

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

Joseph Lucas & Irene Hall

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

Joseph Lucas' funeral service will be held at Holy Family on **Wednesday 9th March at 10am.**

Irene Hall's funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady & St John's on **Thursday 10th March at 1:30pm.**



Family Fast Day Friday 11th March

Every child should grow big and strong. *Family Fast Day* is a day we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate by using the Cafod Envelopes or direct at cafod.org.uk/lent.

Don't forget to pick up your Cafod Family Fast envelope from the back of church this weekend. As usual, they can be handed back via the offertory basket any time during March.

A note for all Parishioners who attend 11:15am Sunday Mass at OLSJ

As we are gradually getting back to the way we used to do things, we will no longer be offering additional seating in the Meeting Room, as Children's Liturgy will now recommence and be using the room during Sunday Mass.

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,

John Moroney,

Ken Davies,

David Gorman,

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,

Matthew O'Keeffe

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



Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 6th March 2022

Sun 6th March	1st Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Margaret McGurk R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
Mon 7th March	Ss Perpetua & Felicity	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Fred & Janine Overton R.I.P.
Tues 8th March	St John of God	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - John Campbell R.I.P.
Wed 9th March	St Frances of Rome	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Les Traill R.I.P.
		10:00 am	Holy Family	Joe Lucas Funeral Service
Thurs 10th March	Ferial	1:30 pm	OLSJ	Irene Hall Funeral Mass
		7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Winifred Lewis Birthday Anniversary
Fri 11th March	Family Fast Day <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World</i>	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - John Herbert Recovery
Sat 12th March	Ferial	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - McGrath Family
		2:00 pm	OLSJ	Clare Lavelle & Nicholas Almond Wedding Service
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Martin O'Brien R.I.P.
Sun 13th March	2nd Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Teresa Brabander R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rodger Hemington R.I.P. 1st Anniversary

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

St Luke stresses that Jesus is 'filled with the Holy Spirit.' So the Holy Spirit is there for Jesus throughout the time of testing. The devil challenges Jesus to follow a path that is different from the one willed by his Father. Jesus is first tested to use his power to provide food for himself. However, quoting Deuteronomy, Jesus says, 'Man does not live on bread alone.' Jesus is then shown all the kingdoms of the world, which the devil will give him 'if you worship me.' Jesus replies, 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Finally on the parapet of the Temple, the devil challenges Jesus to another miraculous demonstration of his power, to which Jesus responds, 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Because of their idolatry and the tyranny of their rulers, the kingdoms of the world were seen as being under the power of the devil. With Jesus' overcoming the devil, the ultimate victory of goodness over evil is assured but the struggle against evil by Jesus followers goes on throughout history. We can see clearly today the struggle of the kingdom of God and the kingdom of evil in dictatorships and economic exploitation and the lust for violence.



Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at Our Lady and St John's church following each weekday morning Mass. If you wish to join the rota to lead this devotion, please contact Joan Gibson on 342 3787.



Come and Pray the Rosary

Starting on **Saturday 5th March**, the Rosary will be prayed at Our Lady and St John's church at **9:30am each Saturday**, for the sick in the parish and our families. Please do come and join us.



Shrewsbury Diocese
Lourdes Pilgrimage

Join us on the 2022 Diocese of Shrewsbury Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer

We are delighted to be able to return to Lourdes after an absence of two years. The Pilgrimage is from 29th July - 4th August by air and 28th July - 5th August by coach. Overland prices start at £440 and by air at £710. For brochures and booking forms please visit the pilgrimage website at www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or contact the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4UX.

Gift Aid – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The end of the tax year is drawing ever closer. If you Gift Aid your offertory donation it is important that you check you are paying sufficient tax to cover the amount we will reclaim under Gift Aid. If you are no longer paying tax or not enough tax to cover the claim you should contact us urgently:

Holy Family: Fred Taylor 342 5922

OLSJ: Bernard Larkin 342 5517



Monthly Assam Collection

There will be NO Assam collection this Sunday, as there will be the Cafod Family Fast collection instead.

Previous Assam Collection Totals

September 2021	£105.00
October 2021	£105.00
November 2021	£150.00
December 2021	£123.38
Grand Total	£483.38

Thank you for your continued support.

Tea, Coffee & Chat



Great news, we are delighted to announce that tea and coffee after Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady and St John will resume from **Sunday 6th March**.

