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

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# A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God,  
Thank you for mums and children  
and for all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who are grieving  
because they have no mother;  
Be close to those who are struggling  
because they have no children;  
Be near to those who are sad because  
they are far apart from those they love.  
Let your love be present in every home,  
And help your church to have  
eyes to see and ears to hear  
The needs of all who come.  
We ask this in the name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

The central assertion of the gospel, “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost, but may have eternal life” concludes a dramatic dialogue between Nicodemus and Jesus. Nicodemus comes by night and praises Jesus, but Jesus says that no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from ‘above.’ Since this word in the original Greek can also mean ‘again,’ Nicodemus takes this to mean natural birth, to which Jesus responds that he is talking about being born of water and the Spirit. This is an allusion to baptism, which is from above, that is from God’s gratuitous act of love.

Jesus’ statement then leads into the enigmatic comparison of the lifting up (crucifixion) of the Son of Man to Moses’ lifting up the bronze serpent on a pole in the desert after the people were bitten by serpents. The comparison is not between Jesus and the serpent, but between the saving effect of the lifting up in both cases and eternal life that flows from belief in the exalted Son of Man.

### Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 14th March 2021

Sun 14th March	4rd Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week IV)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Theresa Coonan R.I.P.
	 <b>Mothering Sunday</b> 	11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eva Bennion - Health
Mon 15th March	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
Tues 16th March	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Tim Hetherington Anniversary
Wed 17th March	 St Patrick 	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Michael McDonagh
Thurs 18th March	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Madge McGrath
Fri 19th March	St Joseph	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Holgate Family
Sat 20th March	Ferial	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Anne Newby & Family
Sun 21st March	5th Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Tess Brabander R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Mutch R.I.P.

## ☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**Mary Lewis, Robert Alan Jones, Tess Brabander,  
Mary Rowbottom & Rodger Hemington**

who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

Please remember to pray for their families at this difficult time.



## Holy Week

### Mass Times for Holy Week

#### **Palm Sunday - Sunday 28th March**

9:30 am at Holy Family  
11:15 am at Our Lady & St John

#### **Maundy Thursday - Thursday 1st April**

7:00 pm at Holy Family

#### **Good Friday - Friday 2nd April**

3:00 pm at Holy Family  
3:00 pm at Our Lady & St John

#### **Holy Saturday - Saturday 3rd April**

12 noon at Holy Family  
8:00 pm at Our Lady & St John (Easter Vigil)

#### **Easter Sunday - Sunday 4th April**

9:30 am at Holy Family  
11:15 am at Our Lady & St John

If you are unable to attend church in person, you can follow all our Parish Masses at home through our YouTube channel.

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

Holy Week Masses will also be able to be viewed live from our Diocesan Cathedral in Shrewsbury.

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-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,

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,

*Please get in touch if there are any alterations.*



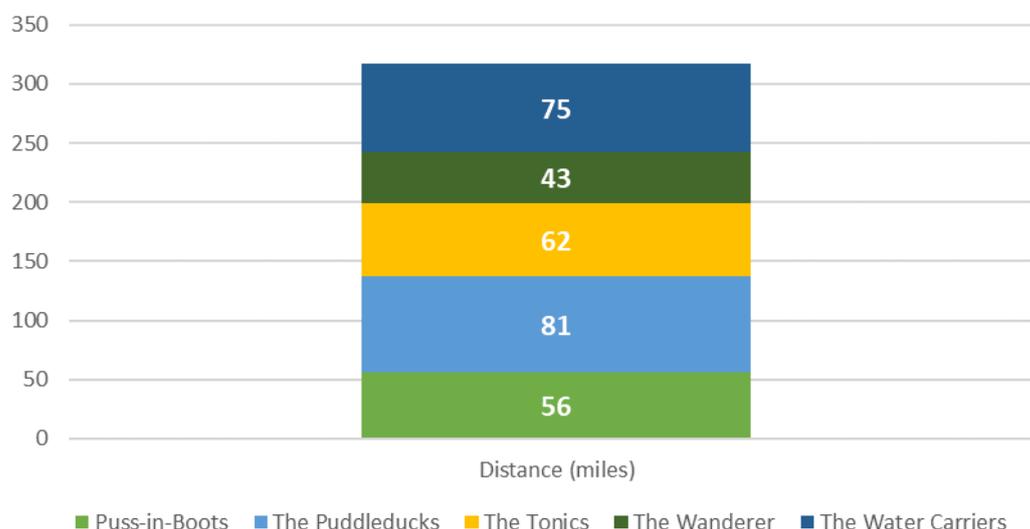


**Every mile counts in our effort to support those to whom every drop of water is precious.**

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.

