

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

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 Mass will be held at **Our Lady and St John's on Thursday 13th October at 1 pm.**

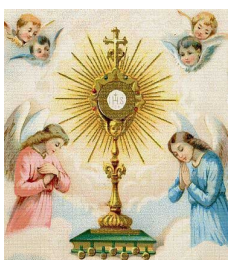
Parishioners who need our Prayers

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.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 25th September 2022

Sun 25th September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Special Day of Prayer for the Harvest</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Mrs M Robson
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
Mon 26th September	St Cosmas & Damian	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Cecilia Hiepkko 2nd Anniversary
Tues 27th September	St Vincent De Paul	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wed 28th September	Ss Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	10:00 am	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Pauline Pritchard
		11:30 am	OLSJ	Funeral Mass for Anne Crowden
Thurs 29th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Fr Conor Silver Jubilee
Fri 30th September	St Jerome	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Ken & Sara Bull For Good Health
Sat 1st October	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Pam & Arthur Jones
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Fred & Janine Overton Anniversary
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



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today's gospel begins with a vivid contrast between rich and poor: a rich man dressed in purple and fine linen who feasts magnificently every day and a poor man at his gate, covered in ulcerous sores, longing for the scraps from the table with dogs as his only companions who lick his sores.

The poor man dies and is carried by the angels to the bosom of Abraham, while the rich man dies, is buried and ends up in torment in Hades (the underworld, hell). He looks up and sees Abraham a long way off and begs him to send Lazarus with a drop of water to cool his tongue in his agony in the flames. Abraham points out that in his lifetime the rich man's wealth made him blind to Lazarus's suffering and now it is too late to make amends.

Having realized the extent of his sin, the rich man begs Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers. Abraham replies that they have the same opportunities that he had to follow God's law and care for the poor and needy and the warnings of Moses and the prophets.

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.

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 28th September 6:45pm to 8:45pm.**



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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.

**OLSJ International
Harvest Festival**

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



We will be donating items for the Foodbank this year for our harvest offertory and are asking for parishioners to bring in bags of goods to donate to the Foodbank on Sunday. They will be taken up during the offertory procession at Mass. Items that the Foodbank are particularly in need of at the moment are:

- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRUIT
- SQUASH
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED FISH
- BISCUITS
- JAM
- NAPPIES (SIZE 6)
- WASHING-UP LIQUID
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- TOOTHPASTE
- DEODORANT

Remember to come and join us for an International Feast after our Harvest Mass on Sunday. Everyone welcome.

**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.

**Assam Collection Reminder**

Reminder that the next collection for Assam will take place after Mass next **Sunday 2nd October** 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.



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.



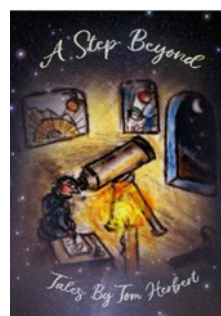
CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 7th World Food Crisis Appeal

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. Use the envelope 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.

Thank you.



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](#)

Watch Sunday Mass
said
by Father Stephen
on our YouTube
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John Heswall

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