



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

OUR PARISH CHURCHES REMAIN OPEN DURING THIS CURRENT LOCKDOWN

As per the latest [Government Guidelines](#) both our Parish Churches are allowed to remain open for Mass. However, as a community, we must all do our bit to ensure that we are keeping each other safe. We can do this by making sure that we are familiar with the rules that have been set:

- ★ Please sanitise your hands on arrival and when leaving church.
- ★ Please wear a face covering when in church, ensuring your nose and mouth are covered.
- ★ Please sit where the stewards direct you, and remain in that seat throughout the service.
- ★ Please do not kneel as this reduces the distance to the person in front of you.
- ★ Please stand and sit at the same time as the congregation to maintain distancing to the person in front of you.
- ★ At communion, please maintain a single file and keep distanced from the person in front of you.
- ★ Approach the minister with your mask on and arms outstretched, receiving the host in your hand.
- ★ Move away from the minister and slip your mask open and place the host in your mouth.
- ★ Replace your mask and leave church, please do not return to a seat, or stand at the back of church.
- ★ Please do not mingle outside church, but leave the premises promptly.

It is appreciated that some of these requested may cause concern for some people, but our aim is to ensure that as far as possible our activities do not contribute to the spread of the virus. We do not know who has the virus, we must act as though we all have it and behave in a manner which seeks to protect others in our group.

Please be reminded that in these difficult times ***there is no duty to come to church, and no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday.*** Currently infection rates on the Wirral are at their highest levels ever. The government has issued advice for those who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, summarised below:

- ★ The new national lockdown guidance, which applies to everyone, means that you must not leave or be outside of your home and garden, except for limited purposes which are set out in that guidance.
- ★ We are advising clinically extremely vulnerable people to stay at home as much as possible.
- ★ You can still go outside for exercise or to attend health appointments, but try to keep all contact with others outside of your household to a minimum, and avoid busy areas.
- ★ You may receive further advice from your medical professionals.

Don't forget that you can watch Mass from the parish via our [YouTube](#) channel as well as from our [Diocesan Cathedral in Shrewsbury](#).

Thank you for your co-operation & understanding.



Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them,
and a voice came from the cloud:
"This is my Son, whom I love.

Listen to him!"
Mark 9:7

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Jesus, who took on our human nature, is now transfigured or transformed and seen as a heavenly being. The dazzlingly white clothes are a symbol of God's presence in Daniel, while Moses and Elijah are symbols of the of the Law and the prophets. Both Moses and Elijah are people who did not taste death but were taken up to heaven. Both are faithful prophets who suffered because they followed God's word.

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him," says the voice of God from the cloud. This episode follows the first of three predictions by Jesus of his Passion, which the disciples consistently resist. Peter's desire to make three tents seems an attempt to substitute divine presence for the way of the cross. The same three disciples who witness Jesus' transfiguration will fail to watch with him during his agony in the garden. Mark's hearers and we ourselves are to hear the voice of a Jesus who says that the way to glory is only through the cross. Even after experiences of transcendence, we must come back to earth, continue to hear the voice of Jesus, and follow him on the way to Calvary.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 28th February 2021

Sun 28th February	2nd Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Peter Fishwick R.I.P.
Mon 1st March	 St David 	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Mary Redneschi R.I.P.
Tues 2nd March	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - The Holgate Family
Wed 3rd March	Ferial	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Ken & Sara Bull
Thurs 4th March	St Casimir	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Victor Smith R.I.P.
Fri 5th March	Ferial <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Parishioners
Sat 6th March	Ferial	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Ken Stanton R.I.P.
Sun 7th March	3rd Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Jeff & Anne Telford
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Michael Walker Birthday Thanksgiving



☞ May They Rest in Peace ☜

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

William Frederick Beaumont, Mary Susan McNulty, Tony Newby, Mary Lewis & Robert Alan Jones

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



Don't Forget - The next Assam Collection will take place after Sunday Mass at Holy Family
NEXT Sunday 7th March.

