

# 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  
**Madge McGrath, Pauline Davies, Anne  
Kennedy & Laura Jane Ball**

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

**Madge McGrath's** funeral will be held at Our Lady  
and St John on **Monday 31st January 2022 at  
11am.**



## Coronavirus Update Latest Wirral Figures

Week ending	Rate per 100,000	Current cases/week
<b>5th January</b>	<b>2270</b>	<b>7361</b>
24th December	657	2130
15th December	475	1541
9th December	390	1263
2nd December	388	1258
25th November	388	1261
18th November	331	1074
11th November	347	1124
4th November	374	1212
27th October	382	1238
20th October	420	1363
13th October	369	1196
6th October	256	830
29th September	310	1005
22nd September	254	824

**With cases locally extremely high, we ask  
you to continue to wear a mask whilst at  
Mass and to sanitise your hands on the way  
in and out of church.**

**Thank you.**

## Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those in  
both parishes who are sick at home or in  
hospital, including:

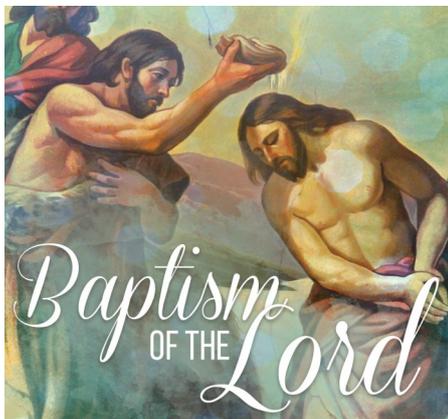
Catherine Maschke,  
Gerry Smith,  
Joe Lucas,  
John Moroney,  
Ken Davies,  
David Gorman,  
Carol Ross,  
Imelda Atherton,  
Pauline Pritchard,  
Sara Bull,  
William Kerin,  
David Johnston,  
Phil Shaw,  
Eileen Roberts,  
Irene Fitzpatrick,  
Frances Ford,  
Maureen Jones,  
Moira Griffiths-Parr,  
John McNulty,  
Samantha Stevens,  
John Charles Smith,  
Father Paul O'Grady,  
John Gibbings,  
Peter Ryan,  
Bernard Davies,  
Anne Crowden,  
Anne Henry,  
Mary Wrigley,  
Lauren,  
Eileen Lamberton



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

### Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 9th January 2022

Sun 9th January	The Baptism of the Lord (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Laurence Chadwick & Norah Chadwick
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Marie Dahill
Mon 10th January	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Sheila Kelly R.I.P.
Tues 11th January	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Aileen Pocock R.I.P.
Wed 12th January	St Aelred of Rievaulx	9:00 am	OLSJ	Laura Jane Ball Funeral Mass
Thurs 13th January	St Hilary	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Margaret McGurk R.I.P.
Fri 14th January	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr & Mrs E. P. Barsby & Family
Sat 15th January	BVM on Saturday	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs M. Wrigley (sick)
Sun 16th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Pauline Davies R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Ruth Morton R.I.P.



### Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

Jesus is baptized only after all the other people have been baptized and, while he is at prayer, heaven opens and the Holy Spirit descends on him in bodily shape, like a dove, and a voice comes from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." Jesus at prayer foreshadows the importance of prayer throughout the Gospel. Major events in salvation history occur in the context of prayer, for example the annunciation of John the Baptist's birth to his father, the priest Zechariah, the Transfiguration, the death of Jesus. The major figures of the Gospel are people who proclaim God in prayer: Mary, Zechariah, Simeon and Anna. Only Luke has the parables about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. Jesus' life and ministry arise from prayer inspired by the Holy Spirit, as will the lives and ministries of his followers.

Luke also sees Jesus as the fulfilment of Isaiah's "servant, whom I (the Lord,) uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights." This servant "will bring true justice to the nations." He will establish justice by his teaching. Jesus is appointed as 'Covenant of the people and light of the nations.'



## Synod 2021 - 2023

*“By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation, to open itself to mission.”*

### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION IN PREPARATION FOR THE SYNOD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

- 1. COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY** – In our local Church, who are those who “walk together”? Who are those who seem further apart? How are we called to grow as companions? What groups or individuals are left on the margins?
- 2. LISTENING** – How is God speaking to us? As a Church how well do we listen and how well are we listened to? How well do we listen to those on the peripheries or the margins? How can we listen and be listened to better?
- 3. SPEAKING OUT** – What enables or hinders speaking up courageously and responsibly in our local Church & in society? When and how do we manage to say what is important to us?
- 4. CELEBRATION** – “Walking together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word & the celebration of the Eucharist. How do prayer, the Mass and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our common life & mission in our community? How do they inspire the most important decisions? How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?
- 5. SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION** – All the faithful are called to participate in the mission of the Church as missionary disciples, how is every baptised person called to participate in the mission of the Church? What hinders them from being active in mission? What areas of mission are we neglecting?
- 6. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY** – To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue? What are the places and means of dialogue within our local Church? How do we promote collaboration with others & what issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to?
- 7. ECUMENISM** – What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations? What do we share and how do we journey together? What are the difficulties? How can we take the next step in walking forward with each other?
- 8. AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION** – How is authority or governance exercised within our local Church? How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice? How are evaluations conducted and by whom? How are lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people promoted? How can we foster a more synodal approach in our participation and leadership?
- 9. DISCERNING AND DECIDING** – In a synodal style we make decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. What methods and processes do we use in decision-making? How can they be improved? What is the relationship between consultation and decision-making, and how do we put these into practice?
- 10. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY** – Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation, and on-going learning. How does our church community form people to be more capable of “walking together,” listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?

