

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

Margaret Tinsley, Pauline Hewitt

&

Marie Murphy

**(former head of Infants at Ladymount
School)**

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

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,

Bernard Davies

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



Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to

Rachel Byrne & Alexander Fenton

who were married at Our Lady and St John on

Friday 15th October

May the Lord Bless them and their families as they begin their new life together.



Baptism Congratulations

We warmly welcome **Alfie Daniel O'Grady-Adams** to our Parish.

Alfie Daniel was baptised at Our Lady & St John last Sunday, 10th October.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 17th October 2021

Sun 17th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Michael McGurk (Birthday)
Mon 18th October	St Luke	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Peggy Walker (Remembrance Anniversary)
Tues 19th October	St Peter of Alcantara			No Mass Today
Wed 20th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Philomena (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Thurs 21st October	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Mike Campbell Anniversary
Fri 22nd October	St John Paul II	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Special Intention
Sat 23rd October	St John of Capestrano	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Fr Ralph Verlarde R.I.P.
Sun 24th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II) <i>Day of Prayer for World Missions</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Theresa Coonan Birthday Anniversary

✠ Lives of the Saints of the Week ✠

St Luke

Evangelist - By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the third gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of St Paul, he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain towards the end of the 1st century. In his gospel the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all; Gentile or Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.

St John of Capestrano

Priest, Religious, Missionary (1386 - 1456) - Born in Capestrano (Italy), John died on this day in Belgrade (Serbia). Though a married man and governor of Perugia, he decided to join the Friars Minor. After being released from his marriage vows, he was professed as a Franciscan at the age of 30 and was ordained a priest 3 years later. John was a successful preacher, committed Franciscan reformer, zealous inquisitor in Vienna and spiritual leader of a victorious crusade against the Ottoman forces.

St John Paul II

Pope (1920 - 2005) - Karol Josef Wojtyla was born in Warsaw, Poland. After his ordination as a priest and theological studies in Rome, he returned to Poland resulting in pastoral and academic tasks. He became auxiliary bishop and in 1964, Archbishop of Krakow, taking part in the Second Vatican Council. In 1978 he was elected Pope. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. He died peacefully on the vigil of the second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy – which he had instituted.

St Peter of Alcantara

Priest (+ 1562) - He was a Franciscan of the Stricter Observance, confessor and spiritual director to St Teresa of Avila. He wrote a stricter form of the Franciscan Rule for use in the friary he established at Pedrosa. He was chosen as Patron of Shrewsbury Cathedral by Bertram, 17th Earl of Shrewsbury, who paid for the building of the Cathedral and had a great devotion of St. Peter.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today's gospel has James and John seeking positions of power in Jesus' glory and arousing jealousy among the other disciples, leading Jesus to adopt the role of Isaiah's suffering servant, "the Son of Man, who has come not to be served but serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

We share in Christ's priesthood. Whether we exercise the priesthood of the baptized or the ordained priesthood, it is to be a priesthood of service in a servant Church. The service is not just about being available but a service that actively brings liberation to people. A ransom is the price paid to free someone from slavery which can involve substituting yourself for the slave.

What God has done for us does call for a response of gratitude and loving service. Many people in authority or positions of responsibility throw their weight around, but Jesus states categorically: "This is not to happen among you!" Earthly power is often exercised through force, intimidation and patronage in an attempt to gain people's loyalty. Authority in the Church, on the other hand, is expected to reflect the love of God and promote growth. How can we all live lives of better service?

Covid Restriction Changes to our Parish Churches

Although the number of Covid cases on the Wirral, are still relatively high, they are stable and we are mindful that we need to make changes to our Covid policies in line with what is happening elsewhere in our community (schools, shops, cafes etc). As such, from THIS WEEKEND (Sunday 17th October 2021), we will be making the following changes to our Covid rules:

Weekday Church Opening

Our Lady and St John's church will be open during the day from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. People will be able to come into church, even if Mass isn't on, to say a prayer. There will be no steward on duty, but people entering church are encouraged to remember to sanitise their hands, wear a face mask and maintain social distancing.

