

# 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

### **Andrew Whittingham-Jones and Doreen Devereux**

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,

John McNulty,

Samantha Stevens,

John Charles Smith,

Father Paul O'Grady,

John Gibbings



## 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.

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



## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and gives his life for them in contrast to hired men who neglect the sheep and have no real concern for them and will run away at the first sign of danger. Behind the rich

imagery of this passage are the frequent Old Testament uses of the image of the shepherd to describe God's care for the people, important leaders in salvation history, Moses, David, kings, and the longed-for Messiah. Jesus' contrast with the hired men recalls God's attack through the prophets against false shepherds (leaders), who neglect the sheep and exploit them for their own gain. Jesus, God's chosen anointed one will lay down his life for his sheep. Though this looks towards Jesus' passion and death, his statement "I will lay down my life for my sheep," implies that his whole life and teaching is a model for good shepherding. During Eastertide we are reminded of Jesus, who conquered death, who will lead his sheep to paradise and who models pastoral care as knowing and self-emptying service, which extends to sheep who are not of this fold. This is reflected in all the ways we put our lives at the service of others: Parents' care of children and acts of love, kindness and compassion to those who are lonely and in need.

### Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 25th April 2021

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
Mon 26th April	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Andrew Whittingham-Jones R.I.P.
Tues 27th April	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - John Gibbings - Get Well Soon
Wed 28th April	Ss Peter Chanel & Louis Marie de Montfort	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Sarah Heery Anniversary
Thurs 29th April	St Catherine of Siena <i>Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i>	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Aileen Pocock R.I.P.
Fri 30th April	St Pius	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Bernie Burchell R.I.P.
Sat 1st May	St Joseph the Worker <i>Day of Special Prayer for Human Work</i>	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - David Noonan R.I.P.
Sun 2nd May	5th Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Brian Cantillon R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - David Birch R.I.P. Anniversary



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### Diocesan Job Vacancy

**Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Limited** is a Catholic organisation currently recruiting an Administrator. The Company purchases gas, electricity, fuel oil and biomass for the majority of Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. The role is working with others in the department processing invoices, collecting data and general administration duties. This is a full-time post: 35 hours Monday to Friday based at the Curial Office, Birkenhead, Wirral. Salary: £16K to 19K dependant on experience.

**Closing date 28th May 2021**

**Please send CV to Pauline McCulloch**

[recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

*For further details please visit the website*

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curial/vacancies>



### News From Assam

Don't forget that the Monthly Assam Collection will take place **next Sunday, 2nd May** after Mass at Holy Family.

Many thanks for your continued support, prayers and generosity.



**HOPE FOR JUSTICE**

Change lives. End slavery.

### Wirral Hope for Justice Group Family Friendly Quiz

Hope for Justice is a growing movement whose aim is to fight against the injustice of slavery, an evil which is found today even within our own country. A local branch has been formed in Bebington and they are seeking to raise awareness of this issue and to invite others to join them. As an initial fund raiser they are inviting families, individuals or groups to join in a family friendly quiz, via zoom, on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of June at 7.30 pm.**

For more information please contact:

[wirralhopeforjustice@gmail.com](mailto:wirralhopeforjustice@gmail.com)

To join the Quiz log on to the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7984900658?pwd=VUJRcmRRNIRJVi9NUU9TMDRhQ3VWQT09>

Meeting ID: 798 490 0658 Passcode: 7w19Hk



### Mary's Meals - Pray in May Appeal

Since our humble beginnings, Mary's Meals, named after Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us. **This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that we are now reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day.** We also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish, enabling us to reach more hungry children. For more information visit:

[www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay)



## 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 Baskerville 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 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.



**Oxfam**



### Volunteers Needed!

Oxfam's Heswall Shop has now opened and we're currently looking for some fantastic new volunteers to join a great team. Ideally, you'll be able to provide 4-8 hours a week; but, we're very flexible to people's situations and exiting commitments!

Right now, we've got volunteer roles such as:

- Valuables & Collectables Volunteer
- Till Operator
- Oxfam Online Shop Volunteer
- Tuesday Shift Volunteers (morning and/or afternoon)
- Books Volunteer
- Social Media Volunteer

**Interested?** Click on the link below and type in **Heswall**. We'd love to hear from you.

<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/volunteer-in-an-oxfam-shop/>



