

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

Marie Bell, John Flack & Paul Usher

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

When coming to 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.

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,

Moira Griffiths-Parr,

Andrew Whittingham-Jones,

John McNulty,

Susan McNulty,

Sister Kathleen Campbell

Please get in touch if there are any alterations.



The Word of God

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

In today's Gospel we hear the Prologue to the Gospel according to John. In the beginning was the Word through whom all things came to be. When John comes to speak about Jesus he goes back beyond the time of Jesus' birth and conception to the very beginning of time itself. He sees Jesus as the Word that was with God, the Word that was God. This Word was not only at the beginning, the Word made the beginning for all creation. The Word of God worked.

When God speaks, he speaks the world into existence. His word is creative. For God to say is to do, to speak is to accomplish, to promise is to fulfil. God is always as good as his word. And now this Word is coming into the world. The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. The Word is not only the great power that makes all things, the Word is a person and becomes little in time and space. He comes to his own people and his own reject him. The Word is a person who wants to be heard, to be accepted, to be acknowledged as the Son of God. At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery of God among us as one of us.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 3rd January 2021

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| Sun 3rd January | Second Sunday After Christmas (Psalter Week II) | 9:30 am | Holy Family | Mass - Pauline Wright R.I.P |
| | | 11:15 am | OLSJ | Mass - Susan Dinan |
| Mon 4th January | Monday of the Christmas Season | 9:30 am | OLSJ | Mass - Fathers Paul O'Grady & Ray Burke |
| Tues 5th January | Tuesday of the Christmas Season | 8:30 am | YouTube | Mass - In Thanksgiving |
| Wed 6th January | Epiphany of the Lord | 9:30 am | Holy Family | Mass - Helen Ryan Anniversary |
| | | 6:00 pm | OLSJ | Mass - Parishioners |
| Thurs 7th January | Thursday after Epiphany | 9:30 am | OLSJ | Mass - Peter Fishwick R.I.P. |
| Fri 8th January | Friday after Epiphany | 9:30 am | Holy Family | Mass - Theresa Coonan R.I.P. |
| Sat 9th January | Saturday after Epiphany | 12 noon | Holy Family | Mass - Margaret Cecilia Hiepkco R.I.P. |
| Sun 10th January | The Baptism of the Lord (Psalter Week III) | 9:30 am | Holy Family | Mass - Brian Cantillon R.I.P. |
| | | 11:15 am | OLSJ | Mass - Hannah & John Mutch |



First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion 2021

If you have a child who will be 8 years old in this Academic Year, he or she will be eligible to celebrate these important sacraments in 2021. Children in Year 3 at our parish school, Ladymount will follow a programme of preparation there. For children who are in other schools there will be a Parish Programme of Preparation taking place with the catechists from Our Lady and St John.

If you wish your child to take part in the parish programme, please contact Father Stephen on 342 6581 or email father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk.

There will be more details to follow, on how the programme is going to work this year, both for the children who began their preparation last year, and those who would like to join the programme this year.



I would very much like to thank friends at Holy Family Church for all the kind messages and cards remembering Brian. Also so many Mass cards at various churches. This has helped me and the family and they join me in thanking you all.

Eileen, Richard, Steven &
David Cantillon x



Greetings from Assam....

...from Fr. Purty Philip

Happy Christmas and Bright New Year 2021. May the newly Born Babe Jesus surround you with His Peace, Love and Joy. Lots of wishes from Bishop Joseph and Bishop Albert in this time of Grace. Hope you are all fine. Fr.Purty Philip

...from Fr. Andreas

Celestina Tete has just completed her B. Ed. degree & has come successfully. Soon I will send her report which she herself has written. Phoowanti Nag too will complete her LL. M. BAS boys have come back to school after lock down. Class 9 & 10 will appear for final exams. With new education policy, academic will be from April to March. Lower classes are yet to resume their schooling. Please continue to pray for us. God bless you & keep safe & sound in good health of mind & body. Love & regards Fr. Andreas, Assam.

...from Fr. Cyprian

Jai Jesu and Holy Christmas. It was very consoling message I received. Thank you. This Christmas decision taken to celebrate whole heartedly by my parishioners. Whatever it may be, all dear parishioners have decorated their homes which few were doing earlier. At night it looks beautiful their homes. "A child is born for us His name is Emmanuel", "God With Us". Therefore, when God is with us who can be against us. This Christmas intention of celebrating is covid-19 free 2021. Please pray for my people. Ordination on 17th Jan 2021. Merry Christmas and grace filled New year 2021 to your family and all parishioners. Regards Cypri

Wirral Hospice St John's, Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Scheme

Wirral Hospice St John's on the Fundraising Team are running their Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Scheme again this year in order to raise vital funds for the Hospice and helping towards our £4 million pounds running costs. The collections are taking place between 15th and 19th January 2021 and they are suggesting a donation per tree of £7 under 5 foot, £8 under 6 foot, £10 under 7 foot and £15 over 7 foot, but we would greatly appreciate it if people could give generously.

People who would like to support this would need to register on their website www.wirralhospice.org/treecollection or www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

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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contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk



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contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk