

# 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 soul of

### **Frederick Young**

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

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



### **Clergy and Training Fund Special Collection**

After both Sunday Masses this week, there will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund). Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish website. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends, and I would ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible. It is in every sense an investment in the future of the life and mission of the Diocese.

## **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,  
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



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

### Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 21st November 2021

Sun 21st November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Brian Cantillon R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
Mon 22nd November	St Cecilia	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - David Holgate Birthday Remembrance
Tues 23rd November	Ss Clement & Columban	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - November List
Wed 24th November	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - November List
Thurs 25th November	St Catherine of Alexandria	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - For the Deceased of the Parish
Fri 26th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Monsignor Alex Abello (sick)
Sat 27th November	BVM on Saturday	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - For the Deceased of the Parish
Sun 28th November	Advent Week 1 (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Ruth Brent R.I.P. Lately Dead
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Birch & Deceased of the Birch Family

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

#### St Cecilia

*Virgin, Martyr (c. 3rd century)*

Though a late 4<sup>th</sup> century church in Rome is named after her, nothing is known about Cecilia's life or death. Popular legends were written about her in the late 5<sup>th</sup> century and in the 16<sup>th</sup> century she was named the patron of music. Tradition remembers Cecilia as a virgin, martyred for her faith. Her name is included in the Eucharistic Prayer I (Roman Canon).

#### St Clement I

*Pope, martyr (+ c. 100)*

Clement of Rome died in New Testament times. His name is also included in the Eucharistic Prayer I (Roman Canon). He is remembered for a letter written from the Church at Rome to the Church at Corinth, an important witness to the emergence of ministries and authority in the Church and to the pastoral responsibility of Rome to another Church.

#### St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

*Priest (1795 - 1839)*

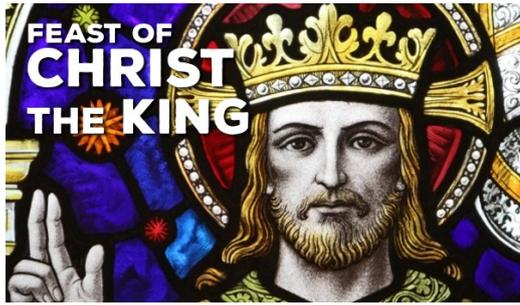
Andrew (1795 – 1839) baptised at the age of 15, worked as a lay missionary and then as a diocesan priest before being beheaded at Hanoi (Vietnam). He is listed amongst 117



canonised martyrs who died in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. The group comprised 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spanish Dominicans and 10 presbyters from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. They are remembered as representatives of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries: bishops, presbyters, religious, and lay people, both children and adults.

## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen



Today's gospel presents one of the most dramatic scenes in the New Testament, in which the arrogant Roman governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, learns ironically that Jesus is a king, but not of the kind with which he can deal. When asked if he is a king, Jesus does not at first claim the title "king" but replies, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews."

This does not mean that Jesus kingdom is purely spiritual or other worldly, but that his present and future reign does not depend on power or dominance. When Jesus in reply to Pilate's next question, "So you are a king then?" does state that he is a king and adds that he came into the world to bear witness to the truth. Jesus speaks the truth about God and humanity as the "way, the truth and the life." People can reject this, but accepting this truth brings true freedom. Pilate decides to sit on the fence and says: "Truth? What is that?" He is imprisoned by his own cynicism and worldly ambition.



STELLA MARIS

### SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This is our annual collection of items for our Seafarers which will be distributed to crew members who will dock in Liverpool during the Christmas period. Here is a list of items which would be appreciated for our Seafarers:

- Chocolate, Sweets, Toblerone
- Shower Gel (Men & Women)
- Deodorant (Men & Women) - *Roll On Deodorants Only*
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Woolly hats, Scarves & Gloves
- Socks
- Playing Cards and Dice
- Pocket games (Chess, dominoes backgammon etc)
- Mini Jigsaws

Any of the above can be put into the box in the **Church Porch at OLSJ** or deliver to **Joan Larkin at 14 Speedwell Drive, Barnston CH60 2SZ**.

Last day for donations is **Tuesday 7th December**. If you need any further information please contact Joan on 0151 342 5517. Thank you

Stella Maris is the charity formerly know as The Apostleship of the Sea.

### Spiritual Formation : Dates for the Diary

Christmas is coming... which means that so, too, is the (largely!) forgotten season of Advent.

***Would you like to prepare for this special time and celebrate Christmas more deeply?***

Come and join us for an evening of reflection and see if that helps.

