

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

All Change Again!

Just as we had got used to being able to go to Mass at church again, the government announce another lockdown! Regrettably, in line with the current government guidelines, we will no longer be able to open our churches for Mass. **However**, we will continue to open both of our parish churches for an hour of **Private Prayer** at the following times during the week:

Weekday Private Prayer Sessions:

Mondays	9:30 - 10:30 am	@ OLSJ
Wednesdays	9:30 - 10:30 am	@ Holy Family
Thursdays	9:30 - 10:30 am	@ OLSJ
Saturdays	12 noon - 1pm	@ Holy Family

Father Stephen will continue to celebrate Mass every day at OLSJ (behind closed doors). This will be live-streamed on YouTube at the following times during the week:

Live Streamed Masses via YouTube:

Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)
Sunday	11:15 am

The link to our YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>
More about watching Mass live further in the newsletter!

The rules for attending Private Prayer are the same as for Mass. Remember to.....



Use hand sanitiser on your way in and on your way out of church.



Wear a mask or face covering that covers both your mouth and nose, when entering church and during the duration your time inside the church.



Ensure that you stay a safe distance away from people who aren't from your household **at all times** when in church.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids portrays the return of the wedding party from the bride's home to the groom's home, where the actual marriage feast and ceremony will take place. The bride has ten young women attendants, who will wait and welcome her to her new home with festive lamps to both greet the party and light the way.

You can interpret the parable in various ways. We are to be watchful during Jesus' absence. Perhaps the sensible bridesmaids should have been condemned for being somewhat selfish and nasty in not sharing their oil. However the lamps lit and supplied with oil are symbols of the works of love and mercy that we must have at the final judgement. These cannot really be shared with others, so the story is a warning against both moral procrastination and presumption. The sensible bridesmaids are sensible because they carefully assess the needs of the situation and prepare for the future. Their lamps guide the community as we await the return of Jesus. So perhaps we should be prayerfully checking the oil supply for our lamps ourselves, rather than presuming to rely on others.

Mass Intentions for the Week Commencing Sunday 8th November 2020

Sun 8th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV) <i>Day of Special Prayer for all Victims of War</i>	9:30 am	YouTube	Mass - For the War Dead	
		11:15 am	YouTube	Mass - For the War Dead	
Mon 9th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Julia Macaulay Birthday Anniversary	
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Open to Public for Private Prayer	
Tues 10th November	St Leo the Great	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - David Morley Anniversary	
Wed 11th November	St Martin of Tours	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Fiona McDonagh R.I.P. Anniversary	
		9:30 am	Holy Family	Open to Public for Private Prayer	
Thurs 12th November	St Josaphat	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass for the Deceased of the Parish	
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Open to Public for Private Prayer	
Fri 13th November	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Holy Souls / November List	
Sat 14th November	BVM on Saturday	12 noon	Holy Family	Open to Public for Private Prayer	
		5:00 pm	YouTube	Mass - Dan Miller R.I.P.	
Sun 15th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	YouTube	Mass - Holy Souls / November List	



Don't Forget - Track and Trace

In line with the latest government guidelines, we continue to ask anyone coming to church for Private Prayer to sign in when they arrive. If you have the Government Covid-19 App, you can scan the QR code on your way into church or you can give your name and contact telephone number to a steward, who will keep a written record of your details for 3 weeks.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

You will only be contacted if someone has tested positive for Coronavirus.

November is the Month of The Holy Souls

The envelopes for the Remembrance of your Loved Ones and Offerings are now available in the porch at both churches. Although parishioners are no longer able to attend Mass, envelopes are still available at the back of both of our parish churches. These can be filled in and given to one of the stewards, placed in one of the baskets at the back of church or posted through the presbytery letterbox.

May we take this opportunity to remind you, because we receive so many Intentions during this month that it's simply not possible to say an Individual Mass for each and every intention. The Mass is simply styled as "Holy Souls", please rest assured however that Masses will be said regularly throughout November and in the coming months, and all your intentions are remembered at those Masses.



Heswall Disabled Children Holiday Fund



I am Joan Larkin, a parishioner at OLSJ and one of the Committee members at HDCHF and I hope you can help.

