

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

**Margaret Cecilia Hiepko
&
David Fagan**

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.

Pat Miserotti

Pat's sister, Maria (Holt) would like to thank all the many parishioners of Our Lady & St John and Holy Family who sent her cards, Masses and letters. They were a great comfort and meant a lot to her and the family.

Mass Times & Dates

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!



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



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

Sunday Readings for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading – 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 84(85):9-14

**R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

**R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

**R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

**R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

2nd Reading - Romans 9:1-5

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my
brothers*

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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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 14:22-33**

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.*Jesus walks on the water*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

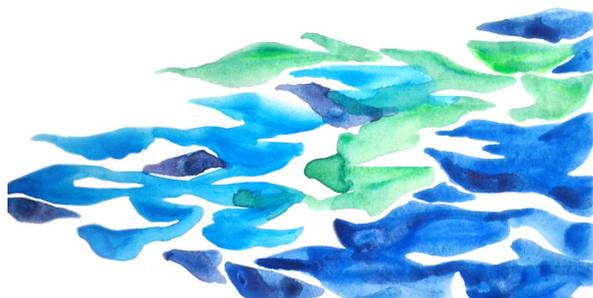
The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

BUT IMMEDIATELY JESUS SPOKE TO THEM SAYING
TAKE COURAGE.
 IT IS I: **DO NOT BE AFRAID** MATTHEW 14:27



Jesus appears to the storm-tossed disciples saying, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." But with typical bravado, Peter tests Jesus, saying, "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water." Getting out of the boat Peter takes fright, almost immediately sinks, and cries out, "Lord! Save me!" Jesus puts out his hand and holds him and rebukes him for his little faith, which then evokes the confession, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Though Catholics naturally think of Peter as the first Bishop of Rome and the Pope as the successor of Peter, In Matthew Peter is a model for *all* of Christ's followers. He is called by Christ but suffers from uncertainty and doubt throughout his life, only to fail and deny Jesus during the Passion. Yet at each stage he is rescued or strengthened by Jesus, and, is one of the disciples to whom the risen Christ appears. Far from being a symbol of certainty and unyielding fidelity, Peter is in Matthew a symbol for a pilgrim church that often misunderstands Jesus, struggles with doubt, often with 'little faith,' and even abandons Jesus in time of trial. Yet Jesus appears with the words, "Do not be afraid!"

Mass Intentions for the Week Commencing Sunday 9th August 2020

Sun 9th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Joe & Margaret Hall
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - In Thanksgiving
Mon 10th August	St Laurence	10:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Special Intention Great Nephew Shane
Tues 11th August	St Clare	9:00 am	YouTube	Mass Online - Veronica Flattery
Wed 12th August	St Jane Frances de Chantal	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Philomena Alston
Thurs 13th August	Ferial	12 noon	OLSJ	Funeral Mass - Margaret Cecilia Hiepko
Fri 14th August	St Maximilian	9:00 am	YouTube	Mass Online - VeroHayley Roberts R.I.P.
Sat 15th August	Ferial	10:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Peggy Harry R.I.P.
Sun 16th August	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Sam Wilson
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Josphine Burbridge

Guidance on visiting church for Sunday Mass

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

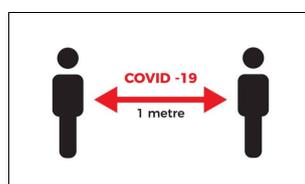
In order to provide capacity for as many people as possible we are using the 1m+ social distancing rules, even so the numbers we can accommodate are very limited and seats will be allocated initially on a first come basis.

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.





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.



Mary Magdalene Sign of The Times

8th & 9th August from 2pm

You are ALL INVITED, to join us next weekend! 8th and 9th August 2020 for our International Virtual Conference: **Mary Magdalene, Sign of the Times** STREAMING LIVE ON www.youtube.com/peregrinosdelamor from 15:00 until 20:30 UK/IRELAND TIME (GMT+1).

We'll be united with the LEGIONARIES OF CHRIST from MAGDALA, ISRAEL where mass is going to be celebrated LIVE FROM AT 14:00. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

The masses will be streamed on Magdala's Official Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ExperienceMagdala> at 14:00 each day of the conference.

After mass, at 15:00 please tune in to our PILGRIMS OF LOVE CHANNEL FOR THE CONFERENCE:

Link for Saturday's conference at 15:00 RIGHT AFTER MASS: <https://youtu.be/bl1c83wEquo>

Link for Sunday's conference at 15:00 RIGHT AFTER MASS: <https://youtu.be/UqMrHjT7aE4>

If you would like any more information you can contact us at: contacto@marinorestrepo.com or visit <http://www.marinorestrepo.com/conference.html> or contact Steve Burke steveburker@live.co.uk

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>



As we continue through this global
 pandemic the Missionaries are still
 committed to care for vulnerable
 communities within our society.

