

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

**Brian Byrne, 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.



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,
- 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

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

Mass Times for Holy Week



Palm Sunday - Sunday 10th April

9:30 am at Holy Family
11:15 am at Our Lady & St John

Mass of Chrism - Wednesday 13th April

7:00 pm at St Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 14th April

7:00 pm at Our Lady & St John

Good Friday - Friday 15th April

3:00 pm at Holy Family
3:00 pm at Our Lady & St John

Holy Saturday - Saturday 16th April



7:30 pm at Holy Family (Easter Vigil)

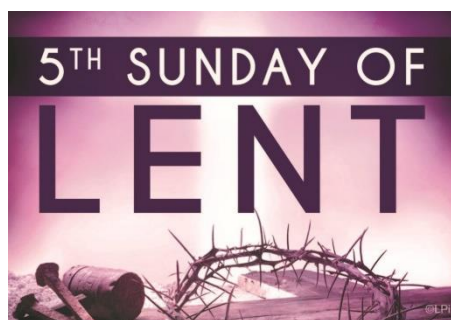
Easter Sunday - Sunday 17th April

9:30 am at Holy Family
11:15 am at Our Lady & St John

Washing of the Feet, Veneration of the Cross, Palms on Palm Sunday and Candles at the Easter Vigil can all take place this year. You do not have to take part in these rites, if it makes you feel uncomfortable. Wearing a mask during Mass is still encouraged, where possible to do so, as well as using hand sanitiser on entering the church.

Masses for the week commencing Sunday 3rd April 2022

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
Mon 4th April	St Isodore	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Joyce Cook R.I.P.
		12:15 pm	OLSJ	Funeral Mass for Kathleen Emmerson
Tues 5th April	St Vincent Ferrer	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Moira Kaye (nee Gilliver) R.I.P.
Wed 6th April	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Miss P. Evans R.I.P.
Thurs 7th April	St John Baptiste de la Salle	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Kathleen & John McGovern
Fri 8th April	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Pauline Chapman R.I.P.
Sat 9th April	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	 Come Pray the Rosary 
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Safe arrival of a daughter for the Ergueta Family
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan R.I.P.
Sun 10th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Frank Hogan Anniversary




Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Jesus is put to the test today by scribes and Pharisees, who bring a woman along who has been caught committing adultery and make her stand in full view of everyone. They ask him whether he will approve her death by stoning, as laid down in the Law of Moses. Jesus does not respond but simply bends down and writes on the ground with his

finger. As they persist with their question, he looks up and says, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." He then bends down and writes on the ground again. The accusers then leave one by one beginning with the eldest, till Jesus is left alone with the woman who remains standing there. What did Jesus write? Was it a warning of judgement against the accusers, like the writing on the wall at Belshazzar's Feast? Was it an admonition against bearing false witness and then a list of the sins of the accusers? Whatever Jesus wrote, it had the effect of making the accusers leave. Jesus asks the woman, "Where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replies. Jesus says, "Neither do I condemn you, go away and do not sin anymore."

Masses for the 2 Week Commencing Sunday 10th April 2022

Sun 10th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Frank Hogan Anniversary
Mon 11th April	Monday of Holy Week	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Michael Walker Birthday
		11:00 am	OLSJ	Funeral Mass for Thomas Phillips
Tues 12th April	Tuesday of Holy Week	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rachel Crowfoot R.I.P.
Wed 13th April	Wednesday of Holy Week	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Josephine Burbridge R.I.P.
Thurs 14th April	Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
Fri 15th April	Good Friday - The Celebration of the Lord's Passion	<u>3:00 pm</u>	Holy Family	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
		<u>3:00 pm</u>	OLSJ	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 16th April	Holy Saturday	<u>7:30 pm</u>	Holy Family	Easter Vigil Mass - Parishioners
Sun 17th April	 Easter Sunday (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - For Ukraine
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - In Thanksgiving
Mon 18th April	Monday of the Easter Octave	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Dave Burke Birthday
Tues 19th April	Tuesday of the Easter Octave			No Mass
Wed 20th April	Wednesday of the Easter Octave			No Mass
Thurs 21st April	Thursday of the Easter Octave	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Allan McDonald R.I.P.
Fri 22nd April	Friday of the Easter Octave	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Louise Hargreaves R.I.P.
Sat 23rd April	Saturday of the Easter Octave	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Ruth Brent R.I.P.
		1:30pm	OLSJ	Memorial Mass for Hayley Roberts
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Lia Biondi R.I.P.
Sun 24th April	2nd Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week I) Divine Mery Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Maura Heneghan R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Anthony Birch & Ashley Lewis Anniversary



What can we do as a Parish to help those in need in Ukraine?

