

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**

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
12th January	2520	8174
5th January	2270	7361
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:

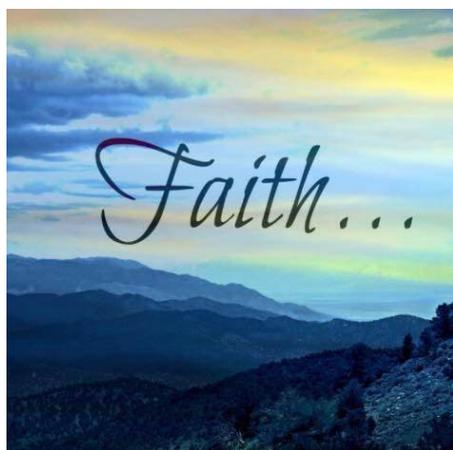
Catherine Maschke,
Gerry Smith,
Joe Lucas,
John Moroney,
Ken Davies,
David Gorman,
Carol Ross,
Imelda Atherton,
Pauline Pritchard,
Sara Bull,
William Kerin,
David Johnston,
Phil Shaw,
Eileen Roberts,
Irene Fitzpatrick,
Frances Ford,
Maureen Jones,
Moira Griffiths-Parr,
John McNulty,
Samantha Stevens,
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 16th January 2022

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.
Mon 17th January	St Anthony	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Madge McGrath R.I.P.
Tues 18th January	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Gaynor Hennity R.I.P.
Wed 19th January	St Wulstan	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr P. Sutton & Family
Thurs 20th January	Ss Sebastian & Fabian	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Paul Leckie R.I.P.
Fri 21st January	St Agnes	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr & Mrs C. R. Jones & Family
Sat 22nd January	St Vincent	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Anthony Flaherty (sick)
Sun 23rd January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Samuel Chadwick
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Jesus begins his public ministry as a young bride and groom begin their married life together. When the wine begins to run out, Jesus' mother notes this and receives a seeming rebuke from her Son, "Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." In John's gospel Jesus is "from above" and no human being, not even those closest to him, understands him fully. Yet, Mary remains a stirring model of faith in the presence of this mystery. She immediately says, "Do whatever he tells you." And the sign is accomplished. Mary is a symbol of many people who have great faith in Jesus but do not really understand who he is.

Yet, Mary's faith will lead to the true manifestation of the glory of her Son, since the reference to the hour points to his lifting up on the cross when he will draw all people to himself and to that moment when Mary will embody discipleship in its fullness. Mary's birth pangs in John occur at the cross when she becomes the mother of all those whose love leads them to Jesus, epitomized by the presence of the disciple Jesus loved.



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?



VACANCY - CLERGY WELFARE OFFICER

A vacancy for a Clergy Welfare Officer has arisen within the Diocese – The role of the clergy welfare officer is to work with and supervise the welfare assistant to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The clergy welfare officer will provide, advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing.

Hours: 21 hours a week.

Salary: £38,000-£42,000 FTE pro-rata'd dependant on experience and qualifications.

Closing date Friday 11th February.

For further details please see:

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

Completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch at:

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org



VACANCY - HEAD TEACHER at ST WINEFRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, NESTON



Following the retirement of our Head Teacher in August 2021, the Governors of St Winefride's Primary in Neston, are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, inspirational, and committed Catholic leader to the post of Head Teacher for September 2022.

“Welcome to St Winefride's where we come together to LEARN, LAUGH, LISTEN, LIVE and LOVE in the presence of Jesus.”

