

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

Kay Dalton & Stella Leighton

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

Covid-19 and our Parish Churches

You will be aware that there are some changes which arise from the Government's Road Map update announced on 17th May.

These do not have large impacts upon us as parishioners. The main change being the number allowed at events.

- **Weekday & Sunday Masses** - these continue to be filled according to the 1m+ rule.
- **Funerals** – are now based on the capacity of the churches. We have identified capacity as Our Lady & St John upto 60 and Holy Family upto 40. This is higher than our normal capacity, but is based upon the likelihood that many of the attendees are in family bubbles, which allows more people to occupy a row.
- **Weddings** - 30 people permitted.
- **Baptism** – 30 people permitted.

Note that the number permitted does not include anyone supporting the service, priests, stewards, organists etc.

When coming to Mass remember . . .



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

In today's gospel Jesus portrays the mystery of God's reign, that is, the mystery of God's power being displayed in his ministry. In the first parable a rather unconcerned farmer just scatters the seed, resumes a restful life, and the seed sprouts and grows; how, he doesn't know. The farmer only returns for the harvest. What is Jesus trying to say? To those of his followers who expected the

kingdom to blossom forth immediately he may be cautioning that God's times are not human times. To others who wanted to hurry the arrival of the kingdom by violent or extraordinary means, the parable says that God's reign has a power of its own. To both groups the message is to be ready for the harvest. A time will come to act and we must stand ready.

The second parable says God's reigning is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds, but which springs up and grows into a large shrub, so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade. It can take over a garden, providing a haven for even unwanted birds. Small beginnings may have startling results and bring hope and wholeness to many.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 13th June 2021

Sun 13th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Rita Wynne (ill)
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
Mon 14th June	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Andrew Whittingham-Jones R.I.P.
Tues 15th June	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Eric Burton (ill)
Wed 16th June	St Richard of Chichester	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Doris Christian 100th Birthday Anniversary R.I.P.
Thurs 17th June	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Thomas McDonagh R.I.P.
Fri 18th June	Ferial	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Tom Burke Senior R.I.P.
Sat 19th June	BVM on Saturday	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - To Our Lady of Mount Carmel for a successful operation
Sun 20th June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III) <i>Day of Special Prayer for Life</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Kay Dalton R.I.P.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH, GAZA
Conflict in the Holy Land
In need of our prayers

For some years we've been remembering this community in Gaza, particularly at Christmas. Let us continue with our prayers for them, coping with the dangers of Covid and now, war.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have published an interview with the present parish priest, Father Gabriel Romanelli, in which he talks about how his Holy Family Parish is helping those in need as violence escalates. And let us pray for a speedy cessation of hostilities in the whole area.

To read the article online click on the link below:

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales](http://cbcew.org.uk)
cbcew.org.uk



HOPE FOR JUSTICE

Change lives. End slavery.

Wirral Hope for Justice Group
Online Family Friendly Quiz

Saturday 19th June @7:30pm

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 19th of June at 7.30 pm.**

For more information please contact:
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



Inspiring Catholic Lives

Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was an English-born Italian Catholic youth and amateur computer programmer, who is best known for

documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them onto a website called miracolieucaristici.org, that he created before his death from leukemia. He was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and deep devotion to the Eucharist, which becomes a core theme of his life.

He was beatified on 10 October 2020.

To find out more about him and his life's work, visit carloacutis-en.org



Assam Collection Totals

March 2021 - £132.00

April 2021 - £123.50

May 2021 - £157.00

Many thanks for your continued support,
 prayers and generosity.

GREAT NEWS!

The Beacon WILL shine again!

Reopening Friday, 25th June



The Beacon Cafe is Heswall's hidden gem at the top of the hill next to and run by the Methodist Church. It is staffed entirely by volunteers from within the Church and the Wirral community and all profit is given to charity. From the minute you walk into the Cafe you will know that this is a very special place. Those who have found us return time and time again to enjoy the wonderful home cooked food and the welcome they receive. We will reopen on **25th June** initially on Fridays only.

Open for over 20 years and raised approx £100,000 for local, national and international charities.

Have you tried the Beacon yet? By just coming for coffee or a delicious lunch you can give support to so many people less fortunate than yourselves, without even realising it! There are not many places where you can go and really enjoy delicious food, lovely surroundings, a friendly atmosphere and know that by doing so you are supporting so many worthwhile charities.

