

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
Ann Dunford, Joe Mutch & Angela Burne
who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace. Please remember to pray for their families
at this difficult time.

Ann Dunford's funeral will be held at Landican on
Friday 29th April at 10am.



Joe Mutch's funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady
& St John's on
Friday 29th April at 12 noon.



Angela Burne's funeral Mass will be held at Holy
Family on
Friday 6th May at 12 noon.

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,
- David Johnston,
- Phil Shaw,
- Eileen Roberts,
- Irene Fitzpatrick,
- Frances Ford,
- Maureen Jones,
- Moira Griffiths-Parr,
- John McNulty,
- 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



A Prayer for St George's Day - 23rd April

*Heavenly Father, give us the
bravery of St George
to stand up for the truth and the
glory of God that we have seen in the face of
Jesus Christ.*

*Give us the strength to overcome
in our lives and in the world, all that is
contrary to your rule of justice and love.
Help us to be good news to the poor,
proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind;
let the oppressed go free, and
proclaim the good news of God's favour and
Jubilee.*

Amen



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

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 24th April 2022

Sun 24th April	2nd Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Maura Heneghan R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Anthony Birch & Ashley Lewis Anniversary
Mon 25th April	St Mark	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Bernadette Allmand R.I.P.
Tues 26th April	✚ St George ✚	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Andrew Whittingham-Jones Anniversary
Wed 27th April	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - For the People of Ukraine 
Thurs 28th April	Ss Peter Chanel & Louis Marie de Montfort	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Moira Kaye (nee Gilliver) R.I.P.
Fri 29th April	St Catherine of Siena	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs Phyllis Barsby R.I.P.
		12 noon	OLSJ	Funeral Mass for Joseph Mutch
Sat 30th April	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	 Come Pray the Rosary 
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Steve Burke Birthday
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - David Birch Anniversary
Sun 1st May	3rd Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week III) Day of Special Prayer for Human Work	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - David Noonan R.I.P. (Birthday)
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eileen Pocock R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

In today's Gospel there are glimpses of the way Our Lord is after the Resurrection. The voice so beloved of the disciples speaks to allay their fears: "Peace be with you," says Jesus. Peace in the bible is the opposite of fear. The Lord then commissions them: "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven." They and indeed we are to be a

community of forgiveness which sends sin away and which has power to hold back its destructive power. When the disciples tell Thomas they have seen the Lord, he scoffs and says he will not believe without touching the wounds of Jesus. Suddenly Jesus appears and invites Thomas to do just what he had demanded, saying, "Doubt no longer, but believe." Whether or not Thomas touches the wounds, he immediately answers, "My Lord and my God." However, Jesus adds, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." The written words of this Gospel passage are to lead people to faith as powerfully as did the appearances of the Risen Jesus, and such a journey will culminate in the gift of life.



CAFOD 200K 'Walking' Challenge
Final Update

A big round of applause for the 7 individuals/groups who took up the challenge, all of whom have, or will have, met their targets. Walking, running, cycling, exercise-bike, rowing machines and even swimming were involved. And a big thank you to those who generously donated sponsorship money. It is safe to say that CAFOD will receive over £1,000 resulting from this challenge.

The individual results were:

The Holy Strollers completed 280km and received £160.

The Sole Sisters, despite being struck with Covid, have achieved 144km so far but are determined to carry on to the finish, no matter how long it takes. They expect to receive £200.

The Barnsdale Biker deserves special mention. At more than 356km (at last count) he has achieved almost twice the original target. And all this done in a cold garage on his exercise bike (see Photo), relying on his imagination and the promise of sponsorship money, to take him from coast to coast, over the Pennines and fulfil a dream. I don't think he thought about how he was going to get back. He and his sponsors have raised £240.

The Nevelikely Lees At 326km, they more than achieved their target and this was mostly done running. Hard to keep up with. They have received a similar sum of £240.

The Bamboo Biker does not hang around and has achieved over 340km. And he was a late starter. He has decided to keep quiet about the amount donated.

The Snowden Climbers did their challenge of climbing the mountain in the dark and arrived at the top in time to see the sunrise. They were blessed with good weather and returned to the bottom by 10am in time for well-earned bacon butties. Their efforts were rewarded with the magnificent sum of £145 plus.

An anonymous challenger came out of the blue having done 140km and received donations of £112.

**CONGRATULATIONS
WELL DONE!**

**Together, our magnificent group
have covered a total of
1600+ kilometers and raised a
fantastic £1097 for Cafod.**



WIRRAL COASTAL WALK



Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund are celebrating their **Diamond Jubilee** this year - Yes we have been taking disabled children away for 60 years for a holiday and giving their parents/carers some respite!

As always, we have to fundraise a substantial amount of money each year, in fact we have to raise a minimum of £30,000 each year.

This year Joan Larkin will be taking part in the Wirral Coastal Walk which is organised by the Rotary Club of North Wirral. If you would like to Sponsor Joan she will be outside OLSJ and HF on Sat. 30th May and Sun. 1st May and there will be a sponsorship form in the Church porch.

Thank you - and thank you all for the support you have given to Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund over the last 60 years.



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, our families and all the suffering in our world today.



Monthly Assam Collection

This is a reminder that the usual monthly Assam collection will take place after Sunday Mass at Holy Family, **NEXT SUNDAY, 1st May**.

Assam Collection Totals for the Previous 3 Months

January 2022 - £140.00

February 2022 - £129.10

March 2022 - £95.00

Thank you for your kind donations.



MISSIO Plant Sale in Aid of  **MISSIO & Ukraine**

on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th April
at "The Pines", 18 Baskerville Road,
Gayton.

Sale of heritage tomatoes (Including varieties such as Brandywine, Black Russian, Craigella, Tigerella, Gardener's Delight) upto 1m tall. Also salads, green vegetables and variety of flowering plants. Please phone Mary or John Scott on 342 1277 or 07913925763.

All plants have been raised by ourselves in our greenhouse and all proceeds go directly to Missio and the Ukraine appeal.



Wirral Foodbank require the following items:

- tinned meat
- tinned tomatoes
- squash
- sugar (small packet if possible)
- UHT milk
- instant mash
- tinned fruit
- jam
- deodorant
- washing up liquid

If you would like to donate any of these items, please use the Foodbank box at the back of church. Thank you for your support

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

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