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 Quinn, Denis Pratt & Terence Keatley** who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace. Please remember to pray for their families at this difficult time.

Ann Quinn's funeral service will be held at Landican on
Monday 16th May at 11:30 am

Denis Pratt's funeral service will be held at Our Lady and St John on
Thursday 19th May at 10:15 am

Terence Keatley's funeral service will be held at Landican on
Monday 30th May at 10:30 am

Could you spare an hour or two each week to help people in need?

We have an SVP group in our parish that urgently needs new members. Whether it be helping housebound people with shopping or getting to Sunday Mass, advising on the availability of local support services, perhaps volunteering at our new Support Centre in Birkenhead, or just a friendly chat and a listening ear, we offer help to anyone who needs it irrespective of their background.

We will be here for Mass THIS WEEKEND 14th-15th May – so come along and we'll tell you more about ourselves and what we do - and how you can help!

There will also be a meeting on Tuesday **17th May at 7pm** in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John for those interested in finding out more and joining in the activities of the SVP.

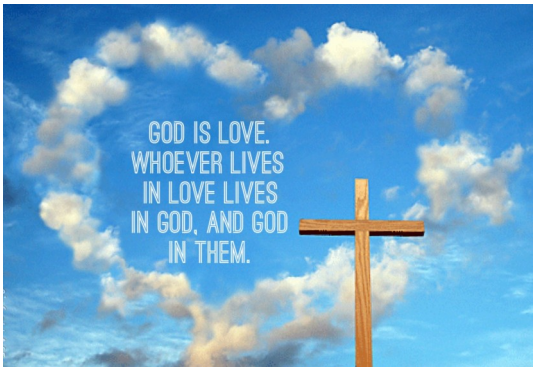
Parishioners who need our Prayers

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,
- John Gibbings,
- Peter Ryan,
- Bernard Davies,
- Anne Crowden,
- Anne Henry,
- Lauren,
- Eileen Lamberton,
- Gerald Sanderson
- Carol Ross
- Norman Hughes

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

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 15th May 2022				
Sun 15th May	**5th Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week I)**	9:30 am	**Holy Family**	**Mass** - Intentions of Jackie Emmerson R.I.P.
		11:15 am	**OLSJ**	**Mass** - Pat & Marco Miserotti R.I.P.
Mon 16th May	Ferial	9:00 am	**OLSJ**	**Mass** - Theresa Stubbings Birthday Remembrance
Tues 17th May	Ferial *Day of Special Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse*	9:00 am	**OLSJ**	**Service of Word and Communion**
Wed 18th May	St John	9:00 am	**Holy Family**	**Mass** - Brendan Gervin R.I.P.
Thurs 19th May	St Milburga	7:00 pm	**OLSJ**	**Mass** - Simon O'Keefe R.I.P.
Fri 20th May	St Bernadine of Siena	9:00 am	**Holy Family**	**Mass** - Louise Tattershall (sick)
Sat 21st May	The Dedication of the Cathedral	9:30 am	**OLSJ**	**Come Pray the Rosary**
		12 noon	**Holy Family**	**Mass** - Joan Ashcroft
		6:00 pm	**OLSJ**	**Mass** - Bill Holt R.I.P.
Sun 22nd May	**6th Sunday of Easter (Psalter Week II)**	9:30 am	**Holy Family**	**Mass** - Sarah Davies Anniversary
		11:15 am	**OLSJ**	**Mass** - Gerard Johnston R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Can the kind of love and affection that echo throughout John's Gospel be seen in the Church of today? God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son. Jesus dies as one who lays down his life for his friends. The main disciple in John is not Simon Peter but 'the disciple Jesus loved.' The words of today's gospel conclude the section on Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet, where Jesus demonstrates graphically the kind of love the disciples are to have. Jesus himself lives out that greater love that lays down your life for your friend. The love of Mary Magdalen drives her to the tomb, where she meets her beloved, the Risen Jesus. Peter is entrusted with the care of the flock of Jesus only after professing his love three times.

This love renounces violence, embraces forgiveness and is modelled on Jesus' offering of himself on the cross. It consists in genuine communication between people and shows itself in actions. We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love, we must know each other. We know Jesus in the breaking of bread and we know each other in the breaking of bread.

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 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.

Wirral Foodbank require the following items:

- Tinned meat
- Pasta sauce
- Squash
- Instant mash
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Jam
- Deodorant
- Washing up liquid
- Packet soup

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

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.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY
CHILDREN | FAMILIES | COMMUNITY

Would all box holders in Holy Family please bring their boxes to church for emptying/counting. Boxes can be left in the sacristy or handed to John Wrigley. Donations also gratefully received.

Date for the Diary

OLSJ Parish Open Meeting

Tuesday 21st June 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Parishioners who would like to come and hear about what the OLSJ Parish Support Group are about and do, are welcome to come to our annual OLSJ Open Parish Support Meeting, in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John. Everyone welcome.

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Now that all Covid restrictions have been eased, it is wonderful that once again we can return to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme. Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

Parish Bereavement Support Group

Father Stephen is looking to set up a Bereavement Support group in the Parish. If you would be interested in getting involved in helping to run this group, please do let Father Stephen know. We are currently looking at getting the appropriate Diocesan training for any volunteers.

60 Years of the Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US

An evening with Dinner and Dancing with a Swing Band.

Tickets are £50 pp and includes a three course meal and a welcome drink, live music and great company!

7pm on Saturday 2nd July 2022
At Heswall Golf Club

If you are interested in celebrating with us, please contact Joan Larkin for further information 342 5517.

BIG THANK YOU

Parishioner Lily Brian Skinner from Holy Family, would like to give a big thank you to parishioners **Brian & Viv Sharp, Ronnie Buckley & Family, Pauline Eaton & Dave** for all their kindness during this horrible time.

Tea, Coffee & Chat

Reminder that refreshments are being served every **Sunday morning** after Mass at Our Lady and St John. Everyone welcome.

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat every **Monday morning** after Monday Mass at Our Lady and St John.

Please remember to **park considerately** when coming to Mass at either of our parish churches. Please do not block access to driveways or park in a way that could restrict access to the road.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

FOUND

A bank card has been found in church last week. If you think that this may yours, please contact Father Stephen.

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News

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

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

YouTube

Visit the parish Website at www.rcchp.org.uk

Sign up for the weekly parish newsletter via email To join send an email to Victoria Hanlon contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

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

Visit the Holy Family Pensby Facebook page

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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.