As you know this year has been challenging for us all. Our virtual Camp in August was a super success, and it was great to see so many taking part. It was essential for us to continue to help the children, parents and carers this year but in a different way.

We have not been able to carry out our usual fundraising events and so we have decided to have a **Christmas Raffle** which will take place on **Saturday 12th December 2020**.

Tickets are £1 each ticket or £5 for a book of five. The prizes are:

1st £200

2nd £100

3rd £50

4th Marks & Spencer Voucher and other prizes

If you would like to purchase a ticket(s) or help sell some please contact me by telephone on **07542213158** or via email

raffle@heswallcamp.org.uk.



Each ticket purchased will raise valuable funds for the charity and will be very much appreciated. Thank you.



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.

A Mass to Remember the Deceased of the Parish from the Past Year

On Thursday 12th November, Father Stephen will be celebrating Mass and in particular remembering those we have lost from our Parish during the last year. Although we won't be able to gather as a parish to celebrate Mass with Father, it will be livestreamed. Please keep the families of all these parishioners in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

Janet Winters	Maureen Hetherley
Kevin Rodgers	Kevin McKeown
Frederick William Jones	Brian Cavanagh
Maureen McNutt	Derek McCullough
Dorothy McMath	Paul Diable
Frederick Ronald Gordon Eaton	Theresa Coonan
Josephine Fitton	Dan Miller
Mary Brownrigg	Florence Wall
Bernie Burchell	Peter Kieran
William Kelly	Joan Fletcher
Andrew Lanigan	Pat Miserotti
Patricia Flaherty	Mary Redmond
Anne Clark	Stephanie Orr
Hayley Roberts	Margaret Cecilia Hiepko
James McDermott	David Fagan
Veronica McGoldrick	Peter Fishwick
Ernest Frederick Gott (Fred)	Kathleen Graham
Mariette Skates	Gerard Bird
Frank Hogan	Winifred Hawes
Monica Murphy	Thomas Logan
Eileen Pritchard	Alan Jones
Norman Corish	

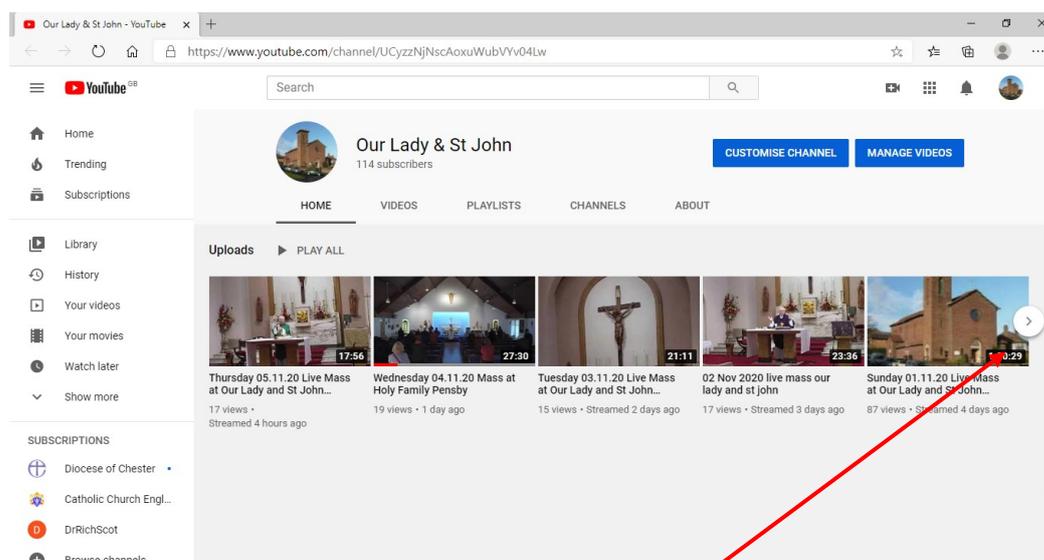
A quick guide to following Mass on YouTube

- To access our YouTube channel, simply click on this link (CTRL + Click)

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

Or copy and paste it into your internet browser search bar.

- This will take you to our Home page, which looks like this. Just select the Mass you want to watch and it will automatically start playing.



