

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



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

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>

Changes to the Holy Week Masses

Due to the on-going pandemic, guidance has been received from the Diocese which simplifies all the services between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

The following are the key changes from the Easter Mass we all remember and look forward to celebrating again soon.

Palm Sunday

- The whole liturgy will take place within church, there will not be a procession.
- Palms will be blessed during Mass but will be distributed to the congregation at the end of Mass by stewards wearing single use gloves.

Holy Thursday

- There will be no washing of feet.
- There will be no procession to the altar of repose, the Blessed Sacrament will remain in the tabernacle.
- There will be no "watching" by individuals after Mass.

Good Friday

- The Cross will be revered by the celebrant and the faithful will be invited to adore the cross from their seats.

Holy Saturday

- The blessing of the Paschal fire, and procession with the lighted candle is omitted. The Paschal candle will be lit by the priest either before or during the service.
- Votive Candles will not be available for the congregation.
- There will be no sprinkling with water.

Easter Sunday

- As a normal Sunday Mass, sadly chocolates will not be distributed.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Unless a grain
of wheat
falls to the
earth
and dies



It remains
just a
grain
of wheat

Today's gospel concludes John's presentation of the public ministry of Jesus and provides a bridge to the account of his final days. The Greeks who would like to see Jesus, underline the universal dimension of the lifting up and the glorification of the Son of Man: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself." Having witnessed both the sadness of death and triumph over it in his raising of Lazarus from the dead and having reached the

hour of his own death Jesus now speaks of the paradox of life through death. As the springtime festival of Passover draws near, Jesus points to the mystery of the grain of wheat, which after seeming to lie dead in the soil, now springs up to sustain life. This dying and rising provides a pattern for Jesus' disciples. "Anyone who loves his life loses it. Anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life." Loving life in this context does not refer to the proper sense of dignity and joy we should have as graced people, it means a preference for the world and human glory that can blind us to God's love. Hatred of life means rejection of the claims of the world and a willingness to serve and follow Jesus.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 21st March 2021

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.
Mon 22nd March	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rodger Hemington R.I.P.
Tues 23rd March	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Ted Wilson R.I.P.
Wed 24th March	Ferial	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs B. Brabander & Family
Thurs 25th March	The Annunciation of the Lord	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - More Dwyer R.I.P.
Fri 26th March	Ferial <i>Day of Special Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse</i>	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Private Intention
Sat 27th March	Ferial	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Molly Burke R.I.P.
Sun 28th March	 Palm Sunday (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Birch R.I.P.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Mary Rowbottom, Maria Kynaston, Rodger Hemington & Mary Burke

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

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

A Pray for those with Coronavirus

Please keep everyone who is currently suffering from Coronavirus in your prayers.

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.

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,

John Charles Smith

Please get in touch if there are any alterations.



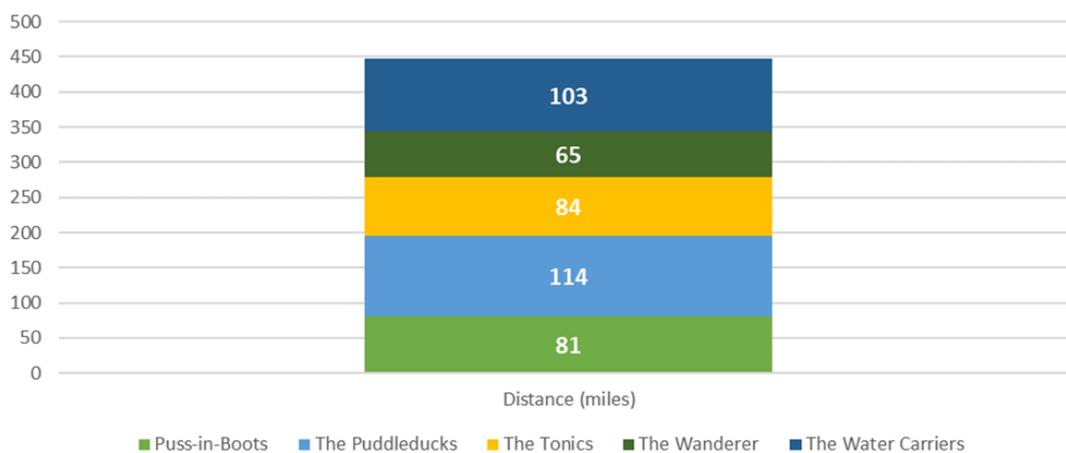


Every mile counts in our effort to support those to whom every drop of water is precious.

