

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

✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**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,

Father Paul O'Grady



Covid-19 Update

Although the current Covid-19 Government
restrictions will be easing slightly as of Monday,
as a community we must continue to do our bit
to ensure that we are still keeping each other
safe. There will be no changes to the way we
operate in church and during Mass.

When coming to Mass remember to.....



Use hand sanitiser on your way in
and on your way out of church.



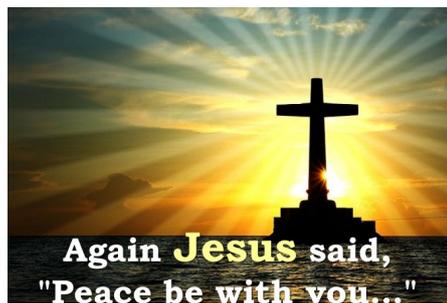
Wear a mask or face covering
that covers both your mouth **and**
nose, when entering church and
during the duration your time
inside the church.



Ensure that you stay a safe
distance away from people who
aren't from your household **at all**
times when in church.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen



Today's gospel recounts two appearances of the risen Jesus. On Easter evening the disciples are gathered in the darkness, fearful behind locked doors. The scene evokes the frequent association in John of darkness with lack of faith. Jesus' first words are, "Peace be with you." Peace is the biblical opposite of fear not conflict and a word that is closely associated with other biblical motifs such as justice, mercy and loving kindness. Here and in the 'doubting Thomas' incident, when Jesus shows his wounds, his disciples recognise him. The symbolism is powerful. The risen Christ is the crucified one: Christ's presence among

the community of believers is recognised by his wounds. Jesus is present in the suffering and marginal people of the world.

Jesus now includes the disciples in his own mission and fulfils his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Recalling the original gift of life to Adam from God's breath, Jesus breathes on them and grants them the power to forgive or retain sins. They are to form a community of forgiveness.

The story of Thomas, set a week later, portrays an example of unfaith which seeks proof of the resurrection. Only after Jesus challenges him to touch his wounds does Thomas confess, "My Lord and my God." John writes his Gospel to bring people to faith in Jesus, the Messiah.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 11th April 2021

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
Mon 12th April	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Joey Haugen R.I.P.
Tues 13th April	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Geraldine Ferris 'Get Well'
Wed 14th April	Ferial	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Madeline Newman R.I.P.
Thurs 15th April	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rodger Hemington R.I.P.
Fri 16th April	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Michael McDonagh R.I.P.
Sat 17th April	Ferial	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Arthur Newman & Daughter Ruth
Sun 18th April	3rd Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Beryl Gernon
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Mutch Anniversary

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>

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.



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.



News From Assam

Fr Philip sends us his Easter Blessing and thanks for the £1000 we sent recently. His words are:

'May the Risen Lord fill you with his Choicest blessings.' And, 'Once again, I am grateful to you for the tremendous sacrifices you make to support our children.'

Assam Collection Totals

It's been a while since we announced the monthly collection amounts for Assam, so here are the totals. Again, thank you so much to everyone for your continual generosity.

- October 2020 **Total: £50.00**
- November 2020 **Total: £82.00**
- December 2020 **Total: £141.00**
- January 2021 **Total: £102.00**
- February 2021 **Total: £100.00**

Don't forget that the Monthly Assam Collection will take place this Sunday, 11th April after Mass at Holy Family (delayed due to Easter last Sunday).



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.



Cafod Walk for Water Campaign

In addition to the 'Walk for Water' sum of **£861** a further **£135** was donated at Holy Family parish in response to Cafod's Lenten Appeal. Thank you to all involved in this tremendous act of generosity and example of love for one another.



What a beautiful sight! This photo taken by parishioner, Brian Sharp (taken last weekend before the snow!), highlights the beauty of the green space that was saved from building on by Wirral residents. The more eagle-eyed of you may also be able to spot the two new benches that have been installed in the space, courtesy of generous donations from two of our parishioners. Thank you.

We couldn't appreciate this lovely photo, without the mentioning a word of thanks to the volunteers of Heswall in Bloom, who regularly tend and look after this beautiful area and other areas around Heswall.



And whilst we are on the subject of gardens....the parish would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to a handful of parishioners, who tend to the gardens at both Parish churches and keep them looking so beautiful and cared for.

Our thanks go to Bernie and Tony Hailwood who do an excellent job of keeping the grounds around Our Lady and St John's church looking so neat and tidy.

Our thanks also go to Sean Purcell, Suzy Smallwood, Fran Ion, Theresa Hurworth, Tony and Grainne Donnolly, David Johnston, Steve Miller and Brian Sharp who all spend so much time and effort looking after the grounds of Holy Family Church.



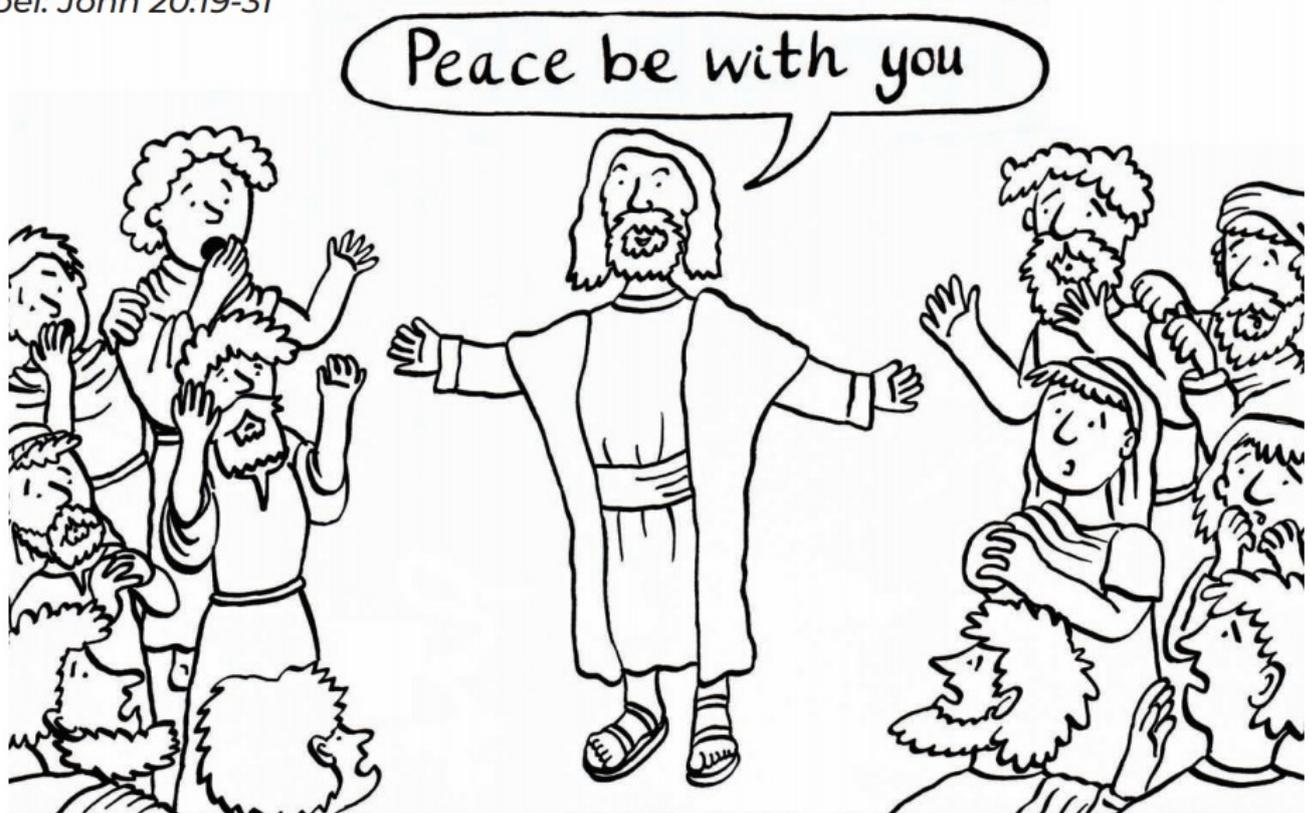
Children's Liturgy Page

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WEEK	DOORS	CLOSED
FEAR	PEACE	HANDS
FORGIVE	THOMAS	HOLES
FINGER	EIGHT	BELIEVE



Gospel: John 20:19-31



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

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