- Use this button to scroll to see previous Masses.
- During this lockdown period all Masses will be livestreamed from OLSJ (unfortunately there isn't currently the facility to do so from Holy Family). The timetable for Masses is listed on the front page of this newsletter.
- Don't worry if you can't watch it at the time that it is being celebrated by Father, as all Masses are saved and can be watched at any time.
- There are some Children's Liturgy videos too to watch, done by our very own catechists.
- Don't want to miss out on a Mass?** No problem, simply select the **SUBSCRIBE** button. This doesn't cost anything and just means that you can quickly go to our Mass channel when accessing YouTube.
- You can also receive notifications about when a new Mass has been uploaded by clicking on the Notification bell,  in the top right hand corner of the screen.



The Food Bank Wirral has launched its **Reverse Advent Calendar** again this year. The idea is that during the month of November, you try to put one item each day into your own collection box. At the end of the month, please drop off any items into the Food Bank collection boxes found at the back of either church. One of our parishioners, Brian Sharp, has kindly agreed to take all the items donated to the Food Bank depot in Birkenhead. If you aren't able to get to church at the moment, please do consider donating via one of the supermarkets that have Food Bank collection points. Christmas is always a difficult time for anyone living below the poverty line and with the current pandemic, the number of people needing help from the Food Bank has considerably increased. Please help if you can.

For more information please visit the Food Bank website:

<https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/advent-calendar-2020/>



ADVENT CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2020



During this month please try to put one item each day into your own collection box.

01 Rice Pudding	02 Coffee	03 Tinned Soup	04 Tinned Fish
05 Cereal	06 Chocolate	07 Tinned Meat	08 Instant Mash
09 Toothpaste / Toothbrush	10 Nappies sizes 5 & 6	11 Rice	12 Jam
13 Coffee	14 Toilet rolls	15 Tinned Potatoes	16 Packet Soup
17 Tinned Spaghetti	18 Tea	19 Instant Mash	20 Hot Chocolate
21 Deodorant	22 Shampoo	23 Sugar	24 Biscuits
25 Pasta Sauce	26 Biscuits	27 Sponge Puddings	28 Packet Soup
29 Squash	30 Tinned Potatoes		

TO BE DELIVERED TO THE FOODBANK BY 1ST WEEK IN DECEMBER PLEASE.

Please deliver all of the food to our address:

Wirral Foodbank

Unit 14, Wirral Business Centre, Dock Road, Birkenhead CH41 1JW

www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk

enquiries@wirralfoodbank.org.uk

0151 638 7090

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Children's Sunday Liturgy Page

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

Speak, Lord 

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm 127
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

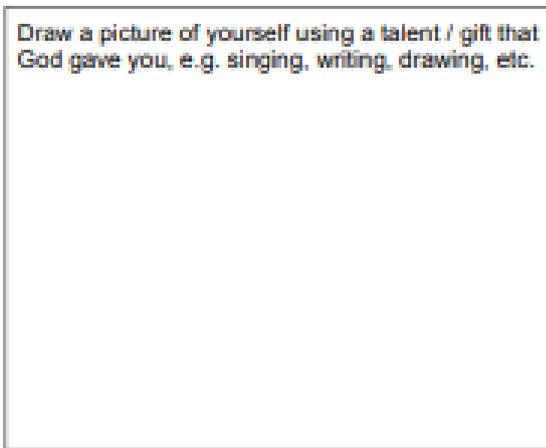
SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year A — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



USING OUR GIFTS

Draw a picture of yourself using a talent / gift that God gave you, e.g. singing, writing, drawing, etc.



The Parable of the Talents

A man was going abroad.



He gave 5 talents to one of his servants, who used them and doubled them.



He gave 2 talents to another, who used them and doubled them.



He gave 1 talent to another servant who hid it.



Draw the number of talents each servant had when the man returned.



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

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Visit the parish

Website



at

www.rcchp.org.uk

Do you know anyone that doesn't have access to the internet?
A paper copy of the weekly newsletter can be sent to them in the post. Just drop a line to the Parish Secretary.



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Visit the Holy Family Pensby Facebook page



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contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk



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If they have, please let the Parish Secretary know.
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