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 a staggering **130 miles this week alone**. Since Ash Wednesday, our Walkers have collectively walked a whopping **447 miles in total**. Well done everyone!

Total number of miles walked by our teams as of 14th March



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

- **The Tonics** are slowly losing fizz. Perhaps another bottle?
- **The Wanderer** seems to have bravely cast off all injuries, got its feet back on the ground and was heard warbling 'These boots were made for walking'. Truly, a golden oldie.
- **Puss-in-boots** has upped her mileage but has overdone it. Her once reliable footwear has sprung a leak. She now feels more like a puddleduck.
- **The Water Carriers** look to have lost their 'pulling factor' without whom they complain it is much harder. For some reason they blame the return to school.
- **The Puddleducks** wrestle with the maths problem of how to count 'negative' miles when blown backwards. The answer of course is a duck.



Despite these obstacles each of these Walkers are clearly doing their best. **Well done to them all.**

walk.cafod.org.uk



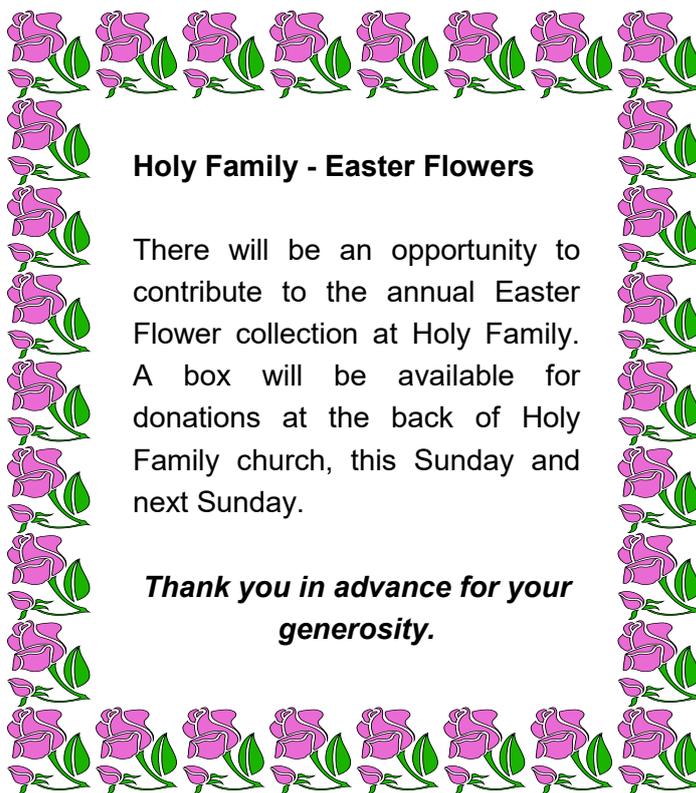
Year of St Joseph

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.



Holy Family - Easter Flowers

There will be an opportunity to contribute to the annual Easter Flower collection at Holy Family. A box will be available for donations at the back of Holy Family church, this Sunday and next Sunday.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Catholic universe

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH

We are aware that at the moment you may be unable to get to church and collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE.

Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on **0161 820 5722** and they will arrange it for you.

Paper Copy

SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS @ £25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months @ £99.00

Digital Copy

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months @ £55.00



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 11th 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 **THIS 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 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 **Easter cards** available as well as the usual selection of Get Well, Sympathy and Birthday cards. All single cards are £1 and packs of cards are £2.50. 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

