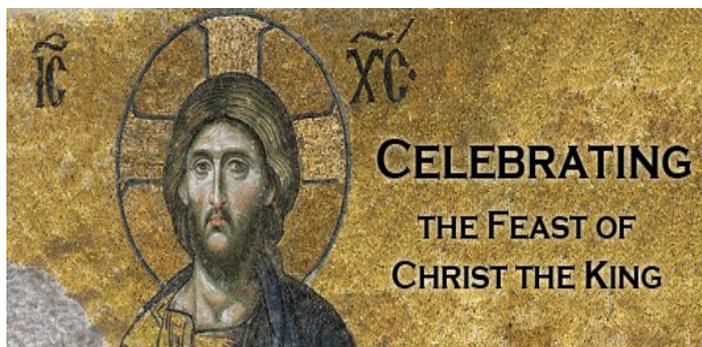


News from the Parishes of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St. John, Heswall



✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**Freda Stewart, John Joseph Gray &
Phyllis Brownrigg**

who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace. Please remember to pray for their families at this difficult time.

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.

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.



Lockdown Church Opening Times

During this current Lockdown period, although we will no longer be able to open our churches for Mass, 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

When Jesus departs after his resurrection, he commissions his disciples as missionaries to the ends of the earth, baptising in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and spreading his teaching, but always with the consciousness that he will be with them to the end of time. The setting for the parable of the sheep and goats is at the end of time when we learn that Jesus was always with his disciples among the least of his brothers and sisters. People will be judged on how they received Christian disciples, the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters, who carry the presence of the absent Jesus. These disciples suffer hunger, thirst, living as strangers, nakedness, sickness and imprisonment. Their sufferings hide the power and the presence of Christ.

Matthew is not just concerned about punishment being meted out to those who resist the Gospel imperatives. Justice is brought about by acts of loving kindness and mercy to those in need; the world will be made right or just when the way the least are treated becomes the norm of action. What is done positively for them is not to be limited to them. The values we propose to the nations must be those that we as Church witness to among the nations.

Mass Intentions for the Week Commencing Sunday 22nd November 2020

Sun 22nd November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Psalter Week II) <i>Day of Special Prayer for Young People</i>	11:15 am	YouTube	Mass - Bernard Ion Anniversary
Mon 23rd November	Ss Clement & Columban	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Phyllis Brownrigg R.I.P.
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Open to Public for Private Prayer
Tues 24th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Ron Mills Birthday Anniversary
Wed 25th November	St Catherine of Alexandria	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Intentions of Matt O'Keefe
		9:30 am	Holy Family	Open to Public for Private Prayer
Thurs 26th November	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Irene O'Neill R.I.P.
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Open to Public for Private Prayer
Fri 27th November	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Holy Souls / November List
Sat 28th November	BVM on Saturday	12 noon	Holy Family	Open to Public for Private Prayer
		5:00 pm	YouTube	Mass - Intentions of Bill Macaulay (Birthday)
Sun 29th November	1st Sunday of Advent (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	YouTube	Mass - Maureen Birch & Raymond Coonan



A message from Wirral Charity Post 2020

We have rested our normal surface mail operation for 2020 to ensure that we can safeguard our Scouts, Guides, Parents, Leaders and Supporters. With your help, it can return when conditions permit.

This year we are excited to launch our new eCard venture which enables you to send electronic cards to your friends and family, both locally, but now for the first time since 1982, around the world! There is a selection of over 80 designs on our website and they will be delivered by email.

This year, the eCard scheme will be free but, to help keep the scheme running, we are asking for donations either online or by text (see website for details). With your help and support, Scouts and Guides within Wirral will continue gaining Skills For Life for the next generation of young people. The more you can donate, the more young people we can support.

www.wirralcharitypost.org



Lead, Kindly Light

By BL John Henry Newman

(1801-1890)

Lead, kindly Light,
amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on;
The night is dark
and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on.
Keep Thou my feet,
I do not ask to see
The distant scene,
one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus,
nor prayed that Thou
Should lead me on.
I loved to choose
and see my path but now
Lead Thou me on.
I loved the garish day and,
spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will,
remember not past years.

So long Thy power has blest me,
sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen,
o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone
And with the morn
those Angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since
and lost awhile.



Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot

Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. **All of these conditions can be corrected.**

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds. Thank you.



Wirral Ark

Fighting homelessness in Wirral

Wirral Ark Christmas Cards

These will be available again this year and are in support of a local charity which directly help the homeless here in Birkenhead.

To obtain these please leave your order with Ann Grandy at 342 5901. She or another member of our Justice & Peace group will arrange delivery. Payment can be discussed over the telephone and can be either cash, bankers order or cheque.



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.



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.

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.



STELLA MARIS

SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This is our annual collection of items for our Seafarers which will be distributed to crew members who will dock in Liverpool during the Christmas period. Here is a list of items which would be appreciated for our Seafarers:

- Chocolate, & Sweets e.g. Toblerone or Chocolate Orange
- Shower Gel (Men & Women)
- Shampoo (shop own brand is fine)
- Dove Soap
- Deodorant (Men & Women) - *Roll On Only*
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (single not multi packs please)
- Woolly hats, Scarves & Gloves
- Socks
- Playing Cards and Dice
- Pocket games (Chess, dominoes backgammon etc)
- Mini Jigsaws

**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. Last day for donations is **Tuesday 8th December**. If you need any further information please contact Joan on 0151 342 5517. Thank you.



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

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



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.



Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News

Visit the Holy Family Pensby Facebook page



Sign up for the weekly parish newsletter via email
To join send an email to Victoria Hanlon
contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk



Have your contact details changed recently?
If they have, please let the Parish Secretary know.
contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk