

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

Sheila Rowe

& Fr Michael Cupit

who have recently died.

May their souls rest in peace.

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



Sheila Rowe's funeral Mass will be held at
Holy Family on
Wednesday 26th October at 11:00 am



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
- Molly Turner



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.



Confession



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

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

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.

Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 23rd October 2022

Sun 23rd October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of special prayer for World Missions</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Deceased Members of 3rd Heswall
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - John Gibbings R.I.P.
Mon 24th October	St Anthony Mary Claret	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Ernest Pocock R.I.P.
Tues 25th October	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wed 26th October	Ss Chad & Cedd	11:00 am	Holy Family	Sheila Rowe Funeral Mass
Thurs 27th October	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Stefan Plotnicki
Fri 28th October	Ss Simon & Jude	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Pauline Pritchard R.I.P.
Sat 29th October	The Douai Martyrs	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Bryn Owen Anniversary
		1:00 pm	OLSJ	Alice Hailwood and Andy Diack Wedding
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Intentions of Rhys Jones
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Sun 30th October	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - John Kane (Snr) R.I.P. Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - John Gibbings R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

The Pharisee's prayer is twofold: a prayer of thanksgiving to God for preserving him from sin and an account of his faithfulness in fasting twice a week and in giving tithes on all he gets. The fault of the Pharisee is not that he gives thanks for what God has done for him, but that he is proud and dismissive of other people. He contrasts himself with people who are grasping, unjust, adulterous and saves the tax collector to the end. His very position of prayer betrays his pride. He steps apart from the crowd as if God could not notice him wherever he is. The tax collector simply stands at a distance and will not even raise his eyes to heaven. He beats his breast which is itself a prayer of humility, and pleads, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." The tax collector goes home at rights with God. The Pharisee does not. The parable summons us to a prayer of love and trust in God's mercy and frees us of the need to tell God who is a sinner and who is not. Are we happy to pray the prayer of the tax collector: "God, be merciful to me a sinner?"



November is the Month of The Holy Souls

The envelopes for the Remembrance of your Loved Ones and Offerings are now available in the porch at both churches.

- **At Holy Family**, please place your completed envelopes in the basket by the Sacred Heart Statue.
- **At OLSJ**, please place your completed envelopes in the box at the back of the church.
- **Alternatively**, you can post the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

May we take this opportunity to remind you, because we receive so many Intentions during this month that it's simply not possible to say an Individual Mass for each and every intention. The Mass is simply styled as "Holy Souls", please rest assured however that Masses will be said regularly throughout November and in the coming months, and all your intentions are remembered at those Masses.

At Our Lady and St John, a Mass to remember the Deceased of the Parish of the previous year will take place on **Thursday 10th November at 7pm**. Refreshments will be served after Mass.



Upton Hall School Mass

On Saturday 5th 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.

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.



Back by Popular Demand
Christian Aid Quiz & Supper

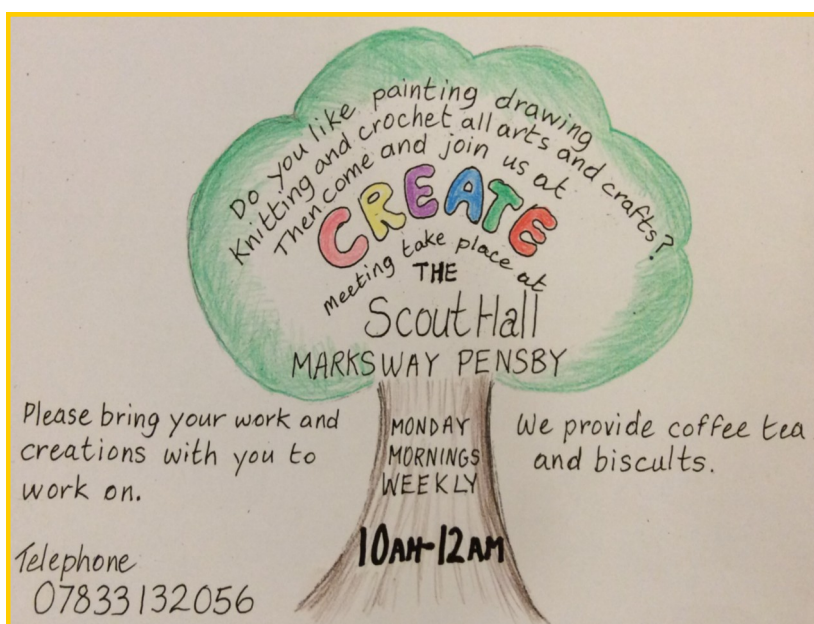
Saturday 12th November - 6:30pm for 7pm

Tickets £10 each / Teams max. of 6

St Peter's Parish Hall, Lower Heswall

Please do consider coming to this excellent event. If you are not in a team, there is a chance of you joining up with others to make the dream team. Wine will be available on the night. To buy tickets, contact Suzy Smallwood on 07875 404128

or suzy.smallwood1963@gmail.com. I only have 18 tickets (3 teams) allocated to us. Sorry but I can't always answer the phone so please leave a message, text or email me. I will get back to you.



**REMINDER - CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ENVELOPES**

Please remember to return your Family Fast Day envelopes. You can hand them back via the collection plate at Mass or make a donation straight to Cafod via their website. Thank you for all your contributions.

A letter of thanks from Cafod for our recent Parish fundraising.