Gift Aid – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The end of the tax year is drawing ever closer. If you Gift Aid your offertory donation it is important that you check you are paying sufficient tax to cover the amount we will reclaim under Gift Aid. If you are no longer paying tax or not enough tax to cover the claim you should contact us urgently:

Holy Family: Fred Taylor 342 5922

OLSJ: Bernard Larkin 342 5517

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
22 FEBRUARY - 7 MARCH



Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd Feb to 7th March 2021

Although the Covid Restrictions prevent us from the usual display and 'sale' of goods, we can remind ourselves of the need to think carefully about the goods we buy. Can we seek out a **Fairtrade** alternative? In this way we can give our practical support for the many exploited farmers in poorer nations than ours.

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,

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,

Moira Griffiths-Parr,

Andrew Whittingham-Jones,

John McNulty,

Samantha Stevens,

Tony Newby

Please get in touch if there are any alterations.



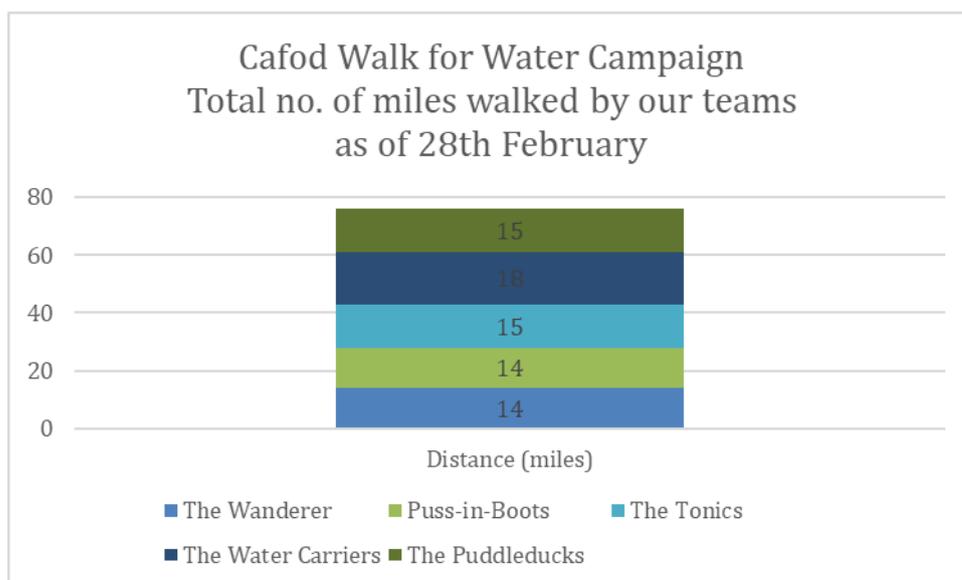


Every mile counts in our effort to support those to whom every drop of water is precious.

This year Cafod are appealing for support of the many poor people who suffer simply because of their need for drinking water, something we all take for granted. Cafod tells us how individuals need to walk many miles everyday simply to supply their family with water.

We now have **5** Walkers from both parishes, each supported by one or more sponsors with a late entry from *The Puddleducks*. The Puddleducks are still looking for a sponsor...if you would like to sponsor them, please contact Fred Taylor (342 5922).

Since Ash Wednesday, our Walkers have collectively walked an impressive **76 miles!** Well done everyone!



This is not a race. It is a way of showing our solidarity with those in need, to whom the slightest bit of help can make all the difference. The Sponsors will be asked to make their donation on or after Palm Sunday.

Anyone can join in at any time so why not give an added purpose to your Lockdown fitness walks and help others too? For more info ring Fred Taylor at 342 5922.

walk.cafod.org.uk



Don't forget to hand in your Cafod Family Fast Day envelopes. Cafod Family Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of both churches. If you are unable to get to church in these difficult times, you can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by texting **LENT** to **70460** to donate £10.



HOPE FOR JUSTICE

Change lives. End slavery.

There are thought to be tens of thousands of slaves in the UK.

Would you recognise a modern slave if you met one?

What would you do if you had concerns about someone?

Hope for Justice is a charity which exists to bring an end to modern slavery by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society. A representative from Hope for Justice will be speaking at a zoom meeting on:

Tuesday 2nd March. 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Come along to learn practical ways you can make a difference in the fight against modern slavery. Email wirralhopeforjustice@gmail.com to request an invite for the zoom session.