We are also restarting the Monday Morning Tea and Coffee after morning Mass each Monday, starting **Monday 7th March**. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Baptism Congratulations



We warmly welcome **Zoe Alexandra Carden** to our Parish. Zoe was baptised at Our Lady & St John last Saturday, 26th February 2022.



This year CAFOD are issuing a challenge to individuals or teams to walk 200 kilometres, one kilometre for every one of the estimated 200 million people who are suffering from hunger and malnutrition. Our J & P group are

taking up this challenge and invite parishioners, from both parishes, to join them as a way in which we can practice self-denial this Lent.

The idea is that individuals or groups find their own sponsors to '*Take steps against hunger*' for the period of Lent. The 'steps' can be taken not only by walking but also in other ways - such as running, cycling, swimming, skipping [500 skips per kilometre], exercise bike or even skating. Don't worry if you can't meet the challenge of 200k. We will make sure each of your 'steps' go to the parishes total.

CAFOD envelopes will be available at the back of church for donations and these can be handed in on any Sunday up to Palm Sunday. Alternatively, payments may be given direct via cafod.org.uk/lent.

Parishioners who simply want to sponsor are also very welcome.

For added interest, as we have done before, individuals or groups, can give themselves anonymous names and provide progress reports for the newsletter. 'The Holy Strollers' and 'The Soul Sisters' are already good to go.

For parishioners willing to '*Take Steps against Hunger*' in this way please contact Fred Taylor 342-5922, or any J & P member.

Who is our neighbour?

How refugees have always been part of the answer to that question.



The Talk: Refugees make the headlines when a crisis occurs. When it is over the focus moves away. What happens to refugees? Do they find sanctuary, a place to live and thrive?

Your Speaker. Nicky Campbell is the Chair of the Trustees of *Refugees Welcome in Cheshire East*. A founder member of the group, she has a great story to tell.

She will speak of the early days when volunteers were sought and organised to meet a novel challenge, through the establishment of relations with the Council and others to the reception of the Syrians and the more recent arrival of Afghans. Now lessons learned by the group and the Council have borne fruit.

Your invitation Please join our Zoom Meeting to hear more from Nicky on Tuesday 8th March ■ 7.30 to 8.15 pm ■ Doors open at 7.15 ■

To register for the meeting please tell me at SKeithTayl2@outlook.com



ARE YOU UP FOR THE ADLENT CHALLENGE?

Many of you will be giving something up for Lent – would you instead consider giving up an item of food each day during Lent to donate to us and help build up supplies for the looming energy price rises? Collection boxes are available for your donations at the back of both of our parish churches.

ADLENT CALENDAR

PLEASE USE HASHTAG **#ADLENTCALENDAR** TO SPREAD THE WORD

Coffee 01	Instant Mash 02	Instant Custard 03	Tinned Fish 04
UHT Juice 05	UHT Milk 06	Tinned Potatoes 07	Toilet Rolls 08
Tinned Meat 09	Cup a Soup 10	Tinned Spaghetti 11	UHT Milk 12
UHT Juice 13	Instant Custard 14	Tinned Vegetables 15	Jams/Spreads 16
Instant Noodles 17	Tinned Potatoes 18	Cooking Sauce 19	Tea 20
Coffee 21	Cereal Bars 22	Tinned Meat 23	Easter Egg 24
UHT Juice 25	UHT Milk 26	Instant Mash 27	Tinned Fish 28
Tinned Potatoes 29	Jam/Spreads 30	Instant Custard 31	Coffee 32
Sponge Puddings 33	Cooking Sauce 34	Tinned Meat 35	Instant Mash 36
Instant Noodles 37	Cup a Soup 38	Tinned Potatoes 39	Tinned Meat 40

Children's Liturgy

GREAT NEWS - The Children's Liturgy Team will be back in the Meeting Room at OLSJ during 11:15am Sunday Mass from this Sunday, 6th March. Please note that there will no longer be Children's Liturgy recordings available on our YouTube channel.

TODAY IS THE

1st SUNDAY

of

LENT

LENT IS A SPECIAL TIME OF _____ DAYS BEFORE EASTER
How many?

Colour in the way leading to the cross. It reminds us of this special time of LENT.



JESUS WENT TO THE DESERT FOR _____ DAYS.
How many?

HE WAS TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL.



Draw Jesus praying in the desert.



Look at the colour the priest is wearing at mass this Sunday.

What colour is it? _____

This reminds us of Lent as a time of **PENANCE**.

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
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