### **Questions from Bishop Mark for reflection individually or in groups:**

**COMMUNION** – In what ways has the unity of our parishes in faith and charity, above all in Eucharistic communion, been strengthened or weakened by the experience of the past two years?

**PARTICIPATION** – What has the experience of this time taught us about participation in the Church’s life?

**MISSION** – What have been the fruits of this time for mission to those outside the life of our parishes and especially to those on the margins of society, what more needs to be done?



## DONATE FOOD

Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in [The Trussell Trust](#) network is donated by the public – that’s why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Our shopping list shows the food items that we need right now.

### SHOPPING LIST

- TINNED FISH
- TINNED POTATOES
- SQUASH
- SUGAR (SMALL PACKET IF POSSIBLE)
- UHT MILK
- INSTANT MASH
- COFFEE (SMALL)
- JAM
- SHAMPOO
- DEODORANT

### WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- BEANS
- PASTA

There are boxes at the back of both our parish churches for the collection of goods. If you are unable to get to church, you can also donate food at Tesco’s in Heswall.

For more information about the foodbank, please visit their website [wirral.foodbank.org.uk](http://wirral.foodbank.org.uk)



### Ladymount Pre-School

We have spaces for children aged 2 ½ to 4 from January 2021.

We offer a high ratio of staff in a warm and welcoming environment. Our staff team is highly qualified and we nurture the whole child, supporting their learning with play and interaction.

Our sessions are currently 8:40-11:40am and 12:10-3:10pm. You can also use our 'lunch session' so your child can stay all day. We offer wraparound care, which starts at 8:00am in the morning and finishes at 5:00 in the evening.

Please ring 648 8005 for further information and an appointment to look around or email us at:

[preschool@ladymount.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:preschool@ladymount.wirral.sch.uk)



### Last Chance to See the Crib at Holy Family

The Crib scene will be taken down after Mass this coming Sunday (9th January), so if you would like to see it, please do come before then.

All the offerings made at the Crib, will be donated to Caritas Shrewsbury.

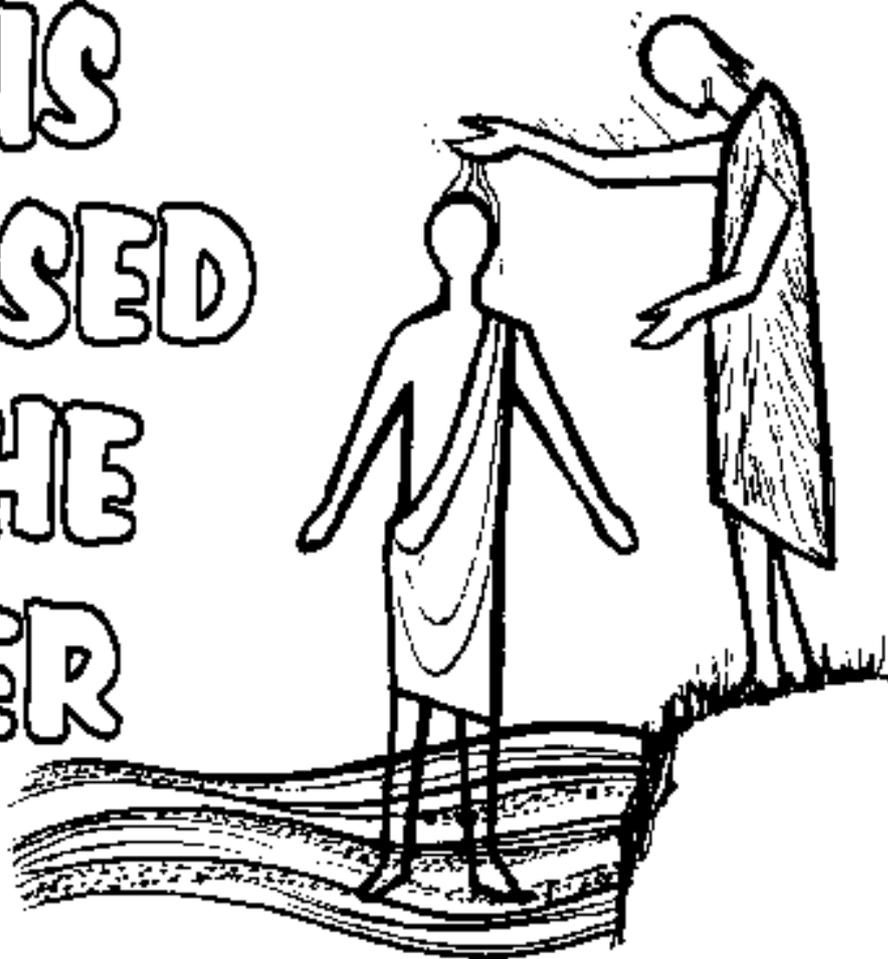
**Great News!** We now have an organist at Holy Family, so singing is back on the menu, as of this Sunday.

As at both parish churches, it is important that you **KEEP YOUR MASKS ON whilst singing**. It isn't ideal, but it does stop the potential spread of infection. Hymn books will be handed to you on the way in and we ask that you leave your hymn book on your seat/bench on the way out, to ensure that parishioners are able to leave without delay.

## Children's Liturgy

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

# JESUS BAPTISED IN THE RIVER



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## GOD SAID:

“

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>



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If they have, please let the Parish Secretary know.  
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