Application form is also on our website

www.heswallcamp.org.uk



Registered Charity: 1177670

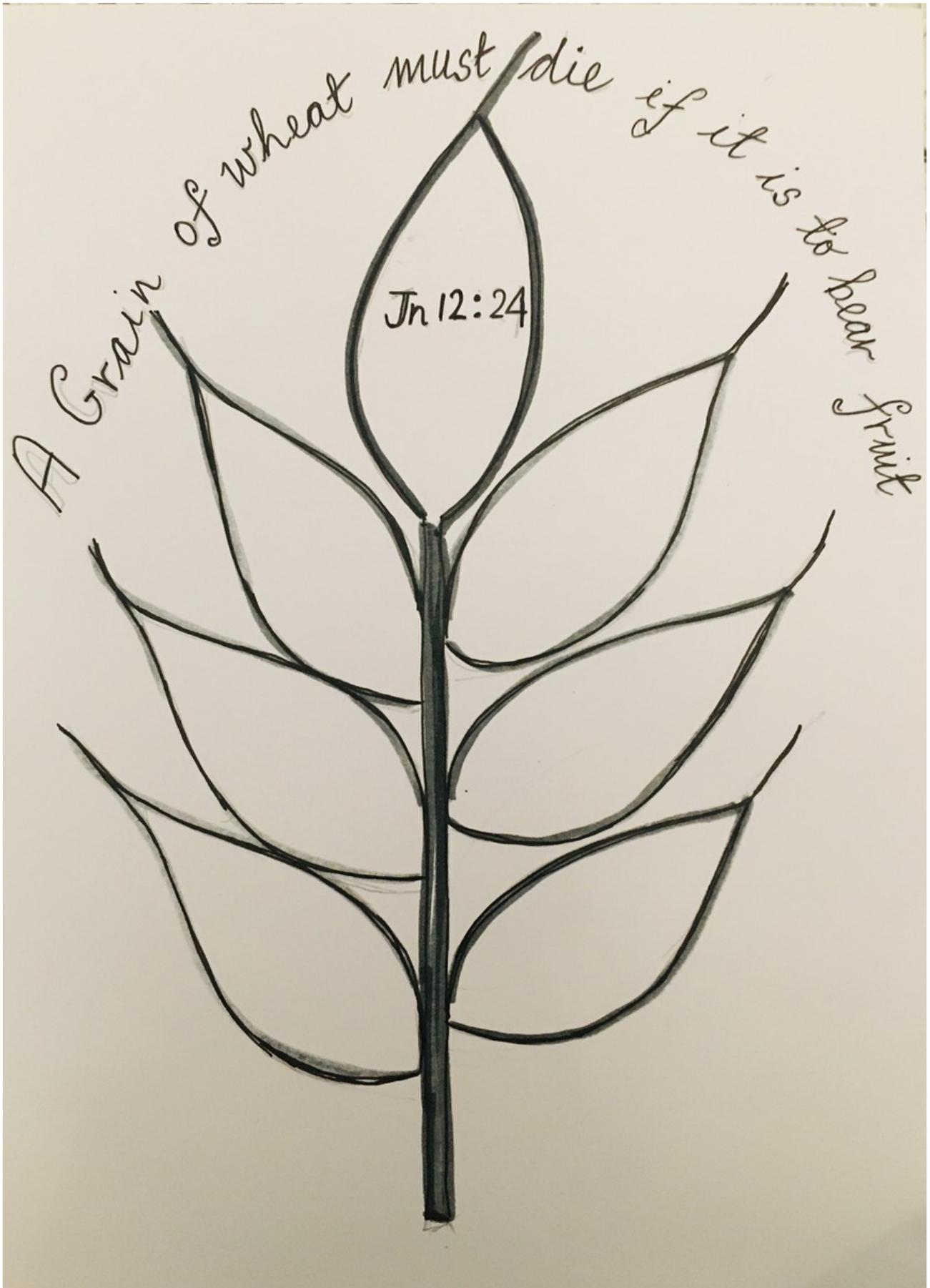
Can you help?

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

Children's Liturgy Page 1



Children's Liturgy Page 2



E	C	N	E	T	N	E	S	V	F
L	A	V	I	T	S	E	F	E	T
G	E	D	S	D	E	A	T	H	R
N	L	G	I	C	V	S	L	I	O
I	I	E	N	A	T	O	O	L	U
S	S	I	G	A	S	H	I	U	B
H	R	P	E	E	K	H	U	C	L
P	I	H	S	R	O	W	T	N	E
I	W	O	L	L	O	F	A	E	D
R	E	D	N	U	H	T	S	E	B

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