

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



Redecorating At Holy Family Church

Please note that Holy Family Church will be undergoing redecoration (internal and external) for two weeks from the week commencing **19th October**.

The only two Masses that will be affected by this are the two Wednesday Masses on 21st October and 28th October. These Masses will instead be held at OLSJ at the usual time of 9:30am. As work is not being carried out at the weekend, the Saturday 12 noon Mass and the Sunday 9:30am Mass will **NOT** be affected.

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,

Irene Fitzpatrick,

Frances Ford,

Maureen Jones,

Paul Baker

Please get in touch if there are any alterations.



Mass Times

Weekday Masses (for the next two weeks only)

Mondays	9:30 am	@ OLSJ
Tuesdays	YouTube	
Wednesdays	9:30 am	@ OLSJ
Thursdays	9:30 am	@ OLSJ
Fridays	YouTube	
Saturdays	12 noon	@ 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!





Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

The setting of today's gospel is a trap laid for Jesus by opponents. The precise issue is paying taxes. Taxes were an incendiary issue during the lifetime of Jesus. The Roman Empire imposed a head tax on the population of

Judea and Samaria, and conducted a census to enforce it. In Jesus' youth Judas the Galilean led a revolt against the census, which was ruthlessly suppressed by the Romans. The Pharisees, who resented the Roman occupation of the pure land of Israel, were against the tax, while the Herodians supported it. They are setting a trap for Jesus. He is faced with being a collaborator or fomenting insurrection.

With the wisdom of Solomon, Jesus traps the trappers. He asks for a coin which they give him. The coin will have carried an image of the infamous Tiberius Caesar. The questioners are discredited because they have carried the image of a Pagan Emperor into the sacred precincts of the Temple. "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," embodies Jesus rejection of violence as a way of dealing with oppressive situations and his command to love God and to see his image in our neighbour.

Mass Intentions for the Week Commencing Sunday 18th October 2020

Sun 18th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Michael Geoghegan R.I.P.
	World Mission Sunday	11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Bryn Owen Anniversary
Mon 19th October	St Peter Alcantara	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Tom Lacey Anniversary
Tues 20th October	Ferial		YouTube	Mass Online - Teresa Coonan R.I.P.
Wed 21st October	Ferial	9:30 am	* OLSJ *	Mass - Patrick & Joan Ferris R.I.P.
Thurs 22nd October	St John Paul II	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Bernard Harrison (ill)
Fri 23rd October	St John of Capestrano		YouTube	Mass Online - William Bremner R.I.P.
Sat 24th October	BVM on Saturday	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Michael Elamchard R.I.P.
Sun 25th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr & Mrs E. P. Barsby R.I.P. & Family
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Pat Miserotti R.I.P.



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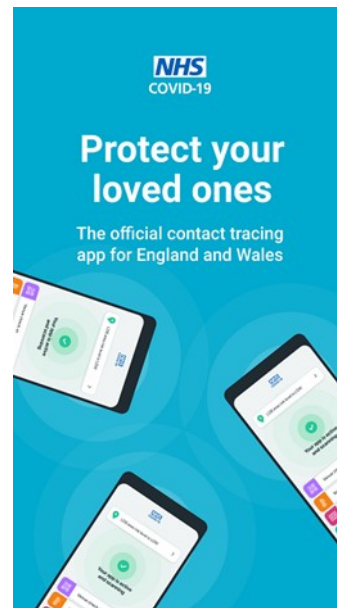
In line with the latest government guidelines, we are now asking anyone coming to church for Mass to sign in when they arrive. We are required by law to keep details (name and contact telephone number) of everyone that comes to Mass.

How will it work?

A steward will welcome you as you come into church and ask you for your name (first or last and a contact telephone number). If there are more than one of you from one household attending, we only need the details of one member of the household. Rest assured that this sheet of parishioners' details will be kept for 3 weeks in the Parish safe, after which time, they will be shredded.

Alternatively, if you have downloaded the NHS Covid-19 app, you can scan the QR code outside church. There is no need to give the steward your details too.

Thank you for your help and understanding.



New NHS COVID-19 App

As you will have heard on the news, the government launched a new NHS COVID-19 app for mobile phones on Thursday 24th September 2020. The purpose of the NHS App is to alert people when they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 – and, if necessary, ask them to self-isolate.

The government is encouraging businesses and organisations (including places of worship) to display official NHS QR code posters at their venue entrances to help support contact tracing. In light of this, we are now displaying QR Scan posters at the entrance to both our parish churches. We would like to encourage people who have downloaded the COVID-19 App, to scan the QR code on their way into church.

For more information about the App, how to use it and what it does with your data, visit

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/>

Message from the Bishop about the New National Measures for Covid Safety in Our Churches

*"The rising number of cases of infection and the Prime Ministerial announcement of new public safety measures earlier this week is a clear indication that we are entering a new stage of the pandemic. The new measures **do not** impact upon Covid-secure arrangements for public worship (weekday and Sunday Mass) except in regard to the celebration of"....*

- Weddings where the numbers have been reduced from 30 to 15 people
- Baptisms where the numbers have been reduced to 6 people
- Funerals remains at a maximum of 30 people

These new measures come into force on **Monday 28th September 2020** until we are advised otherwise.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Alan Jones

who have recently died. May his soul rest in peace.

Please remember to pray for his family at this difficult time.



News from Assam

Fr. Philip writes from Assam to thank us for the recent £1,000 sent for The Education Project and the £50 donation for the Holy Family English Essay prize competition. He says:

'Hope you are keeping well. We are all praying for you especially the children are always praying for God's blessings upon you. I received the amount you have sent. I shall send you the money receipt from our organization.

