelopes Holy Family Only

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.

Parishioners of Our Lady and St John...instructions will be given next week!



CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN CHESHIRE

Churches Together in Cheshire

Vacancy for an ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Prompted by the impending retirement of the existing post-holder, Churches Together in Cheshire (Registered Charity No: 1115015), seeks to make an interim appointment to the above position: This position for 15 hours a week, is to facilitate and support the churches of Cheshire in their relationships with one another and their wider mission in the world, by encouraging and developing the principles and practicalities of Christian unity throughout the county.

It is hoped for an early appointment. The salary is £8,025 p.a. The post is for a period of up to two years, whilst a process of review and re-visioning is conducted. Completed applications are required for **31st July**. It is hoped to interview by the end of August.

For full details of this post and an application form, either printed or electronic, please contact Andrew Taylor on 01270 780529 or by e-mail at:

ceo.ctic@gmail.com

