

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
**Margaret Blackburn, Eileen Lamberton &
John Gibbings**

who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace.

Please remember to pray for their families at this
difficult time.



Margaret Blackburn's Funeral Mass will be
held at **Our Lady and St John's on Monday
3rd October at 12:00 noon.**



Eileen Lamberton Funeral Mass will be held at
**Our Lady and St John's on Friday 7th
October at 12:30 pm.**



John Gibbings' Funeral Mass will be held at
**Our Lady and St John's on Thursday 13th
October at 1 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
- Sara Bull
- David Johnston
- Phil Shaw
- Eileen Roberts
- Irene Fitzpatrick
- Frances Ford
- Maureen Jones
- John McNulty
- John Charles Smith
- Peter Ryan
- Bernard Davies
- Anne Henry
- Lauren
- Gerald Sanderson
- Carol Ross
- Kevin Doyle
- Anne O'Keeffe
- Andrew Deacon



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

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.

Confession

Holy Family: 11:45am - 12 noon on Saturdays

Our Lady & St John: 5:45pm - 6pm on Saturdays

Refreshments after Sunday Masses



Just a reminder that
refreshments are available after both Sunday
Masses at Holy Family and Our Lady and St
John each week. Do come and join us for a
cuppa and a chat after Mass.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 2nd October 2022

Sun 2nd October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Ken Davies
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Christopher Henry Tickle
Mon 3rd October	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
		12 noon	OLSJ	Funeral Mass - Margaret Blackburn
Tues 4th October	St Francis of Assisi	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Peter Smith R.I.P.
Wed 5th October	St Maria Faustina Kowalska	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Tom Lacey Anniversary
Thurs 6th October	St Bruno	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Mike & Sarah Stanton Anniversary
Fri 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary CAFOD Family Fast Day	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Tracy Martin & Mother
		12:30 pm	OLSJ	Funeral Mass - Eileen Lamberton
Sat 8th October		9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Paul, Chris & the Jones Family
		1:00 pm	OLSJ	Michaela Glascott & Michael Blackburn Wedding
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Thomas Hiepko Memorial Anniversary
Sun 9th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependents</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Stephanie Underhill
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Special Intention

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

The apostles ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." He replies, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." The disciples are asking for a quantitative increase in faith, Jesus' example tells them of the quality of faith. Faith is not a collection of good deeds, but a quality of courage and love. The parable that Jesus then tells seems harsh. "The servant comes in from a long day of manual labour, "and the master says, 'Get my supper laid, make yourself tidy and wait on me, while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards.' Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So, with you, when you have done all you have been told to do, say, we are merely servants we have done no more than our duty." Jesus' parable warns against defining religion merely in terms of doing what we are told. Just a little bit of faith (like a mustard seed) can produce astonishing results, while doing just what you are told to do brings little benefit. Such faith involves keeping alive the vision of justice and peace for all.





Upton Hall School Mass

On Saturday 5 November 2022 at 11.00 am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King there is a Mass to celebrate Catholic Education and pray for members of our present school community. Everyone associated with Upton Hall School and Holt Hill Convent is warmly invited.

Caritas

(formerly Children Society)



Please could all box holders in Holy Family please bring them in to church for emptying/counting. Donations also gratefully received. Boxes can be left in the Sacristy or handed to John Wrigley. Many thanks.



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.



International Harvest Festival

Just a note of thanks to everyone who was involved in the preparation of last Sunday's International Harvest Festival Mass and also to everyone who came along and joined in. It was a very special day and definitely highlighted the rich diversity and amazing talent of our parishioners. Thank you all.



THANK YOU!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the parishioners who donated items to the Food Bank last Sunday as part of the International Harvest Festival held at Our Lady and St John's. Our parishioner and Food Bank volunteer, Kevin Lloyd was overwhelmed with the generosity shown and thankfully enlisted help, to get all the donations into his car!!



You all donated a whopping 157.2 kgs of items.

Well done all and thank you.

St Francis' Corner

St. Francis' feast day is October 4th.



He is a saint for ecology and the environment: a saint for our time. Francis had a deep respect for all creatures animate and inanimate which "*bear the imprint of the Most High,*" calling them his brothers and sisters. He taught us to understand our place in the interdependence of creation. In his Canticum of Brother Sun he included the verse:-

*"Praise be You my Lord,
Through our Sister Mother Earth,
Who sustains us and governs us,
And produces various fruit,
With coloured flowers and herbs."*



Children's Liturgy at Our Lady and St John's

Lego Church

Our first Lego Church activity starts **this Sunday** in Children's Liturgy at Our Lady & St John. Much like usual, we will be exploring the themes of the Gospel in a child-friendly way, but will be building models from Lego to better understand the message. These special Lego activities will be on the first Sunday of each month. There is no need to book, to attend, just come along.



Assam Collection

There will be NO collection this month in view of the CAFOD Family Fast day collection on **Sunday 9th October** at Holy Family.



Injustice in Palestine



As in all human conflicts, there are wrongs and rights on both sides in the conflict between Israel and Palestine. Our Christian response in these situations is to pray for and to call for Peace and to aid the suffering, where we can. It is also our duty to point out and raise awareness when we can see a clear injustice taking place.

Such is the case of Mohammed El Halabi, the Palestinian director of the charity World Vision International (WVI). After a 6-year trial (largely held in secret) Halabi has been sentenced by an Israeli court to a further 6 years in prison (so 12 in total). Halabi was arrested in 2016 and accused of channelling aid funds to Hamas, considered by Israel as a terrorist group.

After thorough investigations by the UN, WVI, independent world class auditors and the Australian government, no evidence of wrongdoing was found. WVI said the unjust verdict and sentence serve to hinder aid to Palestinian people and humanitarian work on their behalf. This appears to be the intent of the Israeli authorities. This is not just. Please pray for Halabi and others suffering from grave injustices.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER

WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL: Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a regular gift to CAFOD. Please use one of the CAFOD envelopes which can be found at the back of church or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday

Envelopes for donations will be available at the back of both churches and a collection made at all Sunday Masses on the weekend of **Saturday/ Sunday 9th/10th October**. The envelopes will be available throughout October to enable late and extra donations to be made. Please return the envelopes via the collection plate.

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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