

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

Father Stephen and Reverend Jeff wish all our parishioners
a very happy and holy Easter.

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



❖ May They Rest in Peace ❖

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Mary Burke, Janine Powell, Canon Brendan Hoban & Deacon Philip White

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

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

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,
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,
Phillipa Rogers



❖ May He Rest in Peace ❖



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Canon Brendan Hoban** who passed away peacefully on Tuesday.
Rev. Jeff writes,

"Many will remember Canon Hoban from the time of Father Pat O'Briens death and the way he ministered to us at Holy Family for a number of weeks during this time. I will always remember him as a kind and gentle soul who guided me greatly over a difficult uncertain time. May he Rest in Peace."

Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen



John's Gospel greets us in the waning darkness of the night as morning approaches. Mary of Magdala notices that the tomb is empty and announces to Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, that "they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." Peter and this disciple run to the tomb. When the Beloved Disciple arrives first, he steps aside and lets Peter enter and they see the burial wrappings. They see and they believe.

Mary and the Beloved Disciple reach the tomb first. In John love is the prime Christian virtue and the key to ultimate recognition of Jesus. Unlike Lazarus, who comes forth from the tomb clad in the burial cloths, Jesus' burial cloths are left behind. Christian faith is not belief in the resuscitation of the corpse but hope in a totally new kind of life. True faith in the resurrection does not arise from seeing and believing in an empty tomb but from meeting God in the scriptures. When Jesus tells Mary, "Do not cling to me," he is saying that even though the earthly relationship is over, he will be with his loved ones in a totally new way.

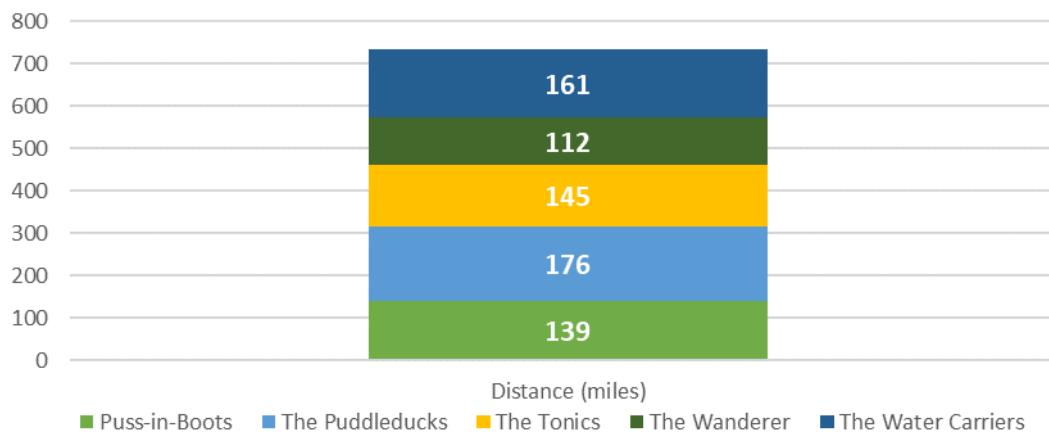
Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 4th April 2021

Sun 4th April	 Easter Sunday (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Tony Newby R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Fergus O'Kane R.I.P.
Mon 5th April	Monday of the Easter Octave	<u>10:00 am</u>	OLSJ	Mass - David Birch R.I.P. (Birthday)
Tues 6th April	Tuesday of the Easter Octave	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Parishioners
Wed 7th April	Wednesday of the Easter Octave	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Jack Scott R.I.P.
Thurs 8th April	Thursday of the Easter Octave	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rodger Hemington R.I.P.
Fri 9th April	Friday of the Easter Octave	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Susan McNulty
Sat 10th April	Saturday of the Easter Octave	12 noon	OLSJ	Mass - Colette Thurston & Family
Sun 11th April	2nd Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week II) Divine Mercy Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Tess Brabander R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Steve Burke Birthday Thanksgiving



The Holy Family Justice & Peace group wish to give a **BIG THANKS** to our five teams of walkers from both parishes and to all those who sponsored them. *The Puddleducks* speak for all of us with their comment 'We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of a parish effort together to help others' .

Since Ash Wednesday, our Walkers have collectively walked a whopping **733 miles in total**. Well done everyone! But we must not forget that the main purpose was to help in a small way at least some of those who have no choice but to walk miles each day just to collect the water they need.