They desperately need funds and as we are unable
 to collect/empty red boxes they have offered
 alternative ways to donate. Please consider
 donating via one of the options below.

- 1) Send a cheque to Payable to Missio-Mill Hill and
 post to **Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London,
 SW1V 1NU**
- 2) Give via text. Text **REDBOX 5** (to donate £5) or
REDBOX 10 (to donate £10) to 70085.
- 3) By Phone. Call during office hours to **020 7821
 9755** to donate with your credit or debit card.
- 4) Bank Transfer. **Account Name: Missio. Sort
 code 16-00-16. Account Number 10824230.**
 Reference RB plus your postcode.

Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers
 overseas and all missionaries who share God's love
 - they tell us the love and strength they receive
 from us keeps them going.

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!

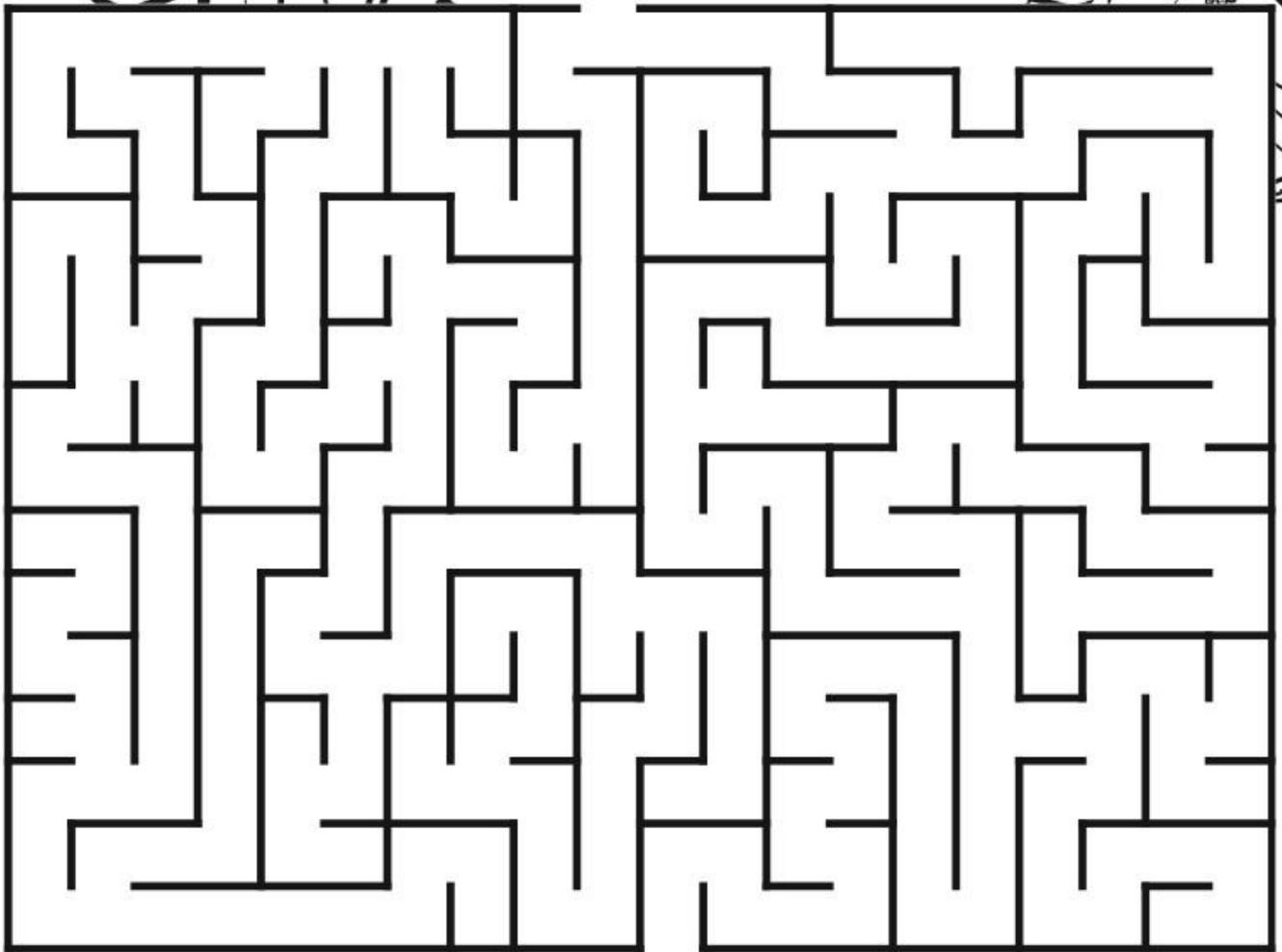


JESUS WALKS ON WATER

Lead Peter across the water to Jesus.



START



FINISH

