

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

**Anne Crowden &
Audrey Lecoustre-Kidd**

who have recently died.

May their souls rest in peace.

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



Audrey Lecoustre-Kidd's funeral service will be held at **Landican Cemetery** on **Wednesday 7th September at 11:30 am.**



Anne Crowden's Requiem Mass will be held at **Our Lady and St John's** on **Wednesday 28th September at 11:30am.**

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 Henry
- Lauren
- Eileen Lamberton
- Gerald Sanderson
- Carol Ross
- Kevin Doyle
- Anne O'Keeffe
- Andrew Deacon



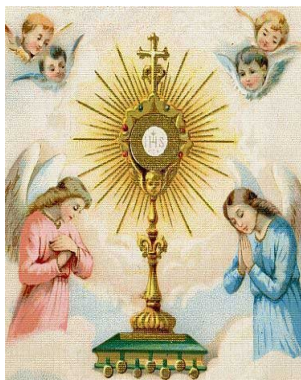
Come and Pray the Rosary

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.

Please do come and join us.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration



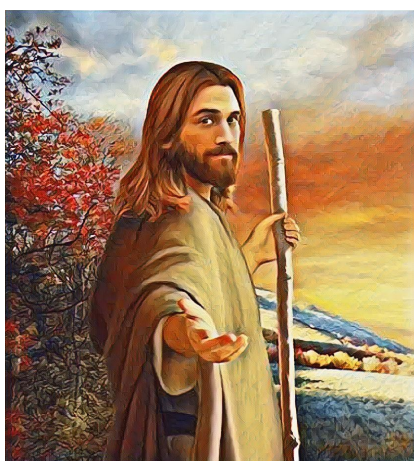
Every Tuesday morning from 9:30am - 10:30am after the Celebration of Word and Communion at 9:00am at Our Lady and St John.

Everyone welcome.

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

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 4th September 2022

Sun 4th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Vera Brockway R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Special Intention
Mon 5th September	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Professor Will Featherstone R.I.P.
Tues 6th September	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wed 7th September	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Brian & Liz Campbell R.I.P.
Thurs 8th September	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Fred & Janine Overton R.I.P.
Fri 9th September	St Peter Claver	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Peter Smith R.I.P.
Sat 10th September	St Ambrose Barlow	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Charlie Frost R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Maddy Sharman R.I.P.
Sun 11th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Special Prayer for Education</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Margaret Robson (Birthday)
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Alex Hiepkio (Birthday)