All this happens because local people are willing to volunteer in our cafe. If you talk to them they will tell you "I really love it" - so if you have a few hours a week to spare, or maybe are newly retired, new volunteers are always most welcome. Come and try our delicious food, and if you would like to join the team, have a word with one of our volunteers. The Beacon is normally open in school term-time only on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.30 - 2.00pm. A huge thank you to all our customers who come from far and wide to make the Beacon the huge success that it has become. Who could imagine in that from small beginnings, approximately £100,000 has been donated to Charity and we have helped change so many lives "The Beacon"... the Shining Light of Heswall.

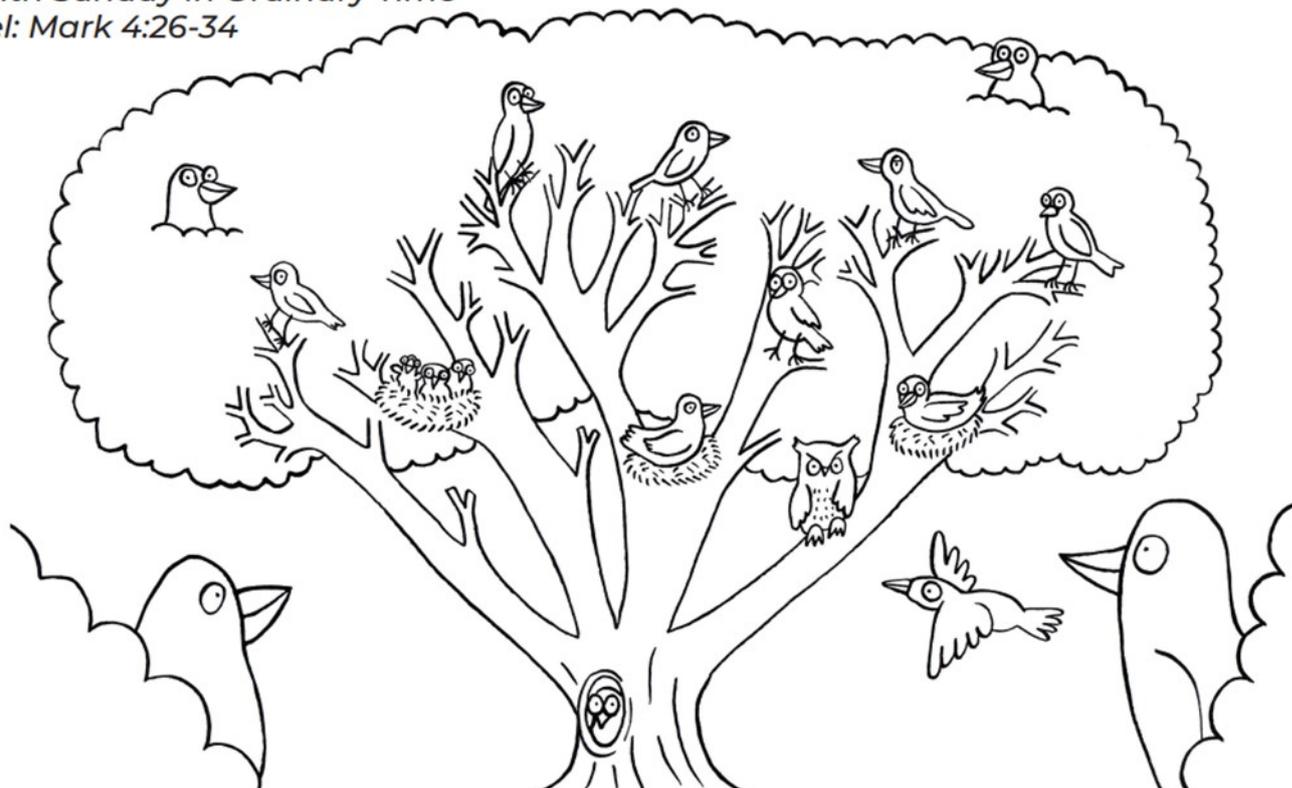


Children's Liturgy

Don't forget that you can follow this week's Children's Liturgy on our YouTube channel.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34



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that go the shelter in the tree.

WE ARE PART OF THE CHURCH!

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

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.



Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News

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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



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