

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

**Kevin Walsh, Thomas Phillips &
Kathleen (Kathy)Emmerson**

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

Kevin Walsh's funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady & St John's on
Thursday 31st March at 12 noon.



Kathleen Emmerson's funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady & St John's on
Monday 4th April at 12:15pm.



Thomas Phillips' funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady & St John's on
Monday 11th April at 11:00 am.

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,
- Gerald Sanderson
- Carol Ross



Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

There is still time to donate to our appeal. Please put your gift-aided donation envelopes into the collection bucket and it will added to the current total.

Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

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

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 27th March 2022

Sun 27th March	4th Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week IV)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Bill Burgess R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Tony Forshaw R.I.P.
Mon 28th March	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Sarah Jane Connolly R.I.P.
Tues 29th March	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Hazel Campbell
Wed 30th March	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Colin Spencer
Thurs 31st March	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Lynn Hodgson R.I.P.
		12 noon	OLSJ	Funeral Mass for Kevin Walsh
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	First Forgiveness
Fri 1st April	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Miss P. Evans & Family
Sat 2nd April	St Francis of Paola	9:30 am	OLSJ	 Come Pray the Rosary 
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Rose Whelan Birthday Anniversary
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Pauline Davies R.I.P.
Sun 3rd April	5th Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - For Ukraine
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Barbara & Roger Walker Wedding Anniversary



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

A younger son asks his father for his share of the inheritance. He then leaves for a distant country, squanders the money, suffers degradation and starvation and ends up feeding pigs. He then decides to return home, but his motivation is quite selfish. He prepares a little speech for his father: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son, treat me as one of your paid servants."

While he is still a long way off, his waiting father sees him and 'moved with pity' he runs to the boy, clasps him in his arms and kisses him tenderly. The son launches into his speech, but in the embrace of his loving and compassionate father, he doesn't get chance to say, 'Treat me as one of your paid servants.' The father instead says, 'Quick, bring out the best robe, and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Far from being welcomed as a servant the son is restored to the dignity of family membership. Then the father orders a party to celebrate his son being found again, being restored to life.



CAFOD 200K 'Walking' Challenge
This Week's Update

Our Challengers are making good progress:

The Holy Strollers made a credible 44k [Total 127k]

The Nevelikelys Lees have introduced a boy wonder on his bike and managed to double their total with another 96k [total 190k]

The Sole Sisters' troubles have increased. One of their number has succumbed to Covid. Nevertheless they managed 15k and moved their total forward to 61k.

The Bamboo Biker, a late starter, has already caught up with the pack and achieved a total of 96k. He has spurred on the other challengers by casually mentioning that 6k of his total was by swimming. [I can't wait for horse riding to feature].

The Snowden Climbers are ready for their 'walk in the dark'. We shall know on Sunday morning whether they made it to the top.

Mr Incognito, alas, has had to pull out through injury. So we shall never know what might have been.

The Barnston Biker despite roadworks, has reached Bently [68k], is now well over the Pennines and into Yorkshire. With his total now 198k he is well on track to reach the east coast and achieve his target of crossing the country. Well done.

It is not too late to join in as a sponsor and encourage these brave challengers. Contact Fred Taylor 342-5922 or speak to any J & P member.



Come and Pray the Rosary

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.

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



Advert for the Magnificat Magazine

We are pleased to let you know that the digital Holy Week and April issues of the Magnificat online magazine are available, free, at the following link:

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Family Fast Day Envelopes

Don't forget to hand back your Cafod Family Fast envelope via the offertory basket any time during March or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent. There will also be a separate retiring collection for Cafod's Family Fast (if you prefer not to give using an envelope) at the end of the month.



Ladymount Catholic Primary School - Mini Vinnies fundraising for CAFOD

We are the Mini Vinnies and are a part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We meet in school each week to pray, discuss and support however we can to help make a difference in our communities and in other parts of the world.

Throughout Lent, we will be fundraising for CAFOD to stop poverty and hunger around the world. We will be organising sessions for the children to join in walking against hunger.

Please follow this link Walk Against Hunger to a Just Giving page we have set up for donations:
<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/ladymount-walk-against-hunger>

New Offertory Envelopes

The offertory envelopes for the new year are now available at Holy Family. The first Sunday to use them, will be Sunday 10th April.

Please take your own box and, if you see your neighbour's box, pass it on if possible. If you have any problems, or want to discuss Gift Aid, please contact Fred Taylor 342-5922 or speak to Jeff or Fr Stephen.

Offertory envelopes will be available the following week, for those parishioners at Our Lady and St John.

Covid Regulations Update

In light of the current high volume of Covid cases locally on the Wirral (number of people with Covid as well as the number of people in hospital with Covid), we are maintaining our rules for attending Mass:

1. Wear a face mask if you are able to
2. Socially distance where possible
3. Sanitise your hands on the way in and out of church

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



Monthly Assam Collection

This is a reminder that the usual monthly Assam collection will take place after Sunday Mass at Holy Family, NEXT SUNDAY, 3rd April.



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.

Overland by Jumbulance with the Wirral Across Group

Dates – Thu 19th to Sat 28th May



Taking sick and disabled people to Lourdes Vacancies for sick or disabled people (some Covid restrictions may apply)
 Helpers and nurses, also required - *is a Doctor available?*

Cost? £950 – half price for nurses and young people - financial help available.

For all enquiries, please contact, **Tony Murphy**
 0788-1656-974 or
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www.across.org.uk

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said
by Father Stephen
on our YouTube
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John Heswall

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