

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.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen



The gospel today seems to be a prophetic attack by Jesus, cleansing the temple from misuse by money changers and livestock traders: "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Yet the issue quickly becomes not what Jesus has done but who he is. The Jews ask, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answers, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Following St John's usual technique of misunderstanding, the narrator notes that Jesus was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, which the disciples understood only after the resurrection.

Today's readings have been chosen with a view to the Lenten preparation of catechumens for Baptism: the fundamental demands embodied in the Ten Commandments, the "preaching of a Christ crucified," and the hope of resurrection. But they have enduring value for all of us on our pilgrim journey. In our culture of personal freedom and fulfilment, it is crucial that the deepest social values we share be translated into law. At times this can involve a form of "crucifixion" as people struggle against racism, sexism and the various assaults on life.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 7th March 2021

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
Mon 8th March	St John of God	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Fred & Janine Overton R.I.P.
Tues 9th March	St Frances of Rome	12 noon	YouTube	Funeral Mass - Susan McNulty
Wed 10th March	Ferial	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Tony Newby R.I.P.
		11:30 am	YouTube	Funeral Mass - Tony Newby
Thurs 11th March	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Nick Barton R.I.P.
Fri 12th March	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - David Burke Thanksgiving
Sat 13th March	Ferial	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Captain Ted Wilson R.I.P.
Sun 14th March	4rd Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week IV)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Theresa Coonan R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eva Bennion - Health

✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Mary Susan McNulty, Tony Newby, Mary Lewis, Robert Alan Jones & Tess Brabander

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



Please note that the following funeral services will be live streamed on our YouTube channel for everyone to view:

- **Susan McNulty's Funeral Service will be live streamed on Tuesday 9th March at 12 noon**
- **Tony Newby's Funeral Service will be live streamed on Wednesday 10th March at 11.30am**

[Click here to access all of our Masses on our YouTube channel.](#)

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

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,
Maira Griffiths-Parr,
Andrew Whittingham-Jones,
John McNulty,
Samantha Stevens,



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

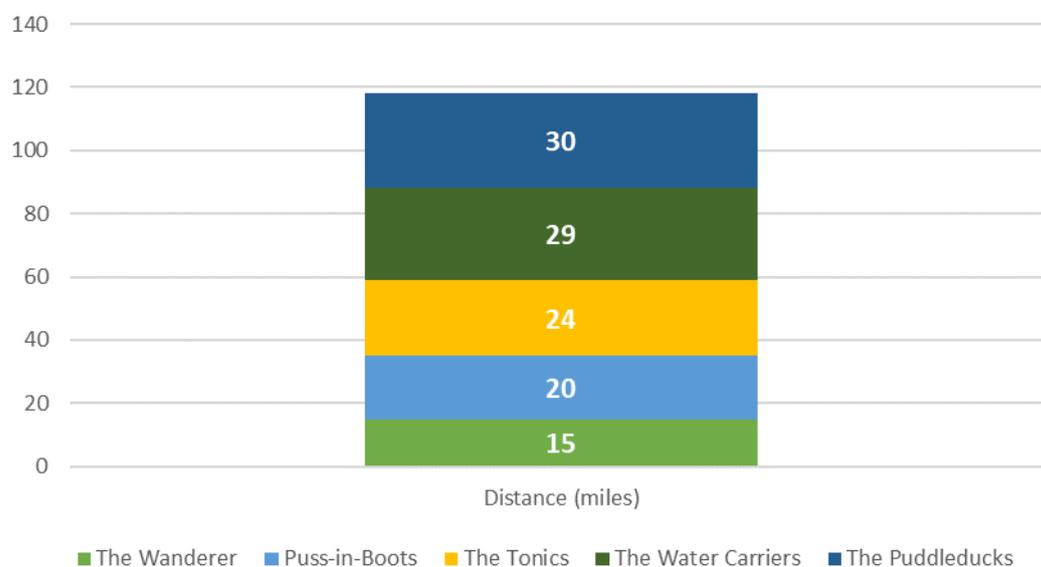


Every mile counts in our effort to support those to whom every drop of water is precious.

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.

Since Ash Wednesday, our Walkers have collectively walked an impressive **118 miles**. Well done everyone!