Thank you for everything you are doing in your parish to raise vital funds for our Family Fast Day appeal.

Last week, I shared with you the BBC news story about the terrible impact of the drought in Somalia. [Today, we have an update about our work with a community facing the food crisis in a region in southern Ethiopia, near the borders with South Sudan and Kenya.](#)

Thanks to the support of parishes like yours, our partners are now distributing cash to 700 vulnerable pastoralist households in this community so they can buy healthy food from local markets for themselves. The priority is supporting people with chronic illness, breastfeeding mothers, children under 5 and elderly people – to buy maize flour, cooking oil, vegetables and other essential food supplies.

The prolonged drought in the region has caused the death of livestock and major food shortages for families in the community who depended on milk from their cattle as the main source of food for their children. Then the arrival of the rainy season brought flooding which forced about 36,000 people in the region – pastoralists already affected by the drought - to move. The flooding covered lands that had been used for farming and grazing and destroyed schools, clinics, water supply projects and veterinary centres. People lost their homes, belongings, sources of food and income.

The community is determined to start producing their own food again and restoring their livelihoods. Please do thank your parishioners for their generous donations this Family Fast Day, which will enable communities like this one in Ethiopia and others affected by the [food crisis](#) right now.

And as Jesus invites us in the Gospel this Sunday, let us “pray continually and never lose heart.” Luke 18:1-8

Many blessings

*Jenny Hayward-Jones
Parish Fundraising Team
CAFOD*



MISSIO BOX HOLDERS

Would all box holders bring them to church for emptying/ counting. Boxes can be left in Sacristy or handed to:

- ★ Ian Butler (Our Lady and St. John).
- ★ John Wrigley (Holy Family).

Donations also gratefully received.



Saint Bernadette - Your Stories

Many have said how moving it was to venerate the relics of **Saint Bernadette**. Next year, will be the **90th anniversary of her Canonisation, on Dec 8th, 1933**. To commemorate this, the Department for Evangelisation is planning a Conference and preparing a booklet, and would like to hear from anyone with a story to tell. It could be about the visit of the relics, or a pilgrimage to Lourdes; the cure of a friend, or a family member; or simply what Bernadette means to them. No story is too small - yours could be a source of great encouragement to others. So don't hesitate to get in touch, either by calling Barbara Davies on [07730 526 821](tel:07730526821) or by emailing: StBernadette2033@gmail.com.

Anselmian Association Mass 5th November @ 11 am



The Anselmian Association Mass for deceased members, family and friends will be celebrated in the College chapel at **11am on Saturday 5th November**. We will pray for all members of the Anselmian family who have died during the past year. Anyone connected to the College is welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

HESWALL DISABLED CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY FUND 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



This year we are having a 'Raffle with a Difference'. There will be a draw taking place each day for 12 days in December and you could be one of the lucky 12 winners. There are only 120 tickets in the Draw. **The draw will take place at 6pm each day.**

First draw will be on **Thursday 1st December** and will continue each day up to 12th December. Each ticket cost £10 but remember there are only 120 tickets in the draw - get your tickets soon. There are great prizes to win, Afternoon Tea, meal vouchers, voucher for a florist, etc.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Joan Larkin on 07542213158 or by email joan.larkin@heswallcamp.org. or outside Our Lady and St John and Holy Family on **Sunday 23rd October, Sunday 30th October** and if there are any tickets remaining **Sunday 6th November**.

Thank you all so much for your continued support, Joan Larkin .





SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Would you be willing to open up your home and heart for people displaced by the war in Ukraine?

After months of the brutal Russian war in Ukraine, the number of people fleeing the war and in need of shelter remains high and will continue to increase as winter approaches.

- Parts of Ukrainian territory remain under Russian occupation where civilians are tortured, prosecuted, forced into cooperation, and lack access to basic utilities. The evidence of war crimes is commonplace on liberated territories.
- Poland, Ukraine, Canada, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Republic of Ireland, and Czech Republic declared Russian war crimes in Ukraine a genocide.
- Winter is coming and Russian government is targeting Ukrainian energy infrastructure to cause terror amongst civilians.
- Ukrainian authorities continue mandatory evacuations from the frontline and occupied territories, where risk of death or injury is high.

This means that more Ukrainians will be reaching for safety in the coming months.



SJOG and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are offering a matching, training and support programme for hosts and displaced individuals under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

If you are willing to share your space with those in need of a safe place, you can register your interest here:



We invite you to join our online information sessions about the programme:

Homes for Ukraine - Can I be a sponsor?

12 October - 7 pm
9 November - 7 pm
7 December - 7 pm

Homes for Ukraine - Happy together

26 October - 7 pm
23 November - 7 pm
14 December - 7 pm

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMME AND THE ONLINE SESSIONS:

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine

Website: sjog-homesforukraine.uk

E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk

Saint John of God Hospitaller Services is a registered charity: 1108428





Pause for Hope

For all those affected in any way by cancer

St. Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester

15:00 - Sunday - 6th Nov. - 2022

Speaker:
Councillor
Richard Beacham

Choir:
St. Joseph's
Church

— Ecumenical service. No tickets required. —

www.pauseforhope.org.uk

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>



Visit the parish

Website



at

www.rcchp.org.uk

**Ways to
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Touch with
Parish News**

Do you know
anyone that doesn't
have access to the
internet?



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weekly newsletter can be
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Parish Secretary.

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Holy Family Pensby
Facebook page



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