Are you someone who:

- promotes high expectations and will help our children to thrive in a culture that builds resilience and have a positive attitude to learning
- believes everyone can reach their full potential by being the best they can be
- is an outstanding leader who motivates and inspires
- is creative, forward thinking and skilled in leading and managing areas for the development of the school
- has the ability to bring in innovative ideas and to build on existing good practice

We can offer you:

- a dedicated community of supportive staff, parents and governors where Gospel values are central to all we do
- well behaved children who enjoy coming to school and are keen to learn
- an exceptionally welcoming ethos and outstanding sense of community
- the opportunity to build on our partnerships with families, the parish, local schools and other community groups
- commitment to supporting continuing professional development

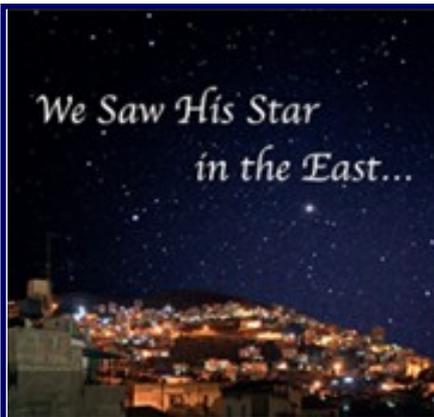
We warmly encourage applicants to visit our school. Tours will be during school hours, please contact Kate Thomas in the school office (**0151 832 5012**) to arrange an appointment or email:

admin@stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk

Completed applications should be sent to Malgorzata.Kowalska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Candidates must also complete the **CES Senior Leadership application form**. An application pack is available for download from school website: <http://www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/vacancies>

Closing date 4th February 2022 at 5pm. Short listing will be done on 8th February with interviews will take place on 14th & 15th February.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022



Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd January 2022

This year's programme has been prepared by the Christians in the Middle East who are living in very difficult circumstances.

Churches Together in Heswall invite you to join the services next week, which are **Monday to Friday at 2pm in the Quaker Meeting House, Heswall**, where you will receive a warm welcome. The daily service is expected to be 45 mins with an opportunity to chat afterwards.

There will also be a Closing Service on **Sunday 23rd January at 3pm** at the St Peter's Church in Lower Heswall. The speaker will be *Na'amat Little*, a Lebanese lady who came to the UK almost 40 yrs ago. She will give us an overview of the history of Lebanon and the difficulties Christians living in Lebanon endure to this day.

Please note, that the Diocesan Service for Christian Unity that was due to be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 22nd January, has been postponed until the summer.



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

**** First Holy Communion 2022 - Reminder ****

A reminder to all our candidates and their families that our next meeting is **Thursday 20th January at 6pm** in the meeting room at Our Lady and St John.

First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion dates 2022

Thursday meetings are at 6pm in the Our Lady & St. John meeting room

Thursday 6th January – Chapter 1

Thursday 20th January – Chapter 2

Thursday 3rd February – Chapter 3

Thursday 17th February – Chapter 4

Thursday 3rd March – Chapter 5

Thursday 17th March – Chapter 6

Thursday 31st March – First Forgiveness

Thursday 28th April – Chapter 7

Thursday 12th May – Chapter 8

Thursday 26th May – Chapter 9

Thursday 9th June – Chapter 10 & 11

Thursday 23rd June – Rehearsal

Saturday 25th June 11:30am – First Holy Communion

Sunday 26th June 11:15am Mass– Parish celebration and party (hopefully)



If you wish your child to take part in the parish programme, and haven't already added their name to the list, please speak to Father Stephen or contact him on 342 6581 or father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

Children's Liturgy - page 1

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

THE WEDDING AT CANA

Jesus' First Miracle

1. The mother of Jesus. _____ →

2. Jesus was _____ to a wedding. →

3. The stone jars were used for _____. →

4. The wedding took place at _____. →

5. The _____ were also invited. →

6. Cana is a town in _____. →

7. Jesus turned water into _____. →

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Draw the rest of the stone jars at the wedding.