Total number of miles walked by our teams as of 28th February



Here is a weekly update on the teams' progress.....

- **The Wanderer** had an accidental fall but was urged on by the Wolves, telling him to 'get on his [exercise] bike', which he bravely did!
- **The Water Carriers** were told that the extra mileage covered by their young 'hound' would not be allowed to qualify!



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



Year of St Joseph

Prayer from the Roman Missal

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Ancient Prayer to Saint Joseph

Oh Saint Joseph whose protection is so strong, so great, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain from your Divine Son for me all spiritual blessings through Christ Our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name, and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.



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.



News From Assam

Fr Cyprian has sent some photos of the ordination of a new young priest which took place in his parish. There are hundreds of people packed together in celebration with proud, but humble parents, and great ceremony. These are scenes which would shock us if seen in the UK today but Fr Cyprian reports that people in Assam are no longer afraid of Covid 19 and the disease now has decreased dramatically. The photos can be seen on the parish website.

Father Cyprian writes...

jai jesu..

I hope you are all keeping well. I was not keeping well for a few days, had bed rest and now I feel ok. I was under self-medication and getting better. Things are better a bit now. no more covid-19. No one is afraid of this pandemic. People are freely moving, having marriage parties, and other political gatherings. Churches are full and recently we had another village church blessing in another parish there too, a huge crowd. So, people are no longer afraid of pandemic.

How about in England. I hope you all are safe under the protection of Mother Mary. I was really praying for you all. I thought of sharing with you some of the ordination photos. Hope you have no problem. Here the children are having their final examination. Soon they will be given results and holidays. We too will be free for ourselves and for other pastoral works.

In my parish soon I will be conducting Youth meet 2921 expecting 200-360 youth in the program. We are working on that and simultaneously marriage preparation classes are going on in different zones of the parish. Programs of these sorts keep one's mind focused and enable to think ahead.

*Hope to hear from you soon.
Prayers assured.*

*regards,
Cypri*

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



LADYMOUNT RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ladymount Catholic Primary School, Portal Road, Pensby, Wirral is the Primary school of our two parishes.

Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 are due to begin Primary School in September 2021.

If you have not yet completed your application form for a school place please phone Wirral Borough Council, as soon as possible, on 0151 606 2345 and ask for the Schools Admissions Department and they will arrange for you to complete the necessary forms. You will need to advise them that you wish your child to be admitted to Ladymount.

LADYMOUNT PRE-SCHOOL

Ladymount has a Pre-School and take children from the age of 2 ½ years of age. If you would like to apply for a place at the Pre School, please contact Gill Potter on telephone number 0151 648 8005.



Piety Stall

The Piety Stall at the back of Church at Our Lady and St John, is still open. There is a lovely selection of Mothers' Day cards and St. Patrick's Day cards available as well as the usual selection of Get Well, Sympathy and Birthday cards. Also in stock are Rosary Beads, Candles and a variety of Holy gifts and more.

Any money from purchases should be put in the wall safe located next to the defibrillator at the back of church.

Access to the Piety Stall is only available when the church is open for Mass.



A Quick Legal Note about Our Live Streamed Masses

As you are aware, all of our Masses are being live streamed on YouTube, to make Mass available to all our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass in person.

We are legally obliged to inform all parishioners who attend Mass in person, that for GDPR purposes, recognisable images may be published as an integral part of the livestreamed service.

This just means that although the camera is usually focused on Father Stephen, parishioners can be seen coming up to receive communion (usually just the back of people's head). If you have any concerns about this, please speak to Father.

Children's Liturgy Page 1

Love the Lord
your God with
all your heart
soul, mind
and
Strength

Children's Liturgy Page 2

10 Commandments

1 Love God more than you love anything else
 God love

2 Don't make anything in your life more important than God

3 Always use God's name with love and respect

4 Honor the Lord by resting on the seventh day of the week

5 Love and respect your Mum and Dad

6 Never hurt anyone

7 Always be faithful to your husband or wife

8 Don't take anything that isn't yours

9 Always tell the truth

10 Be happy with what you have. Do not wish for other people's things.

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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contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk



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