This week our walkers have collectively walked **123 miles this week alone**. Since Ash Wednesday, our Walkers have collectively walked an impressive **317 miles in total**. Well done everyone!

**Total number of miles walked by our teams as of 7th March**



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

- **The Tonics** continue full of fizz.
- **The Wanderer** rides bravely on, nursing injuries and ignoring advice that there won't be much by way of a sympathy vote in a beauty contest.
- **Puss-in-boots** speaks of determination being undermined by frequent snack stops. Still, she has the right footwear for this weather.
- **The Water Carriers** continue to excel but must have a 'soggy doggy' by now.
- **The Puddleducks** will of course be in their element in this rain and have been wind assisted. I also understand that they have been seen being pulled along by a muddy dog - but these are not disqualifying matters.



Well done all and we wish them success remembering that every mile counts. For more info ring Fred Taylor at 342 5922.

[walk.cafod.org.uk](http://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.

### 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

### Online giving to the Parish

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There are 2 Online Donation buttons on the home page of our website; one for Holy Family and one for Our Lady and St John. By clicking either button, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by InvestMyCommunity, for that particular church.



Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

#### Things to note:

- You will need to use a password each time you donate – this is created the first time that you make a donation.
- All donations made by Parishioners are acknowledged by an email from InvestMyCommunity.
- Please also be aware that donations appear on your bank/credit card statements with the narrative "Invest My School".

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with Bernard Larkin 342 5517.

**Thank you for your continued support**

### New Weekly Offertory Envelopes Available for Collection



The first Sunday for the new set of Weekly Offertory Envelopes is on 11<sup>th</sup> April. During the Covid crisis and because of the difficulty in getting to Mass, many parishioners have stopped using envelopes and are giving their contributions by regular bankers' order. This method of giving makes the job of the counters and volunteers involved that much easier. Spare copies of the bankers' order form are available at the back of church or can be obtained from Fred Taylor 342 5922 or Bernard Larkin 342 5517.

Alternatively, donations can be made via our website by making payments via the Online Giving. See details in the adjoining news item.

However, if you do still wish to use the Weekly Offertory Envelopes, they can be collected from either church from next **Sunday, 21st March**.

#### \* At Holy Family \*

The envelopes will be placed on a table outside church, in alphabetical order, for parishioners to pick up on their way in or out of Mass.

#### \* At Our Lady & St John \*

The envelopes will be available after Mass. Please leave the church by the main doors, as usual, and then walk around to the Meeting Room and the sliding door where you can collect your box.

**Please maintain social distancing guidelines when collecting envelopes after Mass.**



## LADYMOUNT RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



### Calling all Parish Children in Year 5

The Admissions Entrance Examination Application Form for both of our Parish Grammar Schools for September 2022 entry into Year 7, is now available on each schools' respective website. There is a strict deadline of **Monday 12th July 2021** for applications.



For Upton Hall School please visit:  
<https://www.uptonhallschool.co.uk>



For St Anselm's College please visit:  
<https://www.st-anselms.com>



### News From Assam

The Holy Family Justice & Peace group would like to acknowledge a generous donation of £400 to the **Assam Education Project**. This enables us to send a further £1000 contribution to Assam, which will help change the lives of these young boys.



Heswall  
Disabled **Children's**  
Holiday Fund

# WE NEED

# YOU!

This summer  
Heswall - 7- 14th August  
South West 20 - 27th August

Contact:

[vinny.keating@heswallcamp.org.uk](mailto:vinny.keating@heswallcamp.org.uk)

Application form is also on our website

[www.heswallcamp.org.uk](http://www.heswallcamp.org.uk)



Registered Charity: 1177670

## Can you help?

Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund hosts a completely free week-long summer camp each August for up to 30 **children** aged 9-15 years, from North West England, who have physical **disabilities**. They are looking for volunteers to help run the 2 camps they have planned for this summer. It is a great opportunity to get involved with the community.

