

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,

Pauline Pritchard, Margaret Blackburn,

John Gibbings, Eileen Lamberton

& Queen Elizabeth II

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

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



Pauline Pritchard's Funeral Mass will be held at **Holy Family on Wednesday 28th September at 10:00 am.**



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



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 details are yet to be confirmed.

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.



Queen Elizabeth II Requiescat in Pace

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was the UK's longest-serving monarch. The Queen met four Popes on official visits during her reign: Pope John XXIII (1961), Pope John Paul II (1980, 1982 and 2000), Pope Benedict XVI (2010) and Pope Francis (2014). In 1951, a year before she acceded to the throne, she met Pope Pius XII. ***Please do take a prayer card for Queen Elizabeth II*** available at the back of both our parish churches.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 18th September 2022

Sun 18th September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Prayer for Home Missions</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Jack Heery Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - John & Rosie Walker (Birthday)
Mon 19th September	St Theodore of Canterbury & St Janarius	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Queen Elizabeth II R.I.P.
Tues 20th September	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Cong Ha-sang and Companions	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wed 21st September	St Matthew		Holy Family	No Mass
Thurs 22nd September	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - For the Shay Family
Fri 23rd September	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Sarah Heery Anniversary
Sat 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - May Teresa Murphy Anniversary
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Mavis Gore 90th Birthday
Sun 25th September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Mrs M Robson
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today we meet a steward or manager of a wealthy person's estate. An audit reveals that he has been squandering the resources of the estate and he is called in to explain himself. Realising that no defence is possible and aware that he may be sent to the mines (dig) or become a street beggar, he devises a cunning plan. By reducing the debts owed to his master, he hopes to curry favour with the debtors, so that they may find a position for him later. He calls them in one by one. One owes the equivalent of a hundred barrels of olive oil, which he immediately reduces to fifty and the other one hundred bushels of wheat, which he reduces to eighty. Shockingly the parable ends with the simple statement, "The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness."

However the manager's plans are not realized but transcended by the surprising action of the rich man. He is rescued by what he receives, not by what he accomplishes. The parable demonstrates a God who does not exact punishment but cancels debts even in the midst of human attempts at manipulation.



GREAT NEWS!
Holy Family Tea & Coffee
after Mass are back!

Holy Family Teas & Coffees are starting back up this Sunday after Mass. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Everyone welcome.



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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.



SVP Meetings
at Our Lady & St John

The next SVP meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John's on **Wednesday 14th September 6:45pm to 8:45pm**. The following meeting will in two week's time on Wednesday 28th September at the same time and venue.



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.

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International Harvest Festival

Come and join us for a celebration of the diverse culture, food, music and heritage of our Parish on **Sunday 25th September** at our International Harvest Festival Mass at **11:15am**. Everyone welcome.



OLSJ Stitchcraft Group

The Stitchcraft Group at OLSJ meet every **Tuesday at 10 am** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ. New members are always welcome to the group, so come along for a cuppa, a chat, plus all sorts of sewing, knitting and patchwork activities.



September Prayers

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. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Tea, Coffee & Chat

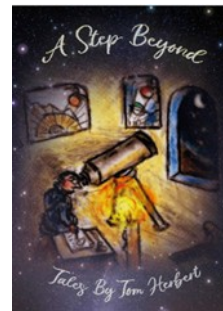
Reminder that refreshments are being served every **Sunday morning** after Mass at Our Lady and St John. Everyone welcome.

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



For those of you who were unable to go to Chester last Wednesday to view the relics of Saint Bernadette, the relics will be able to be viewed in Liverpool on **Saturday 17th September from 10am - 2:30pm at the Cathedral Church of the Risen Christ (Anglican) and at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King from 3:30pm through to 7am on Tuesday 20th September.**

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>.



Spotlight on Parishioner Tom Herbert

Parishioner Tom Herbert has recently published a book called **A Step Beyond**. It is a series of beautiful short stories varying from the surreal, to day-to-day topics such as romance, comedy, faith and Christmas. They are charming and make for a very varied read. Tom's book is available to purchase on Amazon.

[Tom Herbert's - A Step Beyond](#)

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland,

3rd October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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