Pray for those with Coronavirus

Please keep everyone who is currently suffering from Coronavirus in your prayers. We especially pray for Father Paul O'Grady, the Parish Priest at St. Winefride's, Neston as he continues to make a recovery from Coronavirus.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:
For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians and
Health of the Sick: *Hail Mary...*

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

WARNING Covid-19 Vaccine Scams

You may have seen in the media that the police are warning people about a number of Covid-19 Vaccine scams going on. Police have warned that fraudsters are sending out fake text messages, emails and phone calls in an attempt to steal people's personal data and financial details.

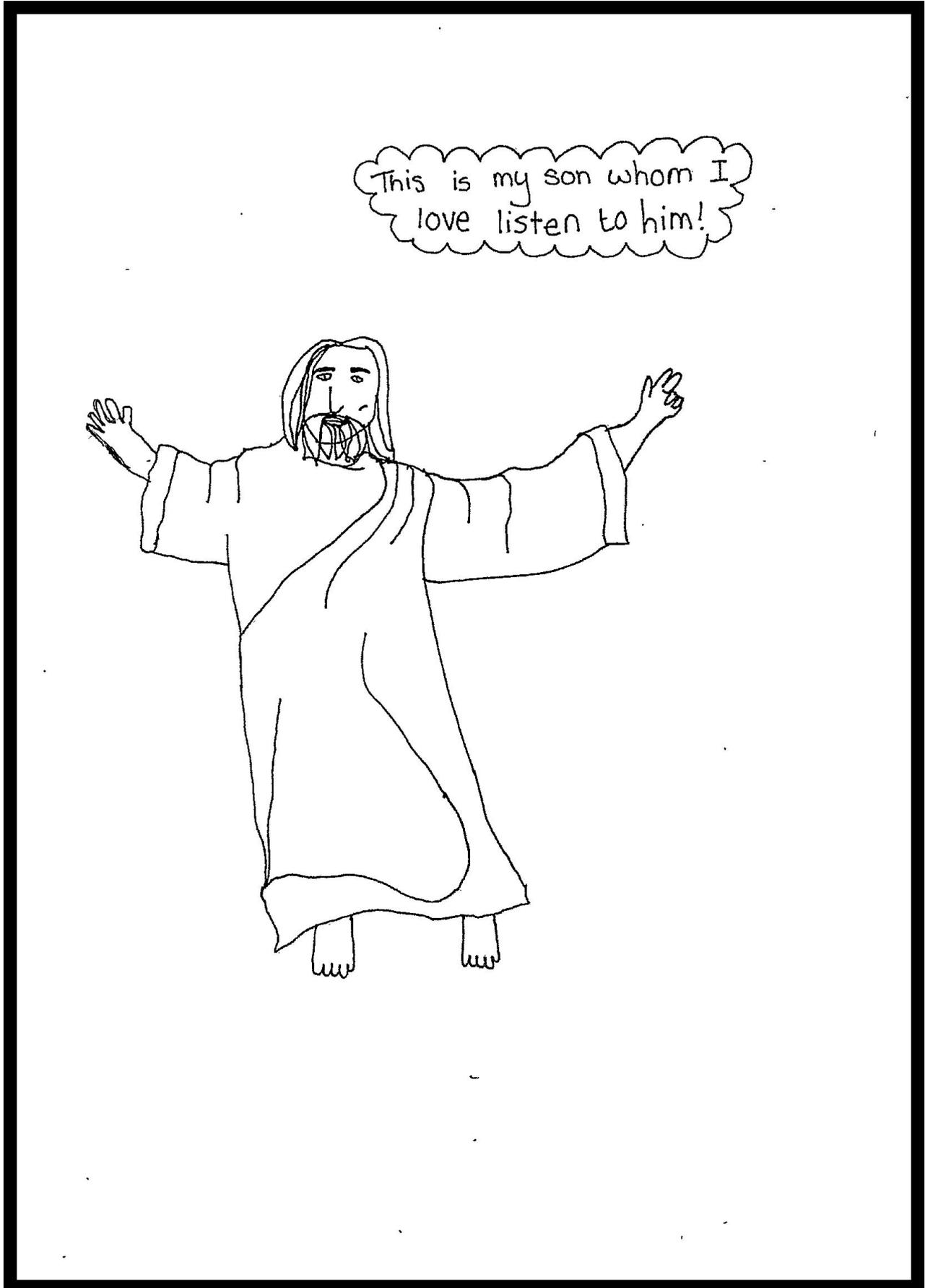
REMEMBER....