The children have come and are attending classes. Those who are unable to come due to communication problem are attending online classes. The Rector is trying to get them back to apostolic home by arranging transportation.

The rapid cases of corona in Dibrugarh is frightening. Two of our senior priests have recovered from corona but we had to pay hefty sum for their treatment.

We pray that God saves us from this pandemic 19.

Surrendering you in the hands of the Lord especially during the Eucharist

Fr. Purty Philip

The next Assam Collection will take place on Sunday 1st November. Spare Assam envelopes are at the back of church.



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Diocesan In-House Solicitor

The Diocese of Shrewsbury are looking to recruit an **In-House Solicitor**, who will be required to provide legal advice and support on a range of matters including employment and HR (including sponsor management for overseas workers), commercial, probate, litigation, and academy conversion. Based at the Curial Office in Birkenhead. Full details and application form can be found at

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

Completed applications should be returned to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date Friday 6 November.



Fast, pray and give

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Cafod Retiring Collection This Weekend

There will be a retiring collection after both Sunday Masses this Sunday (18th October 2020) at both Parish churches. You can give loose change or hand in your envelopes. If you don't have your envelope with you, they can still be returned to either Church, to be sent on to Cafod, at any time during October. If you would to donate to Cafod but aren't able to come to church, you can donate on their website page:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give>



DO YOU HAVE AN ITEM FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

If you do please send it to Victoria Hanlon at contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk by 4pm on a Thursday afternoon.

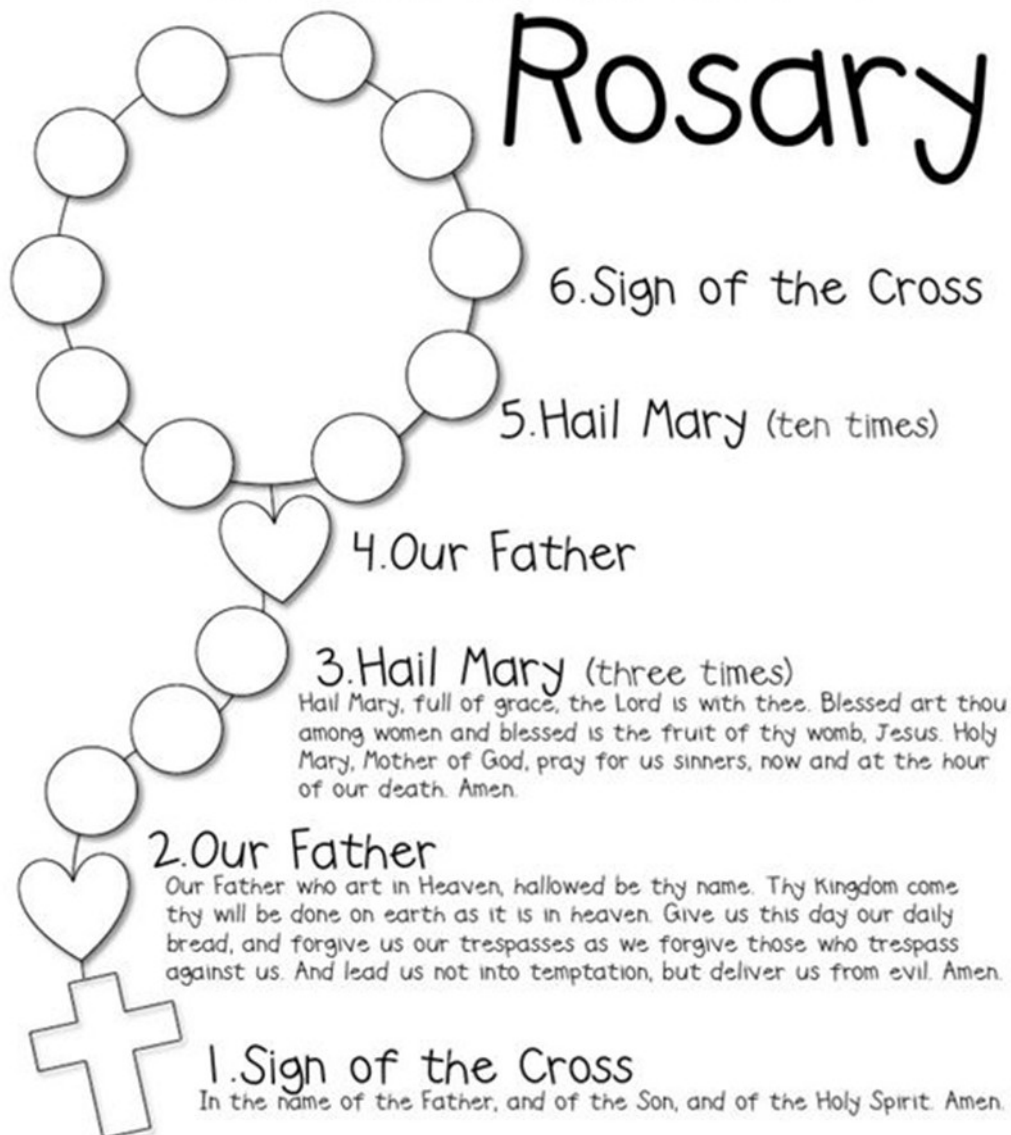


Children's Sunday Liturgy Page

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

Pope Francis has asked the children of the world to say a special prayer to Our lady to ask her to help us find a way out of the Coronavirus problems. Here is that special prayer - **"The Rosary"**. Please colour it in and then try and say it all once every week with your family. We know Mary will be listening.

A Children's Rosary



Watch Masses said
by Father Stephen
on our YouTube
channel Our Lady and St
John Heswall

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



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