**Themes and Speakers:** Advent Faith (Fr David Roberts); Advent Hope (Miss Barbara Davies); Advent Charity (Deacon Tony Crisp).

**When:** Wednesday 24th November, 1st December and 8th December at 7pm.

**Where:** St Catherine's Parish Hall. Transport can be arranged.

**Please contact: Barbara on 0745025273**



### Have you heard the Good News?

Mary's Meals seeks to bring joy to those who are marginalised; those who feel like they have been overlooked and forgotten. From November to

January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. Your kindness will help us serve life-changing school meals and will bring joy to more than two million children around the world – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. There are many ways to donate, including choosing Mary's Meals gift cards as a meaningful gift this Christmas. For more information, please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove) Thank you.



### Coronavirus Update - Latest Wirral Figures

Week ending	Rate per 100,000	Current cases/week
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
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



### November List

#### Remembering Those Who Have Died

During November, we will be remembering in our prayers, all those who have died. If you have a particular person/people that you would like to be remembered and prayed for in the November List, please place their names in one of the November List envelopes (available at the back of church) and either pass it to Father Stephen or Deacon Jeff or just put it through the presbytery door.

In addition to the Masses said for the intentions of those on the November List, Father Stephen will also be offering Masses for the **Deceased of the Parish** during the past year, on **Thursday 25th November** at 7pm Mass at Our Lady and St John and also on **Saturday 27th November** at 12 noon Mass at Holy Family.



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### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

CCRS continues in November with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option. An excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish.

Please Register in advance at  
[ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

\*\*\* THANK YOU \*\*\*

#### Missio Red Boxes

The recent collection in Holy Family raised an amount of **£350**. Many thanks to all who contributed.

#### Caritas

The recent collection in Holy Family raised an amount of **£150**. Many thanks to all who contributed.

#### NEW IN! - Mass Intention Envelopes

We are happy to announce that we now have dedicated Mass Intention envelopes at the back of both our parish churches.

This will hopefully simplify the process for anyone wishing to request a Mass to be offered for their private intention. Simply fill out the information on the envelope, include your offering and either hand it to Father, Deacon Jeff, one of the stewards, or put it in the offertory buckets in church on your way out.

*If you are a UK taxpayer, please don't forget to fill out the Gift Aid form at the back, so that the parish can claim the tax back!*



**christmas raffle**

**Heswall Disabled Children Holiday Fund Christmas Raffle**

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.

To raise further vital funds, we are again holding a **Christmas Raffle** which will drawn 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](mailto:raffle@heswallcamp.org.uk).

Each ticket purchased will raise valuable funds for the charity and will be very much appreciated.

### CAFOD Family Fast Envelopes



A big THANK YOU for everyone who contributed to this year's appeal. A late donation of £32 to Holy Family has been sent off today bringing the total so far to **£362**.

**Thank you for your support.**

### A Catholic Chaplain in Strangeways

Holy Family Justice and Peace Group invite you listen to a talk given by Joanne Hornby, who is the Catholic Chaplain in Strangeways prison.



HM Prison Manchester is a high-security men's prison known as Strangeways, a former official name derived from the area in which it is located, until it was rebuilt following a major riot in 1990.

It is a local prison, holding prisoners remanded into custody from courts in the Manchester area and Category A prisoners (those whose escape would be highly dangerous). Its population is 750.

***"I was in prison, and you visited me."***

Speaker Joanne Hornby will brief you on her work as a Catholic Chaplain in this daunting and challenging place. She will tell you about Covid and lockdown in a world which most of us only glimpse on television.

The talk will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 to 8.15 pm**. If you are interested and would like to sign up for the talk, please email Keith Taylor [SKeithTayl2@outlook.com](mailto:SKeithTayl2@outlook.com)



### First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion 2022

If you have a child who is in Year 3 or above, he or she will be eligible to

celebrate these important sacraments in 2022. Children in Year 3 at Ladymount will follow a programme of preparation there. For children who are in other schools, there will be a parish programme of preparation taking place in the parish room at Our Lady and St John. If you wish your child to take part in the parish programme, please contact Father Stephen on 342 6581 or email [father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk)



**Wirral Ark**  
Fighting homelessness in Wirral

### Ark Christmas Cards

For the next few weeks these beautiful cards, in support of a local charity, will be available after Sunday Mass at Holy Family church.

Wirral Ark helps the homeless and they are celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Over this time, they have provided shelter for over 5,000 homeless in our area and are well worthy of our support.