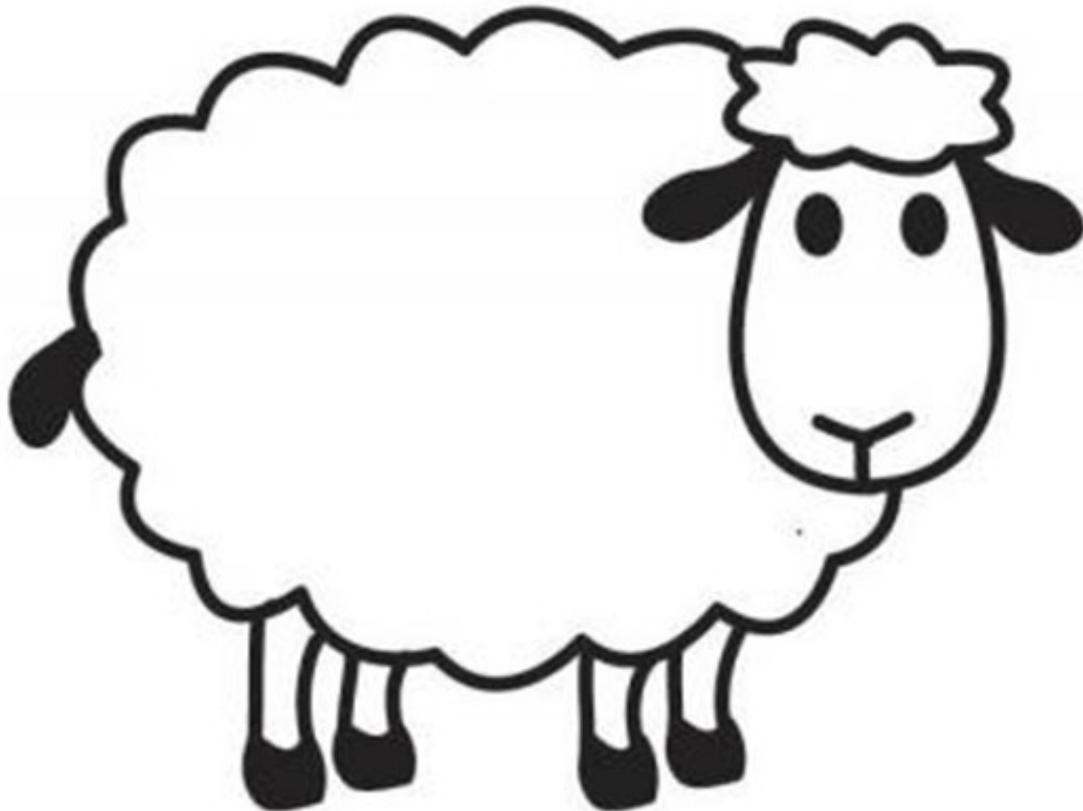
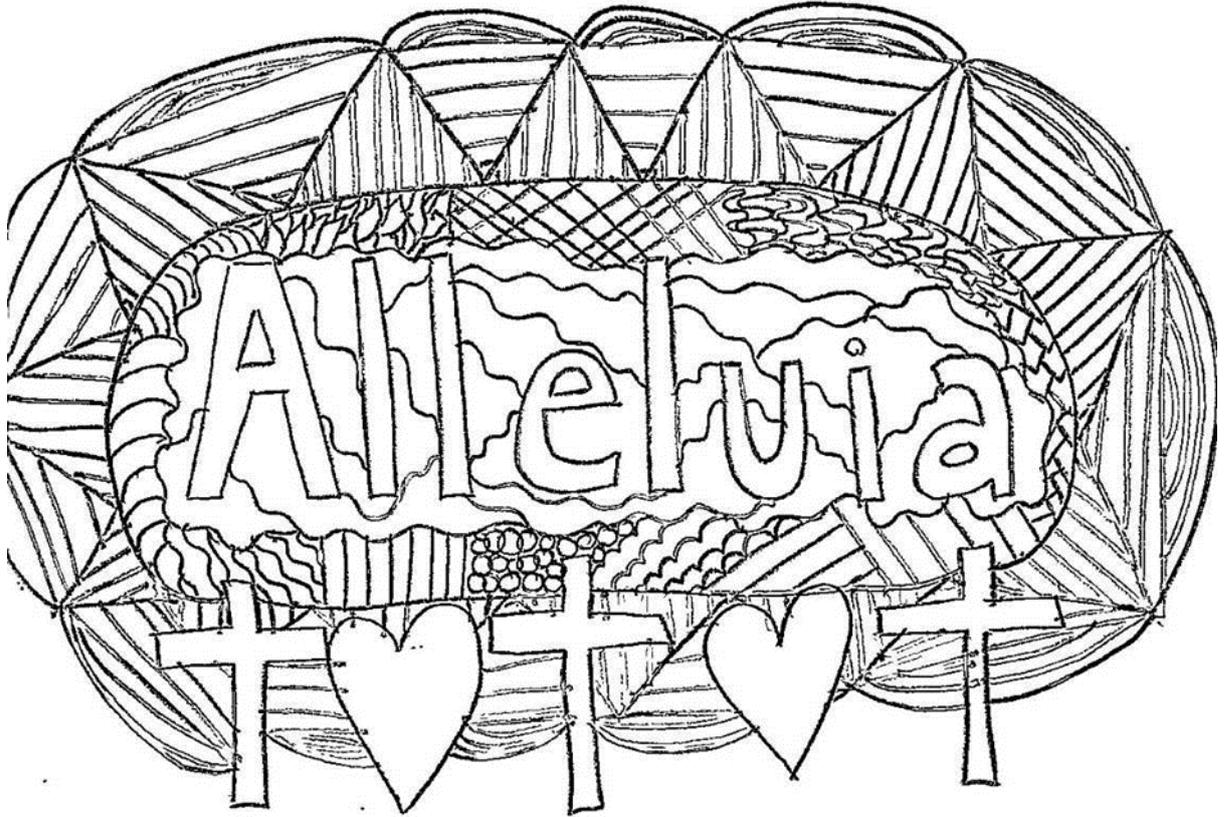
*Does your child need a little bit of extra support with their Maths or English or need some 11+ tuition?*

Parishioner, Victoria Interi offers one-on-one English, Maths or 11+ tuition for children aged 4-11. For further details please call Victoria on 07976638833.

# 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>



Visit the parish

Website



at

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



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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)