Candles

We are reintroducing votive candles back to both our parish churches during the weekdays only. Parishioners are discouraged from lighting candles during the weekend Masses, as our weekend Masses tend to be very busy. If you are attending Mass during the week and would like to light a candle, please do so BEFORE Mass to avoid congestion on the way out of church.

Track and Trace

As of this weekend, we will no longer be asking for your details for NHS Track and Trace purposes. The QR codes will remain inside the churches for you to use, if you are able to do so.

These restrictions have been lifted, but we will continue to monitor the local infection rate and reintroduce them, if it is thought necessary, for the safety of our parishioners.



Coronavirus Update - Latest Wirral Figures

Week ending	Rate per 100,000	Current cases/week
13th October	369	1196
6th October	256	830
29th September	310	1005
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	1117
16 July	517	1709



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.



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.



Monthly Assam Collection Totals

Here are the Assam Collection totals from the previous 3 months. Thank you so much for your support. Note that the next Assam collection will take place on **Sunday 7th November**.

June: Standing Order: £50.00: 12/05/21
 Collection: £57.00: 06/06/21
 Standing Order: £50.00: 14/06/21
 Collection: £20.00: 27/06/21
Total: £177.00

July: Collection: £42.00: 04/07/21
 Standing Order: £50.00: 12/07/21
 Collection: £20.00: 25/07/21
Total: £112.00

August: Collection: £25.00: 01/08/21
 Collection: £2.10: 08/08/21
 Standing Order: £50.00: 12/08/21
 Collection: £10.70: 15/08/21
 Collection: £5.00: 22/08/21
Total: £92.80

CAFOD Family Fast Envelopes

Please don't forget to hand in your Cafod Family Fast envelopes before the end of the month.

Either hand them into the collection buckets at the end of Sunday Mass or pass to Reverend Jeff, Father Stephen or one of the stewards on duty.



Thank you for your support.



**Free Local Talk by Dr Brian McCartney* on
Ocean Measurements for Climate Science
("the 30 years are up")**

**United Reformed Church, Heswall
on Friday 22nd October, starting at 7pm**

Thirty years ago there was widespread scepticism in the general public that climate change was happening or caused by human activities. That is not the broad view now, so what convinced the sceptics and persuaded the influential media and politicians to take it so seriously?

The rise of CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere led scientists to predict global warming and to calculate the extra heat, but where does all the heat go? The atmosphere, land masses, and oceans share it, but in what proportions? Forty years ago plans were made by oceanographers and meteorologists world-wide to vastly increase the number of observations of ocean temperatures. After a brief history of how ocean temperatures used to be measured, the modern method will be described and results from the last thirty years are shown that will answer the questions above.

One of the impacts of warmer oceans is rising sea levels and recent data show increasing rates. The oceans influence climate and weather in a very fundamental way, and we need to understand these processes.

*Brian McCartney is a retired engineer/oceanographer who was involved in Marine Science since 1962. At the National Institute of Oceanography, he specialised in underwater acoustics, then was head of a group designing oceanographic instrumentation, before moving in 1987 to Bidston Observatory as Director of the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, retiring in 1998.

Free Entry - Everyone Welcome

Cafod's Climate Crisis Appeal - 'a little something'

CAFOD
Just one world

IDEA No. 2

Buy less packaged items of fruit and veg . The fruit shop in Pensby sells unpackaged items in paper bags or no bags if you bring your own . This not only cuts down on plastic but enables you just to buy what you need.

As Pope Francis and others have

been reminding us over recent year's, we all have a responsibility for caring for our planet. As individuals we are a drop in the ocean. But together we can make a difference.

Each one of us should try to do **'a little something'** as our contribution to a world wide effort.

On each Sunday in this month of October there will be a continued collection for Cafod with envelopes available at the back of church. This collection is to help in some way those poorer peoples who are the first victims of our over exploited use of our world's resources.