For those who are unable to get to mass, we can arrange delivery. To do so, please contact either Ann Grandy at 342-5901 or Fred Taylor at 342-5922.



### Christmas Mass Dates and Times

This year, although the Covid rules have relaxed somewhat, we are mindful that Covid is still present and numbers are not decreasing. As such, this year, Father Stephen has decided that it would be prudent to have a booking system in place for all the Christmas Masses. As capacity at both churches is limited and to avoid disappointment and turn people away, we are asking all our parishioners to book a seat in advance for one of our Christmas Masses.

If you wish to reserve a place at one of the Christmas Masses, please complete and return a **Christmas Mass reservation form** (available at the back of both parish churches). The form will ask how many people the reservation is for and which is your first and second preferred Mass time.

Our planned Christmas Mass times will be as follows:

<b>Friday 24th December</b>	<b>6pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Our Lady and St John</b>
<b>Friday 24th December</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>
<b>Saturday 25th December</b>	<b>9:30am Christmas Day Mass</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>
<b>Saturday 25th December</b>	<b>11:15am Christmas Day Mass</b>	<b>Our Lady and St John</b>

**Please note that our Christmas Masses will be available to watch live from our YouTube**

**Wirral Food Bank Advent Challenge**

The Food Bank has given this suggested list of items to collect during November to be distributed during the month of December (Advent) for those in need on the Wirral. You can either collect your own items and take them directly to their warehouse (address below - by 6th December) or alternatively leave them in the Food Bank collections boxes at the back of either parish churches. Thank you for your continued support.

**Make someone's Christmas a happy one**

HOW TO USE THIS CALENDAR

Find a sturdy container large enough to hold the 30 items as listed below.

Each day of November, check the date square on the calendar and place the named item in your box.

Drop your filled container off at our warehouse (address below) by the 1st week of December. We are open Mon - Thur from 10am to 1.30pm. We close for Christmas at 12pm on Thursday 23 December.

You can also donate money if you wish by visiting our Give As You Live Page (details below).

NOVEMBER 2021

Wirral **foodbank**

advent calendar

<b>13</b> Coffee	<b>23</b> Sugar	<b>24</b> Custard	<b>9</b> Toothpaste/ Toothbrush
<b>25</b> Pasta Sauce	<b>12</b> Jam	<b>20</b> Washing Up Liquid	<b>7</b> Tinned Meat
<b>4</b> Tinned Fish	<b>21</b> Deodorant	<b>2</b> Coffee	<b>18</b> Tinned Fruit
<b>10</b> Nappies	<b>26</b> Biscuits	<b>22</b> Shampoo	<b>17</b> Tinned Spaghetti
<b>14</b> Toilet Rolls	<b>19</b> Pasta Sauce	<b>11</b> Rice	<b>27</b> Soap
<b>6</b> Chocolate Bars	<b>30</b> Tinned Potatoes	<b>3</b> Tinned Tomatoes	<b>8</b> Instant Mash
<b>16</b> Packet Soup	<b>5</b> Shower Gel	<b>29</b> Squash	<b>1</b> Rice Pudding
		<b>15</b> Tinned Fruit	<b>28</b> UHT Milk

**Warehouse Address**

Unit 14, Wirral Business Centre, Dock Road, Birkenhead CH41 1JW

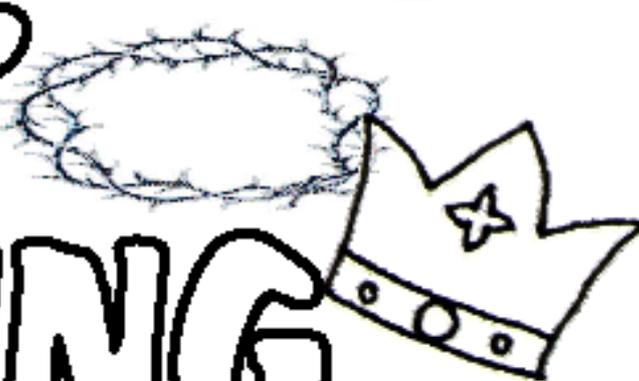
**To Donate**

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/wirralfoodbank>

# Children's Liturgy

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

# CHRIST OUR KING



Pilate asked Jesus:



Are you a KING?



I am but my  
k \_\_\_\_\_  
is not of this  
w \_\_\_\_\_.

Then Jesus said: **“ALL** who are on the **SIDE** of **truth, listen** to **MY VOICE.**”



Dear Jesus, I want you to be my king; I want to listen to your voice by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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](http://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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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](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk)



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