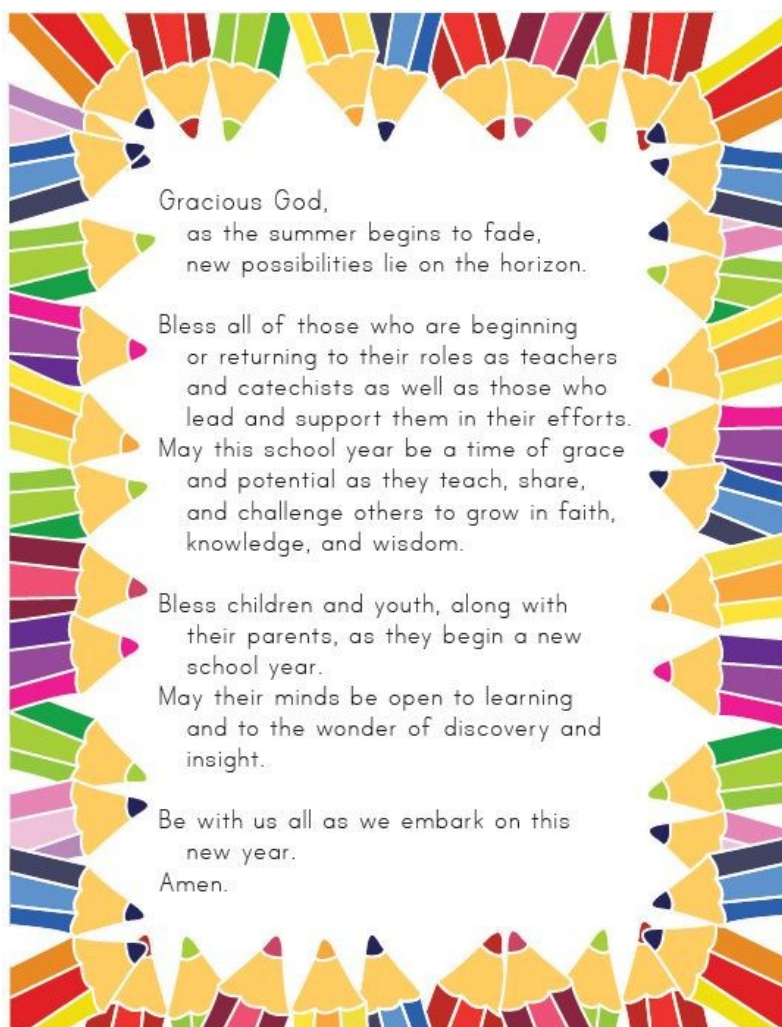


Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'You cannot be my disciple without hating father, mother, children, brothers, sisters and even your own life too.' Most people would see the advice of Jesus as downright destructive when family difficulties cause so much suffering today. It is also jarring in a Church which stresses that the family is the fundamental human community. Historically these statements may reflect a time when Christian discipleship did involve wrenching separation from loved ones and going against established social customs.

Jesus then tells us two parables which in effect say, "If you follow me, you had better realise what you are getting into and prepare for a long-term commitment." People preparing for the future should take careful account of whether they have the necessary resources to complete a building project or fight a war. But Jesus also concludes: "In the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions." We need to accurately assess the demands of the future. A future of following Jesus does not depend on material resources or on power (the king marching to war), but on complete trust in God. Thinking of the challenges we face, let us pray for the wherewithall we need to meet them.



Assam Collection Reminder

Reminder that the next collection for Assam
will take place after Mass **THIS Sunday 4th
September** at Holy Family.



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.



Talk by Barbara Davies

In preparation for the Saint Bernadette Relic Tour
2002, Barbara Davies has offered to give a talk
on St Bernadette and her relics. This will take
place at **8:15pm on Wednesday 7th September**
at **St Catherine's Church, Hoylake** after
Adoration. Everyone is welcome.



The relic of Saint Bernadette will be in our Diocese
on **Tuesday 13th September in Shrewsbury
Cathedral and Wednesday 14th September in
Saint Werburgh's Chester**. This is an amazing
opportunity and time of grace for us. Those wishing
to venerate the relic are strongly encouraged to
book a time to visit via the national website [http://
www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk). Resources to help us
prepare for the visit are being prepared and will be
available soon in your parish and via the Diocesan
website. If you have any questions or queries,
please contact the Cathedral Office: Tel 01743
290000 or email admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk



In preparation for the visit of the relic of Saint Bernadette, please find below a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes and a Novena to Saint Bernadette. Copeies are also available at the back of both our parish churches.



Novena to Saint Bernadette Soubirous

The Novena is prayed each day or nine days.

Go to Mass and Holy Communion at least once during the Novena.

It is also recommended that you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Novena.

Dear Saint Bernadette,

Chosen by Almighty God as a channel of His Graces and Blessings, and through your humble obedience to the requests of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, you gained for us the Miraculous waters of spiritual and physical healing.

We implore you to listen to our pleading prayers that we may be healed of our spiritual and physical imperfections.

Place our petitions in the hands of our Holy Mother, Mary, so that She may place them at the feet of Her beloved Son, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that He may look on us with mercy and compassion: *(Make Petition)*

Help us, O Dear Saint Bernadette to follow your example, so that irrespective of our own pain and suffering we may always be mindful of the needs of others, especially those whose sufferings are greater than ours.

As we await the Mercy of God, remind us to offer up our pain and suffering for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins and blasphemies of mankind.

Pray for us, that like you, we may always be obedient to the will of Our Heavenly Father, and that through our prayers and humility we may bring consolation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that have been so grievously wounded by our sins.

