

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 soul of

David Keefe

who has recently died.

May his soul rest in peace.

Please remember to pray for his family at this
difficult time.



David Keefe's funeral Mass will be held at
Our Lady and St John's on
Thursday 4th August at 12:15 pm.

Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those in
both parishes who are sick at home or in
hospital, including:

- Ken Davies
- David Gorman
- Imelda Atherton
- Pauline Pritchard
- Sara Bull
- David Johnston
- Phil Shaw
- Eileen Roberts
- Irene Fitzpatrick
- Frances Ford
- Maureen Jones
- John McNulty
- John Charles Smith
- John Gibbings
- Peter Ryan
- Bernard Davies
- Anne Crowden
- Anne Henry
- Lauren
- Eileen Lamberton
- Gerald Sanderson
- Carol Ross
- Kevin Doyle
- Anne O'Keefe
- Andrew Deacon
- Margaret Hollywell
- Stephanie Underhill



NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Please note that there will be no paper
or online newsletters during the
month of August, so please do not
submit any news items during that
period.

Mass times will be announced on the
noticeboards outside of both our
parish churches.

Normal service will
resume in September.
Hope you all have a
lovely summer.



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

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 24th July 2022

Sun 24th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week I	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Jen Morgan Birthday
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
Mon 25th July	St James	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Margaret Clancy R.I.P.
Tues 26th July	St Joachim & Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
		9:30 - 10:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration
Wed 27th July	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Eileen Finn Birthday Anniversary
Thurs 28th July	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Phil & Jenny Hoskinson Golden Wedding Anniversary
Fri 29th July	St Mary, Martha & Lazarus	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Pauline McCullagh R.I.P. Anniversary
Sat 30th July	St Peter Chrysologus	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Ann Dempsey R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Ernest Pocock Anniversary
Sun 31st July	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week II	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Bettina Jones R.I.P. Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Tim Dwyer Anniversary



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today's parable stresses the need for a rather self-assertive and tenacious attitude in prayer. A man and his family are in bed in their one room house when a friend comes hammering on the door with a crisis. A friend of his on his travels has arrived in the middle of the night and customs of hospitality demand that he prepares him a meal, but the cupboard is bare. The rudely awakened man realizes that he will have to wake up the whole family to pull back the unwieldy bolt on the door and is most reluctant to do so. One point of the parable is not that God is asleep when we pray, but that when we are in a crisis, we should be willing to create an almighty fuss. Abraham in the First Reading is a model of pestering God with a tenacious persistence.

Jesus goes on to reassure us by describing how a loving father really listens to the needs of his children. If he knows how to give good gifts, no matter what the request, then how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit, the best and greatest gift to those who ask him.

Wirral Foodbank require the following items:



- ★ Tinned meat
- ★ Tinned dfruit
- ★ Squash
- ★ Tinned Tomatoes
- ★ Tinned Fish
- ★ Biscuits
- ★ Jam
- ★ Washing up liquid
- ★ Deodorant
- ★ Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- ★ Nappies (size 6)

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.



Would you consider being a Foundation Governor?



Foundation Governors are appointed by the local Bishop to represent his education policy and they preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school.

- ★ Are you a practising Catholic?
- ★ Do you care about Catholic education?
- ★ Can you commit to 10-12 hours a month?

If the answers to this is YES, then you would make a great Foundation Governor at a Catholic school. Please find further information at the back of church, including a nomination card.

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.



Come and Pray the Rosary

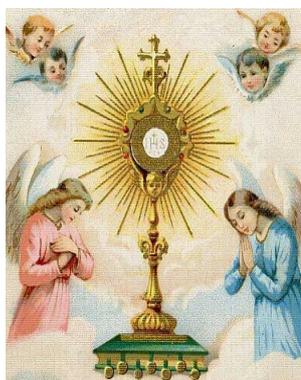
The Rosary will be prayed at Our Lady and St John's church at **9:30am each Saturday**, for the sick in the parish, our families and all the suffering in our world today.



Our Synod

While we wait for our bishops to bring their findings together, we should not regard our involvement in the Synod as at an end. We still have a responsibility, everyone of us [saints and sinners] as equal parts of the body of the Church, to pray to the Holy Spirit for 'Discernment'. In Bishop Mark's words, this means that we and the bishops are 'able to recognise and choose what is truly good'.

Bishop Mark goes on to say 'We know that unless each of us is striving for holiness there can be no effective mission and we know that this mission is inclusive of us all since "Through Baptism and Confirmation all are appointed to this apostolate by the Lord Himself".'



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration

Every Tuesday morning from 9:30am - 10:30am after the Celebration of Word and Communion at 9:00am at Our Lady and St John.

Everyone welcome.



International Harvest Festival

In case you have missed the notices during Mass, this year we have decided to host an **International Harvest Festival** again at Our Lady and St John's. We are asking for all our International parishioners to get in touch with us and get involved. We would love to highlight the diverse culture, food, music and heritage of our Parish.

If you would like to join in, please speak to one of the Social Committee or Father Stephen after Mass. The Social Committee Members include, Joan Larkin, Bernie Hailwood, Anne Rowlands, Moira Griffiths-Parr and Victoria Hanlon.

The International Harvest Festival is planned to take place on **Sunday 25th September** at 11:15am Mass at OLSJ.

Come along, everyone welcome.

Children's Liturgy

Lego Church



Children's liturgy has now finished for the summer holidays, but there are still colouring sheets and toys available in the children's area at the back of church.

When we return, we are hoping to offer some special Lego activities, perhaps once a month - we'll give you more details in September. In the meantime, if anyone has any Lego that they would like to donate please email laura.jones2010@hotmail.co.uk

Baptism Congratulations



We warmly welcome the following children who were baptised in our Parish during the months of June and July 2022.

- ★ Charlotte Overend
- ★ Rebekah Overend
- ★ Emily Carr
- ★ Harper Aspinall
- ★ Amelia Aspinall
- ★ Evie Close

Assam Collection Reminder

Reminder that the next collection for Assam will take place after Mass on **Sunday 7th August** at Holy Family.

Confession



Holy Family:
11:30 am - 12 noon on Saturdays

Our Lady & St John:
5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw)



Visit the parish

Website



at

www.rcchp.org.uk

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.

**Ways to
Stay in
Touch with
Parish News**

Visit the
Holy Family Pensby
Facebook page



 Sign up for the
weekly parish
newsletter via email
To join send an email to
Victoria Hanlon
[contact@ourladyand
stjohn.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk)

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