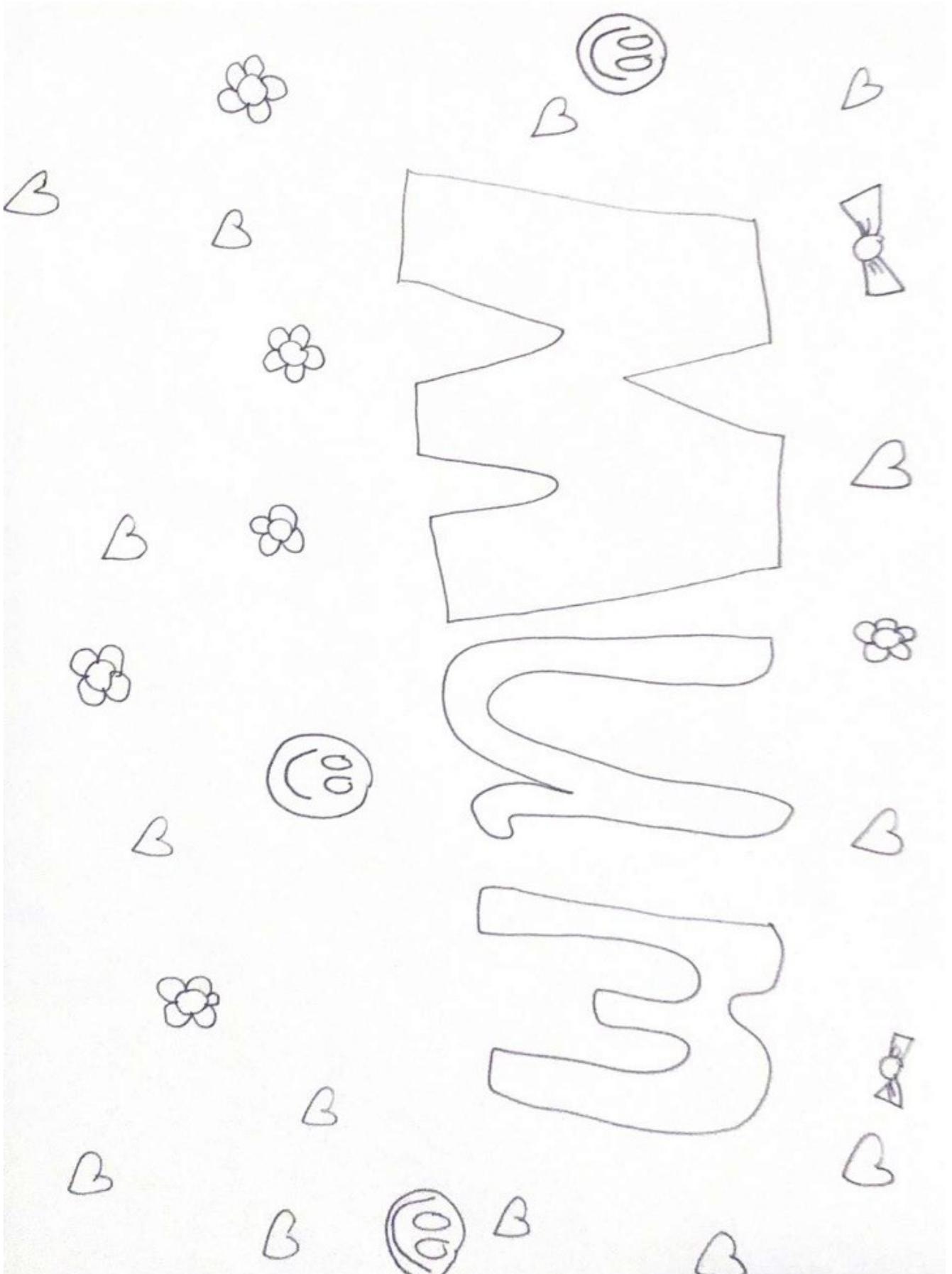
For more information, please contact Vinny Keating

[vinny.keating@heswallcamp.org.uk](mailto:vinny.keating@heswallcamp.org.uk)

# Children's Liturgy Page 1



# Children's Liturgy Page 2



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

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



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.



Visit the parish

Website



at

[www.rcchp.org.uk](http://www.rcchp.org.uk)

**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](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk)



Have your contact details changed recently?  
If they have, please let the Parish Secretary know.  
[contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk)