

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

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.

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.

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,
John Gibbings



Please get in touch if you would like to add or remove someone from the list.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today's gospel follows on from the return to the upper room of the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Jesus stands among everyone there and says, "Peace be with you!" He then shows them the wounds on his hands and feet. They are dumbfounded but he shows the reality of his bodily resurrection by taking a piece of grilled fish and sharing a meal with them.

Together with peace, forgiveness is one of the important gifts of the risen Christ. Jesus' appearances bring the disciples a deep experience of being forgiven. They all abandoned Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane when the soldiers came to arrest him. Peter denied him in the courtyard of the High Priest's house. The peace and forgiveness that the risen Jesus brought was a release from the shame and failure of Jesus' first followers when he most needed them. The same peace and forgiveness made them into the fearless missionaries and witnesses that they became. The experience of such love and generous forgiveness touched Peter who disowned Jesus, Thomas who doubted him and the others who ran away but whom he came to see in the upper room, when he rose. This experience of peace and forgiveness is the lasting gift of the risen Christ to his followers of every age.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 18th April 2021

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
Mon 19th April	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Special Intentions of Father Marian Dilaksleith
Tues 20th April	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Richard Furlong R.I.P.
Wed 21st April	St Anselm of Canterbury	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Helen Williams Birthday Thanksgiving
Thurs 22nd April	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - More Dwyer R.I.P.
Fri 23rd April	St George	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - In Thanksgiving for Janine Powell
Sat 24th April	Ss Adalbert & Fidelis	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Anthony Birch R.I.P. Anniversary
Sun 25th April	4th Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week IV) <i>Day of Special Prayer Throughout the World for Vocations</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Viv & Brian Sharp Wedding Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - In Thanksgiving for Mothers' Prayers

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.



Parishioners **Lily and Brian Skinner** would like to say a very **BIG THANK YOU** to Brian and Viv Sharp for their lovely hot-cross buns, to Ronnie Buckley for the lovely flowers and chocolates and to Pauline Eaton for lovely chocolates delivered to them for Easter. Their kindness and thoughtfulness made Lily and Brian's Easter very special.



MISSIO PLANT SALE

Parishioners, John and Mary Scott are doing their annual Plant Sale to raise money for Missio. A large selection of Heritage tomato plants from USA, France, Italy, as well as popular English varieties, are now available for sale from their greenhouse, together with lettuce, chilli, pepper, cucumber and heritage rhubarb varieties plus some flowering plants as well.

All proceeds go directly to MISSIO, the Pope's own missionary society, in support of their worldwide missions.

In accordance with current lockdown restrictions, parishioners can come individually to their garden in Baskervyle Road to see what is available. Please contact MARY SCOTT on 342 1277 or 07913 925763 to arrange a suitable day and time.



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

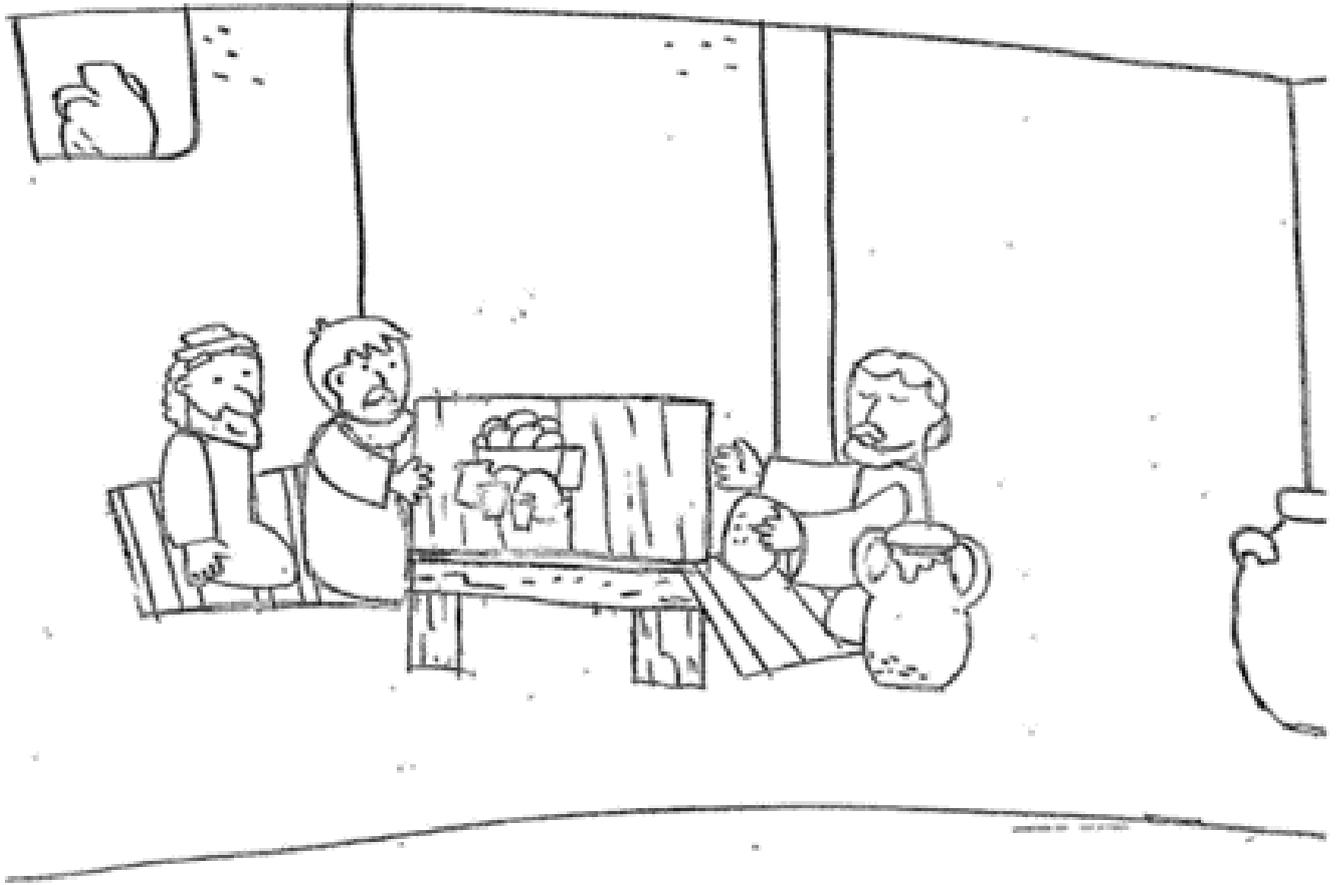
Ladymount has a Pre-School and take children from the age of 2 ½ years of age. If you would like to apply for a place at the Pre School, please contact Gill Potter on telephone number 0151 648 8005.



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.

Children's Liturgy Page



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

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