

# 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

**Tadg Casey, Eileen Walpole, Jessica  
Swanwick & Peter Duggan**

who have recently died. May their souls rest in  
peace. Please remember to pray for their families at

## Covid-19 Update from the Bishop

We are expecting a Prime Ministerial announcement out-lining the next stage of England's 'Road-Map' out of lockdown, with measures taking effect from 17th May. It is thought the success of the national vaccine programme will allow the Government to ease safety measures in the week ahead. Insofar as these announcements will impact on the life and worship of our parishes and communities, I will seek to pass on to you all relevant information when received.

The unfolding tragedy of the Covid pandemic elsewhere in the world reminds us how the roll-out of vaccines and medicines on an international scale will be required to bring this global crisis to an end. Pope Francis's call to intercessory prayer with the Rosary especially focuses on those who are suffering most and who lack the resources and infrastructure that is allowing our country to emerge from this crisis. Let us continue to heed the Holy Father's call to prayer for an end to the global pandemic.

## When coming to Mass remember . . .



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

## 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



*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 prays that his disciples may experience the unity he shares with his Father, that they may share in his joy, and that they will be consecrated in truth. Jesus also prays for their protection in a hostile world. His own life is a pattern for the lives of those who believe in him. He comes from above, from presence with God, to an alien world that does not accept him and then returns to the Father. The believer in John, is born from above, lives in a hostile and alien world and, as Jesus returns to the Father, the destiny of his followers is to be with him.

The ambiguity of “the world” echoes throughout John’s Gospel. The world was made through the Word but did not recognise him. Jesus takes away the sin of the world and God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. He is the living Bread that will be the life of the world. Yet the world often symbolises the power of evil organised against Jesus and his followers. Though other New Testament writings have a more positive attitude to the world, and though the contemporary Church is summoned to be engaged in the world and to discern the manifestations of goodness among non-Christians, in John Jesus and the disciples come to the world to challenge its values.

### Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 16th May 2021

Sun 16th May	7th Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week III) <i>Day of Special Prayer for World Communications</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - In Thanksgiving for Ladymount School
Mon 17th May	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Theresa Stubbings Birthday Anniversary
Tues 18th May	St John	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Intentions of the Gibbings & Rodgers Family
Wed 19th May	St Milburga	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr & Mrs Barber R.I.P.
Thurs 20th May	St Bernardine of Siena	<b>9:30 am</b>	OLSJ	Mass - Rodger Hemington R.I.P.
Fri 21st May	The Dedication of the Cathedral	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Margaret McGurk Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat 22nd May	St Rita of Cascia	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - In Thanksgiving for Mother’s Prayers Group
Sun 23rd May	Pentecost Sunday (Psalter Week IV) <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Church</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Sarah Davies R.I.P. Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Thomas More Dwyer R.I.P.



# 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7984900658?pwd=VUJRcmRRNIRJVi9NUU9TMDRhQ3VWQT09)

[pwd=VUJRcmRRNIRJVi9NUU9TMDRhQ3VWQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7984900658?pwd=VUJRcmRRNIRJVi9NUU9TMDRhQ3VWQT09)

Meeting ID: 798 490 0658 Passcode: 7w19Hk



## CAFOD - A Personal Thank You

We have now received acknowledgement of the donations handed in to the parish and most of the donations sent direct. In addition we have received this personal letter:

*'I would like to say a personal thank you to all of you who have supported CAFOD and our work. It has been such a difficult year for so many of us. And yet your efforts -your walking for water, your sponsorship, your donations, your campaigning and your prayers – have held us up and given us strength. It's this support that allows us to continue reaching out with practical help to those who need it most. Thank you for being such a blessing. God bless you,*

Christine Allen  
Director of CAFOD.



## DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

### 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>



**MISSIO  
Plant Sale**

The total amount raised from the plant sale done by parishioner John Scott and his wife, now stands at **£350**. Well done John! The money has been sent to Missio.

John and his wife would like to thank all those who supported this fund raiser.



### SVP Project - Planning Application - Assistance Needed!

The SVP nationally are exploring the possibility of having a centre in Birkenhead. Negotiations for the grant of the lease are ongoing and it will be necessary to make a planning application for change of use. The team who are working to get the project off the ground are seeking someone with experience of CAD who may be able to draw plans of the existing building to assist in submitting a planning application for change of use so the building can offer the provision of food and training.

Anyone who could assist in drawing up the building plans please contact Rose Mullarkey on 07905 952798 or any SVP Member. Many thanks.



### 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)



### More Covid Update News From Assam

Fr Cyprian Lakri has now been in touch and asks for our prayers. He himself had become quite ill after receiving the vaccine but is now recovering. He tells of his neighbouring diocese where

*' three priests died of the Covid. Two were just 34-35 years four /five years of priest, and the other was 55 years. A 4th. priest is in the hospital.*

*In my parish, two gardens [tea plantations] are affected by Covid. Both the gardens are isolated and people are asked not to come out and get in for any purpose. I had contacted the catechist and had been in the hospital. Now he has come back to the house and is resting. Some are in the hospital being treated. In Dibrugarh some area people are affected badly. In Northern India yes ,the second wave has seriously affected the people. This is what I can say reading the news paper. But slowly it is coming back to normal in our area. People are more aware. The schools are closed and the Sunday services in the churches are restricted. Personal hygiene is being maintained by the people. Hope soon I believe things will be normal.*

*Kindly pray for us so that God will have mercy on us. Prayers . Cypri'*

### 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>

# Children's Liturgy



Acts 1:15-17.20-26  
Psalm 102  
1 John 4:11-16  
John 17:11-19

# Speak, Lord

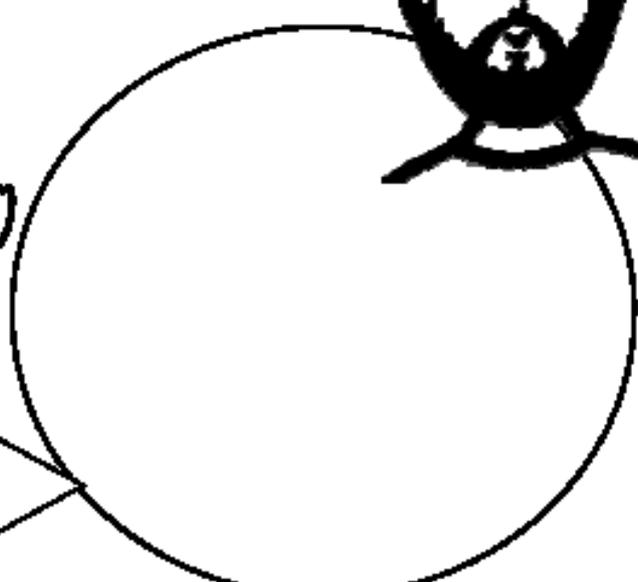


SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year B — 7th Sunday of Easter



# JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS FRIENDS



In the circle write the names of some of the friends of Jesus.

Use the code to find out what Jesus said in his prayer:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
⇒	⇐	⇒	⇐	⇒	⇐	⇒	⇐	↑	↓	↖	↗	↙	↘	⇄	⬆	⬇	⬅	⬆	⬅	➡	⬅	➡	⬆	⬇	⬅	➡

- I want to (▽↑⇒△⇒) \_\_\_\_\_ my (↖⇐⬆) \_\_\_\_\_ with you.
- Father, (▲△⇐⇐⇒⇐) \_\_\_\_\_ them from the (⇒⇐↓↖) \_\_\_\_\_ one.

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)

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stjohn.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk)

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