Holy Saint Bernadette of Lourdes,
Pray for us.
AMEN.

(Pray a decade of the rosary)

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. *(say 3 times)*



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Mary,

Our Lady of Lourdes,
You appeared in the hollow of the rock of Massabielle to Bernadette, a small and simple shepherdess from Bigorre.

You brought her the radiant light of your smile, the gentle, resplendent brightness of your presence.

Day by day, you built a relationship with her where you looked at her like one person talking to another.

We, too, come here before you in our poverty, and we humbly pray to you. May those who doubt discover the joy of trust, may those who despair sense your discreet presence.

Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes,
you revealed your name to Bernadette by simply saying

"I am the Immaculate Conception".

May we discover the joy of a forgiveness that never falters, instill in us the desire for a rediscovered innocence and a joyful holiness. Help the blinded sinner.

You who gave birth to the Saviour of the world, look tenderly on our beautiful but tragic world. Open in us the path of hope, guide us to the One who is the Living Source, Jesus, your Son, who teaches us to say Our Father. AMEN

(Pray a decade of the rosary)

Invocations:

"Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!"

"Saint Bernadette, pray for us!"

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"



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International Harvest Festival

In case you have missed the notices before the summer break, 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**.

AGM - Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality



The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be the Annual General Meeting. It will be held on **Sunday 11th September 2022 at 2pm**. Join us at St Columba, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1PL

If you could please register your attendance and make any apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call [07451 249267](tel:07451249267). Please note that all items for inclusion on the Agenda need to be received no later than 7 days before the meeting.

Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.

The agenda and draft minutes of the previous AGM will be available at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>



Justice and Peace Group

The Justice & Peace group will recommence on **Monday 12th**

September at Holy Family Church at 7.30pm. The meetings are open to all parishioners from either parish, without any commitment - so why not come along and see what we do?

Johann Sebastian Bach:

Herr Jesu Christ, wah'r Mensch und Gott

Lord Jesus Christ, true man and true God (Cantata 127)

A meditation on the Cross, on the Sunday nearest Holy Cross Day, the titular feast of the church. The usual ensemble of voices, oboes, strings and organ is joined by two recorders and a trumpet.

Sunday 11 September 2022 at 6.30pm

Evening Prayer with Cantata

at Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Woodchurch, Wirral CH 49 7LS



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Mission for Catechesis

- ★ Do you wish to know more about your faith?
- ★ Is the Lord calling you to be a Catechist, or Lector, Children's Liturgist or Acolyte?
- ★ Do you need help passing on faith to your children?

We all need ongoing faith formation to deepen our relationship with Christ, experience the joy that only the Gospel can bring, and bear witness to Christ in the world. Such growth in faith is crucial if we are to discern to what particular service the Lord might be calling us or to give an account for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15) or is we are to be equipped to pass on the faith to others.

Shrewsbury Diocese has partnered with the Franciscan Catechetical Institute to bring faith formation courses to every parishioner. Our parish is already registered, and you can sign up free of charge.

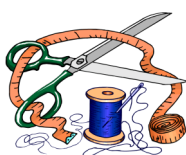
For more information, please pick up a leaflet at the back of both our parish churches or contact one of the Diocesan Mission for Catechesis team:

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Stephen Yates:	07517 906438	stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
Jane Deegan:	07517 906435	jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org



The Wirral Foodbank has started a monthly prayer diary. They

are asking our parishioners to join them in prayer. As you can imagine, there are many local families that are going to need their support over the coming months, and they need to be able to meet the increased demand. Please the suggested themes for daily prayers in September overleaf. Thank you for your continued support.



OLSJ Stitchcraft Group

The Stitchcraft Group at OLSJ will be restarting on **Tuesday 6th September at 10 am.**

New members are always welcome to the group if you would like to pop in, please feel free to do so. We meet each Tuesday in the meeting room at 10 am for tea / coffee a chat plus all sorts of sewing, knitting and patchwork activities.

Looking forward to seeing you.



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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