Here is the final team update!

- **The Water Carriers** were impressed by their fellow walkers, who helped to create a sense of team effort, and thanked their sponsors, including **Aquarius**, for splashing out £260.
- **The Gordons** and friends, cheerfully handed over £220 to **The Tonics**. (What was in that drink?)
- **The Wanderer**, apart from a sore hip, has almost fully recovered from the fall and is pleased with the reward of £105 from **The Wolves** and £20 from an on-looker..
- **Puss in Boots** is still purring having received £106 from **Dick Wittington and friends**.
- **The Puddleducks** quacking can still be heard, as they were showered with £150 from nameless people. They didn't stop for congratulations, apparently having their own goals, as they waddled off into the sunset.



As a result of these efforts **£861** will be sent to Cafod.



There are other donations to Cafod, including the Family Fast Day proceeds. The total from these will be announced shortly.

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.



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.

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.

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



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.

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



LADYMTOUNT 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.

LADYMTOUNT 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-anselaus.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



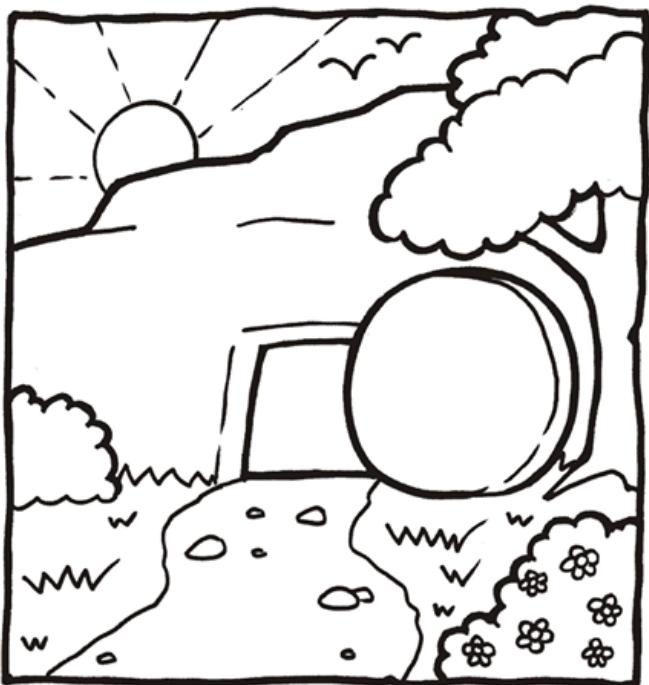
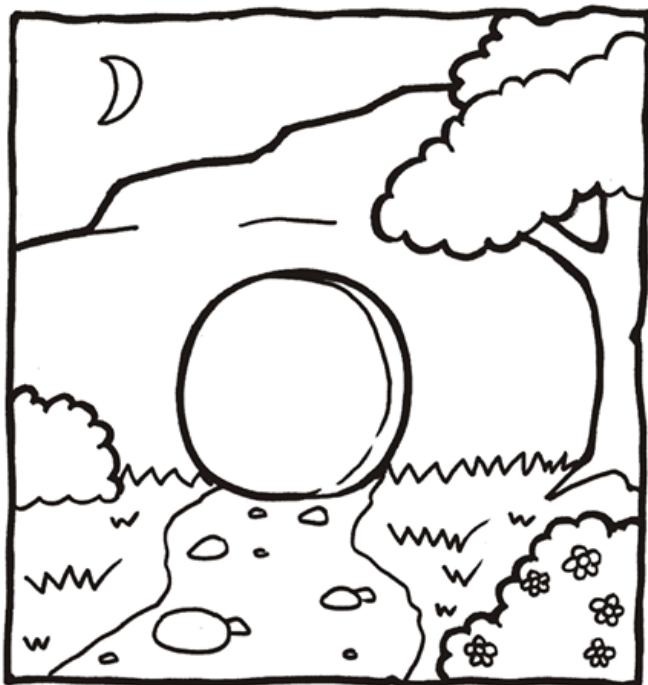
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Can you help?

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

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Spot the difference

Easter

WORD SEARCH



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BASKET CROSS
BIBLE EASTER
BUNNY EGGS
CANDY JESUS
CHURCH LAMB

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

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News

Visit the Holy Family Pensby Facebook page



Have your contact details changed recently? If they have, please let the Parish Secretary know.
contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

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contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk