

# News from the Parishes of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St. John, Heswall



## Great News!

In a further step to getting back to our pre-Covid days, from **Monday 4th October** onwards we will be celebrating Mass on the following days and times:

★ **Monday 9am** Mass at Our Lady & St John

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★ **Wednesday 9am** Mass at Holy Family

★ **Thursday 7pm** Mass at Our Lady & St John

★ **Friday 9am** Mass at Holy Family

★ **Saturday 12 noon** Mass at Holy Family

★ **Sunday 9:30am** Mass at Holy Family

★ **Sunday 11:15am** Mass at Our Lady & St John

★ All our current Covid safety measures will remain in place.



## ✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Christopher Hodgson**

who has recently died. May his soul rest in peace.

Please remember to pray for his family at this difficult time.



## Baptism Congratulations

We warmly welcome **Reeva Stear & Harper Pilgrim** to our Parish.

Reeva and Harper were baptised at Our Lady & St John last Sunday 19th September.

## 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,

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,

Peter Ryan,

Jane Hynes



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

### Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 26th September 2021

Sun 26th September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Sr Francine CP
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
		2:00 pm	OLSJ	Daria Przbyla & Mike Drane Wedding Service
Mon 27th September	St Vincent de Paul	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Andrew & Amie
Tues 28th September	St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence & Companions	8:30 am	YouTube	Mass - Charles Burchell R.I.P.
Wed 29th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr & Mrs E. P. Barsby & Family R.I.P.
Thurs 30th September	St Jerome	9:30 am	OLSJ	Mass - Christopher Hodgson Funeral Mass
Fri 1st October	St Theresa of the Child Jesus <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World</i>			No Mass
Sat 2nd October	Guardian Angels	10:00 am	Holy Family	Year 3 First Holy Communion
		11:30 am	OLSJ	Year 3 First Holy Communion
Sun 3rd October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - David Holgate R.I.P.

#### ✠ Lives of the Saints of the Week ✠

##### Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

*Martyrs (+1633 - 1637)*

This commemoration marks the witness of sixteen among the many martyred in Nagasaki (Japan). They include Lawrence Ruiz, a Filipino husband and father, together with other associates of the Dominican order, Asians and Europeans.

##### Guardian Angels

This feast originated in Portugal early in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is based on the belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard body and soul. A similar belief is also found in Jewish and other religious thought. The feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven (Matthew 18:10)

##### St Wenceslaus

*Ruler, Martyr (c. 907 - 929)*

St Wenceslaus was born in Bohemia and raised a Christian by his grandmother. He ruled Bohemia with Christian principles. Opposition to these policies led to his murder.

##### St Jerome

*Priest, Doctor of the Church (c. 340 - 420)*

Jerome was born in Strido on the Adriatic coast and died in Bethlehem. Baptized in Rome while studying the classics, he became a hermit in Syria for a time and was ordained a priest. Later retained as a papal secretary by St Damasus, he began work on a new Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Finally settling in Bethlehem where he founded monasteries, he devoted himself to studying the Scriptures, writing and teaching.



## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

Today's gospel begins with John asking how to silence someone who is not one of us casting out devils or demons in Jesus' name. Jesus says, 'You must not stop him... Anyone who is not against us is for us.' Then Jesus adds: 'Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will surely not lose his reward.'

Jesus goes on to say that if anyone causes a young or vulnerable person to fall or puts an obstacle in their way, the consequences are so grave that it is better to be thrown into the sea with a great millstone round your neck or enter life without limbs or organs than harm a young person, and be thrown whole into hell.

So, those who do the work of Jesus, even without being his followers are 'for him' and anyone who gives even a glass of water in Jesus' name will not lose their reward. Also children not only have a special place in Jesus' heart but will provide a future for us all. So it is distressing that thousands of children underachieve in school and suffer poverty and poor health.