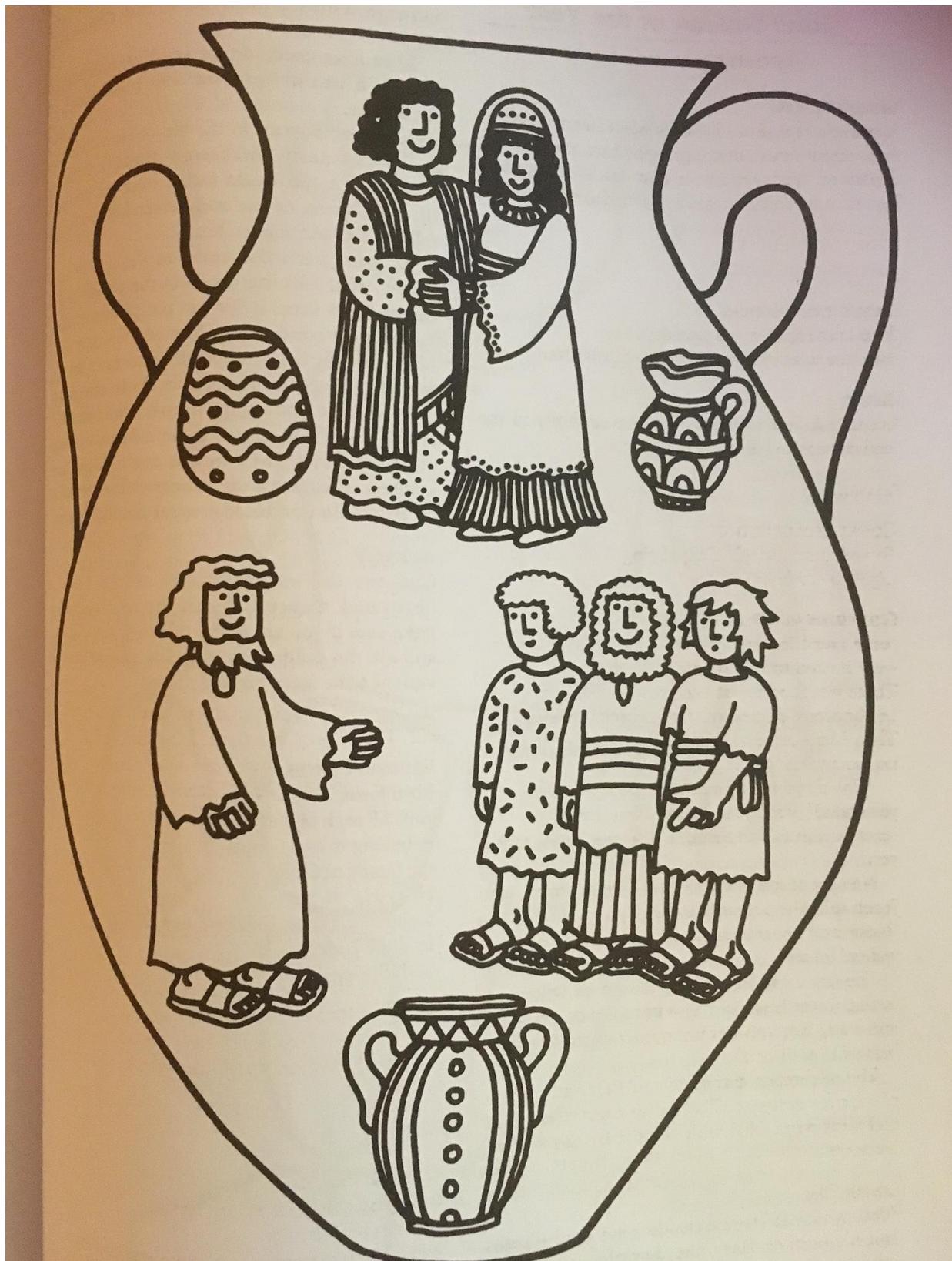


Jesus changed w _____ into w _____.

He can change us too and make us better.

Children's Liturgy - page 2

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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>



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

Visit the
Holy Family Pensby
Facebook page



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