- ⇒ You will **NEVER** be asked to pay for the vaccine....it's free for everyone.
- ⇒ You should **NEVER** give out your personal details over the phone or via text or email.

The NHS will **NEVER** ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text to confirm you want the vaccine, and will **NEVER** ask for payment or for your bank details.

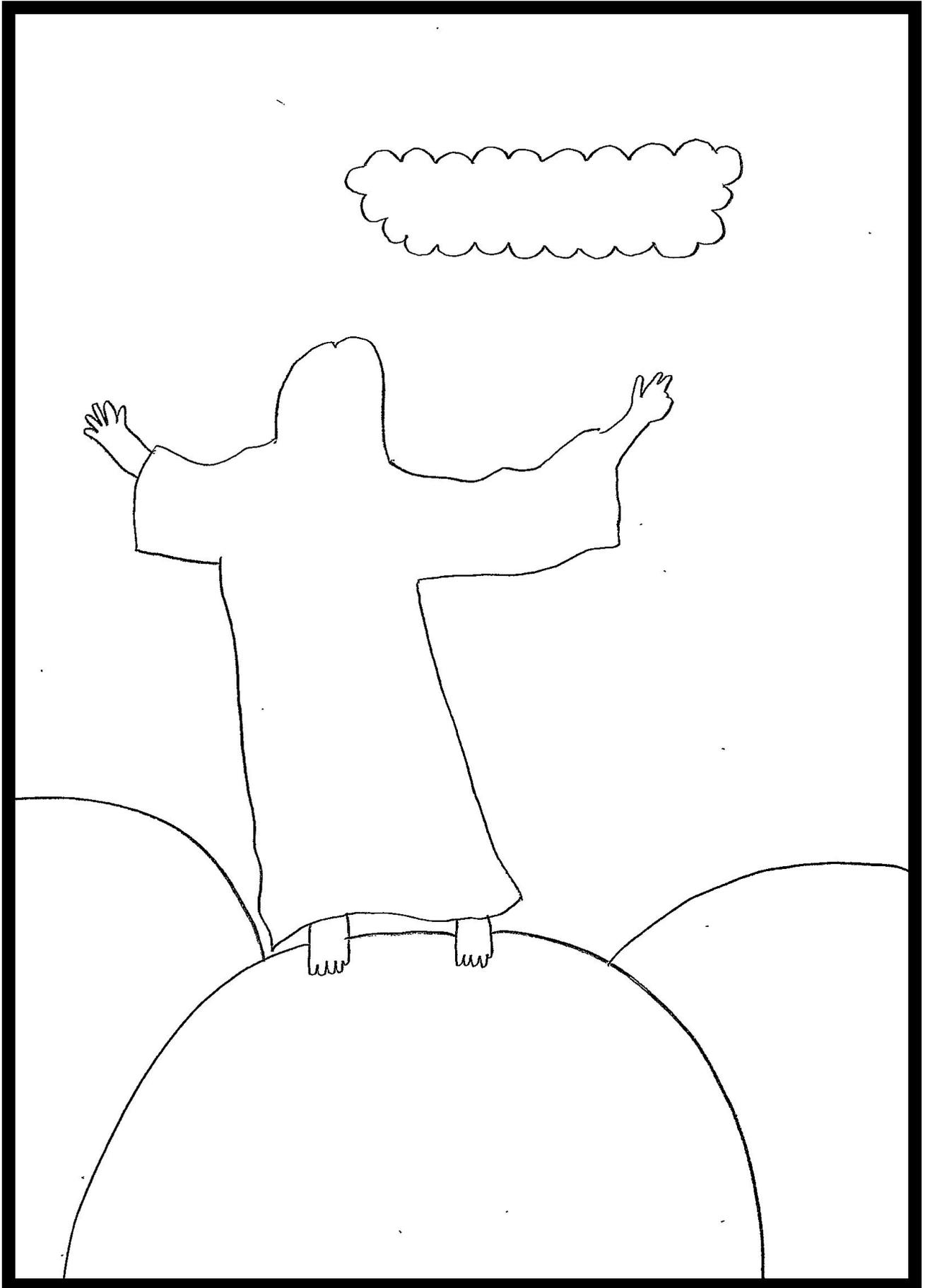


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Watch Masses said by Father Stephen on our YouTube channel Our Lady and St John Heswall

<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.



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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