Heswall Disabled Children Holiday Fund

I am Joan Larkin, a parishioner at OLSJ and one of the Committee members at HDCHF and I hope you can help.

The great news in 2021 is that we were fortunate enough to be able to hold residential camps; one at Barnstondale, our usual venue, and another at Barton Camp in the South West. With all that has been going on this was no small feat but, more importantly, I can't imagine a time when our work has been of greater importance to the children and the families we support.



This year we are holding a **fundraising and information event** at the URC, Heswall on **Saturday 13th November, 12 noon until 2pm**. All are welcome to come and have a cuppa and a chat. We will be able to let you know what we have been up to recently and there will be a few stalls where you can buy a cake, have a go on our Tombola etc.

As well as this event, we are again holding a **Christmas Raffle** which will draw on **Saturday 18th December 2021**. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of five.

The prizes are: 1st £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £50 and other prizes.

If you would like to purchase a ticket(s) or help sell some, please contact me, Joan Larkin, by telephone on 07542213158 or via email raffle@heswallcamp.org.uk. Each ticket purchased will raise valuable funds for the charity and will be very much appreciated. Here are just a few photos of the residential holidays that we managed to hold this year. *Thank you for your support.*



HIGHLIGHTS

- ARCHERY
- SHOOTING
- CLIMBING
- LFC FOUNDATION
- YELLOW HOUSE
- THE HIVE
- GLOW SPORTS
- MUSIC THERAPY
- WRITER GILLIAN SEALE
- FLAT PACK MUSIC
- CAMPFIRES
- DISCO
- BARBECUE
- WATERFIGHT
- SUPERHERO PARTY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund. With your help we provided a summer camp for children who needed our support to enjoy the freedom and activities which childhood should bring.

Drama, opera, music therapy, shooting, archery and climbing were all based around our Superhero theme. We had visits from The Potting Shed to create souvenirs, LFC Foundation for accessible sports and Yellow House, a local arts charity. Gillian Seale, a children's author, helped our campers to create their own superhero stories.

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**PILGRIMAGE of
REPARATION &
PRAYER for the
SANCTITY of LIFE**

SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2021

WALSINGHAM

led by

Bishop Mark Davies

**FR. JEREMY DAVIES, FR DAVID DONOGHUE
FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL**

*commencing at the 12 o'clock Pilgrim Mass
in the Chapel of Reconciliation*

**Theme – ‘The Courage to Proclaim the Gospel
of Life in Post-Pandemic Britain’
(Bishop Mark Davies)**

**For travel information & more details call 01858 571242
or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org**

Children's Liturgy - Page 1

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

Speak, Lord

Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm 32
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

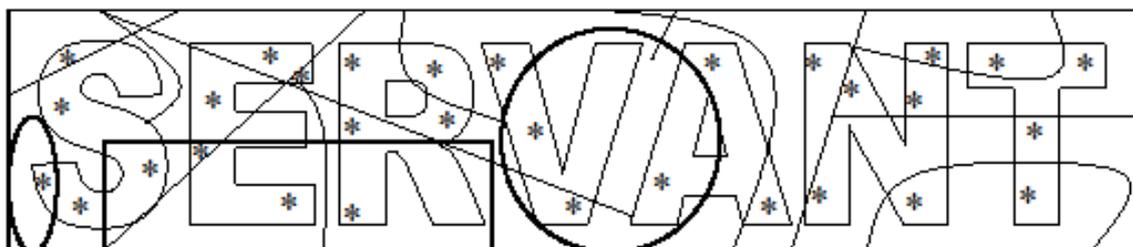
SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN
Year B — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.sdc.me.uk

JAMES & JOHN wanted A PLACE IN HEAVEN

Jesus said:

You can go to heaven if you become a



Colour in each area with a * to reveal the word Jesus used.

Draw two pictures showing how you can put what Jesus said into practice.

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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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.



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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