The news of Ukraine is dominating the headlines at the moment and as a Parish many parishioners have expressed a desire to help those from Ukraine in need. Our Diocesan Caritas group, Caritas Shrewsbury is receiving regular updates on how best to help as part of the international Caritas Internationalis network and from the Caritas Social Action Network for England and Wales. This is the advice that Caritas gives:

Homes for Ukraine – Hosting Ukrainian refugees

Welcoming and providing access to safe accommodation is really important for people forced to their home and take refuge in another country. On 14th March the UK Government announced a scheme to provide homes to people from Ukraine.

Before you commit to sponsoring, it is very important that you think carefully about what this will mean to you and your family. A person or family fleeing Ukraine will be living with you for a minimum of 6 months, needing access to a safe place to stay. You might be in a position to offer a self-contained property or a room in your home. You should consider what having someone to stay for this length of time might mean to you and your family. It's a huge commitment to make and may have implications on your tenancy, council tax, home insurance or mortgage arrangements. You'll need to make sure you research this carefully before applying.

We recommend that you think about the role of sponsor and research the support in your area. Would other parishioners or neighbours be able to assist? Are you able to manage potential issues around language barriers? You may be expected to be able to offer support to access services such as registering with a doctor or setting up a bank account as well as more specialist support.

People fleeing from Ukraine have very recently experienced intense trauma. They have fled their homes, livelihoods and likely left family members behind in a situation of extreme uncertainty and danger. You should be prepared for the possibility of the refugee(s) you are hosting experiencing psychological trauma which may require medical attention.

There may also be language and cultural barriers – some of which may be immediately obvious, others may take time to learn and get to know. At this stage, it is not clear what/if concrete English language support will be available in local communities. Security checks will be necessary for hosts and for those being referred to the UK. If you do offer accommodation, the Local Authority will be responsible for checking it is safe.

Everyone applying to the UK Government to sponsor a person or family will need to name the people they would like to welcome. In partnership with other agencies, Caritas Shrewsbury are exploring the safest and best way to refer parishioners and those willing to offer their home. We will confirm this in the next few days.

If you would like to express an interest in hosting Ukrainian refugees, please email: info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk and visit www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/



Donating through CAFOD and the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal

The DEC have launched an appeal for humanitarian support. The UK Government will match any donations collected through members of the DEC like Catholic Agency, Cafod, who are a part of this group. Your donation could also be eligible for Gift Aid. We have already held a retiring collection in both our parish churches but further donations are always welcome. To donate, please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>.

Provide language support as a translator

Are you a Ukrainian or Russian speaker? Safe resettlement and integration of refugees seeking conflict depends on access to people who can translate fluently into English. If you are skilled in the main languages spoken in Ukraine, please register as a volunteer translator by contacting info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk.

Write to your local MP

Through your MP you can press the British government to ensure sanctions are in place on the Russian government and its associates. You can advocate on behalf of Ukrainian people seeking refuge in the UK. In particular please join us in supporting the Together With Refugees campaign which is presently expressing concern about the Government's Nationality and Borders Bill. This bill is going through Parliament and would further restrict the ability of Ukrainians and those fleeing conflict in other countries such as Afghanistan from seeking sanctuary here in the UK: <https://togetherwithrefugees.org.uk/>.

To get in touch with your local MP via email, or post to their constituency address, visit <https://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/contact-your-mp/> for their details.

Pray for Ukraine

Please continue to keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers along with our brothers and sisters in the wider international Caritas relief effort. The following prayer has been adapted, with thanks to CAFOD.

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all who are affected by war and conflict, for all who are suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, that the Holy Spirit will bring them compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for all our Caritas colleagues who are assisting people who are in most need in the Ukraine, on the borders and in the neighbouring countries.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in meaningful solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

Help us to walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

We make our prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.





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 from Sunday 10th April or 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

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Monthly Assam Collection

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



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.



Red Missio Boxes

Boxes are due to be collected/emptied. Please would all box holders bring them to church.

Boxes can be left in sacristy or handed to either:

- Ian Butler (Our Lady and St. John).
- John Wrigley (Holy Family).

Donations also gratefully received.



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Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Thank you for all your generous donations, we are sending two cheques for the following amounts to the DEC via Cafod:

£1120.24 from Our Lady & St. John
£498.67 from Holy Family

Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

Join us

Good Friday Walk of Witness



The walk starts at 10am at Our Lady and St John and moves through Heswall, ending at the United Reformed Church (by Tescos). The walk will be followed by a service.

Those, who are not able to take part in the walk, can meet at the United Reformed Church (URC) between 10:00 and 10:30. We hope to relay the readings, prayers and hymns to the URC.

The service at the URC starts when the walkers arrive (at approximately 10:45). The Port Sunlight Brass Band will be with 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

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.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>



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