# CAFOD

Just one world

Cafod Family Fast Day - Friday 1st October 2021

Can you do *'a little something?'*

Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October we give thanks for this year's harvest - God's bounty. At the same time we are all aware of the Climate Change crisis and the pressing need to preserve our planet. Cafod's Family Fast day is on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October** and Cafod envelopes are now available at the back of both Parish churches and will be over the whole of October. Cafod, of course, is dedicated to helping the poorest on our planet, many of whom are made poorer each day by climate change.

As well as by using the envelopes, donations to Cafod can be made direct by texting CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10 or online at [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

Pope Francis and many others are saying clearly that the responsibility is with each one of us, not just governments and large organisations, to do something about climate change.. And we all know how little each of us, as individuals, can do. It is only if all of us together do *'a little something'* that a big change can take place.

Many of us are already doing the obvious things like recycling and saving water, but there are lots of other ideas. If you have an idea you wish to share please contact us via this newsletter.



Did you know that *crisp bags and some other thin plastics are now recyclable at Tesco Heswall? They have a collection point at their front door, next to the cash machine.*

# TESCO



### Coronavirus Update - Latest Wirral Figures

Week ending	Rate per 100,000	Current cases/week
22nd September	254	824
16th September	322	1043
9th September	336	1088
3 September	298	967
27 August	300	975
20 August	296	962
13 August	293	951
6 August	273	888
30 July	306	995
23 July	363	1,117
16 July	517	1,709
9 July	507	1,686
2 July	426	1,393



### Urgent Appeal

The Missio society are getting desperate for funds. As we cannot at the moment bring boxes to church would box holders please contact their church representative who will arrange collection from box holders home. Please contact your representative by telephone leaving your name, number and address and collection will be made accordingly.

**Holy Family** John Wrigley 648 2389

**Our Lady & St. John** Ian Butler 342 3100

Donations also gratefully received.



### Monthly Assam Collection

As in previous years, the monthly Assam Collection will not take place in October, as we will be collecting for Cafod's Family Fast day instead.



### Urgent Appeal

As with Missio, Caritas (Children's Society) are severely short of funding. Would box holders in Holy Family please phone John Wrigley on 648 2389 to arrange collection from box holders home. When calling please leave name, number and address. Donations also gratefully received.



### Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on **Sunday 10th October at 2pm** at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1PL. This is a hybrid meeting with both the option to attend in person or via Zoom. Please register your attendance and make any requests for the online password, apologies or items for the agenda at [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.

**Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.** £699 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). *Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.*



## Great news for the Catholic community!

We've got some great news to share with you and we hope you will share it with every Catholic you know and meet. As you will know, the Catholic Universe newspaper which went into administration this Summer after 160 years is to be replaced by an online subscription digital publication under a new name, The Universe Catholic Weekly.

This means that each week we can deliver a publication full of news and features directly to your desktop, tablet, laptop or smartphone.

The Catholic Universe newspaper had appeared weekly since 1860 but when the pandemic closed the churches it removed the main outlet for sales. Now under changed management the new Universe Catholic Weekly will be topical, controversial, stimulating and packed with news opinion and features. Every Catholic will enjoy it. Every Catholic Parish Priest will receive a complimentary digital edition paper free. All we ask is you tell the faithful they can have a weekly edition paper for just £20 a quarter paid subscription (13 copies) paid simply and directly to the publisher.

We are yours faithfully

Clive W. Leach CBE, KSG. (Chairman)

Michael Winterbottom (Managing Editorial Director)



**Marathon des Sables 2022**  
**The toughest foot race on earth**  
**6 marathons in 6 days**  
**every 6 seconds a child under the**  
**age of five dies**

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Upton Hall School**  
**Family Afternoon 2:00-5:30pm**  
**Everyone Welcome**

**Anna & Arthur Duffy training –**  
**2 Marathons (84Km) in 24 hours!**

**Come along to cheer them on**  
**and if you want, complete your own *Laps for Unicef!***

**Refreshments and Raffle available**

Anna Duffy is a doctor in a busy London Hospital who attended Upton Hall School  
and her father Arthur lives locally



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## Children's Liturgy

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



## **GOD SHARES HIS GOODNESS WITH THE WORLD**



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

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



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