

News from the Parishes of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St. John, Heswall



Rosary for Peace

On **Thursday 8th December**, the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*, the Rosary will be prayed worldwide for peace. Please come and join us in Our Lady and St John's church at 2:30pm.

Following the Rosary, tea and coffee will be served in the Meeting Room.

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.

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
- Lauren
- Gerald Sanderson
- Carol Ross
- Kevin Doyle
- Anne O'Keeffe
- Andrew Deacon
- Molly Turner
- Teresa Grumley



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: 5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays

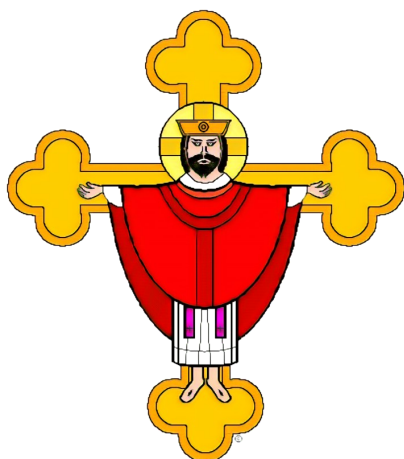
Come and Pray the Rosary



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 20th November 2022

Sun 20th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Brian Cantillon R.I.P. Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Peter Louis Smith R.I.P.
Mon 21st November	St Cecilia	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - David Holgate Birthday
Tues 22nd November	Ss Clement & Columban	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wed 23rd November	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Holy Souls
Thurs 24th November	St Catherine of Alexandria	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Rona Mills Birthday Anniversary
Fri 25th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Melissa Robson
Sat 26th November	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Holy Souls
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Marie Hegarty Anniversary
Sun 27th November	First Sunday of Advent (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Dora Noonan R.I.P. Birthday Remembrance
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Fiona McDonagh Anniversary

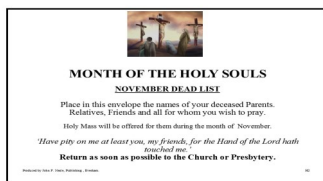


Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

The gospel on this feast of the Messiah King turns the idea of kingship on its head. Jesus reigns not from a throne but from the gibbet of the cross.

The crucifixion summarises many of the themes from Luke's gospel. Announced to the shepherds as saviour, Jesus saves us from the throne of the cross. The good thief calls him simply Jesus, a gesture of intimacy but also the name given him by the angel at his conception as one who will rule over the house of David forever. The thief asks to be remembered by Jesus in his kingdom but receives much more –intimacy with him in paradise. Jesus who took on the mantle of Isaiah to proclaim salvation to the poor and marginalized and who came to seek out and save what was lost, promises salvation to one like himself marginalized and rejected. Luke's Jesus preaches reconciliation and love of enemies, and, as he is led to execution, he heals the ear of the hostile high priest's servant, breaks down the hatred between Pilate and Herod and dies with a prayer to his Father for the forgiveness of his executioners.



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**, 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.

Liverpool Notre Dame Association

would like to invite all past and present pupils of Liverpool Notre Dame schools to a Mass and Afternoon Tea at the Irenaeus Centre (32, Great George Road Waterloo Liverpool L22 1RD) on **Saturday 26th November 2022**.



Tickets cost £12 per person, to book contact Sheila on sheilabrown52@yahoo.co.uk.

Schedule for the day: -

- ★ Arrival 11am for tea/biscuits/coffee
- ★ 12pm Mass
- ★ 1 - 4 pm Afternoon Tea (buffet style) in the dining room

Raffle/fundraising and time for socialising.

Last day for booking is 19th November.

(When booking if you could advise any dietary requirements e.g. gluten free/vegetarian/vegan also tea or coffee)



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 **Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm**. If you would like to hear about what we do, please do come along.



Ark Christmas Cards

These popular and inexpensive cards will be on sale after the 9.30 am Mass every Sunday at Holy Family. This an easy and worthwhile way to support our local charity which gives direct and practical help to the homeless in our locality. Thank you for your support.

A monthly newsletter is produced by the local charity and this contains news of their current activities. If you wish to know more their address is:

Wirral Ark
50 Hamilton Street
Birkenhead
Wirral, Merseyside CH41 5AE

Or e-mail : enquiries@wirralark.org.uk



World Scout Jamboree South Korea 2023

Unfortunately, the **Quiz Night** at 3rd Heswall Scout Hut (Marksway) that was planned for **26th November** has had to be postponed. A new date will be set and advertised in the new year.



Seafaring Sunday Retiring Collection THIS Weekend 19th & 20th November

The money will be sent to the Liverpool Seafarers Centre. The LSC provides a front-line service offering expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support to 50,000 seafarers passing through the Port of Liverpool each year.



**Advent Service &
10th Anniversary Celebration of the Meeting Room at Our Lady and
St John**



Sunday 11th December at 5pm

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for our special Advent Service this year, as we will also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Parish Meeting Room.

There will be a service of carols and readings followed by a hot supper and celebrations in the Meeting Room.

There is no charge or tickets required, but we will be asking everyone who would like to attend to complete a form, so that we can make sure that we cater for enough people. The forms will be available at the back of church. Please hand completed forms back to Father Stephen or in the box at the back of Our Lady and St John.

If you would like to attend and have any special dietary requirements, please do mention them on the form and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This is our annual collection of items for our Seafarers which will be distributed to crew members who will dock in Liverpool during the Christmas period. Here is a list of items which would be appreciated for our Seafarers:

- Chocolate, Sweets, Toblerone
- Shower Gel (Men & Women)
- Deodorant (Men & Women) - *Roll On Deodorants Only*
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Woolly hats, Scarves & Gloves
- Socks
- Playing Cards and Dice
- Pocket games (Chess, dominoes backgammon etc)
- Mini Jigsaws



Any of the above can be put into the box in the **Church Porch at OLSJ** or deliver to **Joan Larkin at 14 Speedwell Drive, Barnston CH60 2SZ**. Last day for donations is **Tuesday 6th December**

If you need any further information please contact Joan on 0151 342 5517. Thank you .



PACT
Prison Advice and Care Trust

PACT is a pioneering national Catholic charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families. They are currently running their “Elf Project” designed to support the children and families of prisoners by the purchase of Gift Cards. Advent is an appropriate time to give some hope to these sometimes desperate people.

Their address:

PACT, 29 Peckham Rd, London SE5 8UA.

www.prisonadvice.org.uk



Pope Francis

The Synod Process is not over

Pope Francis has announced that the report in October 2023 is not to be something conclusive but there is to be a further report in October 2024. This emphasises that synodality is not a ‘one off’ event but is a continuing process in which the whole church [which includes you and me] is involved.

The extension of a further report in 2024 highlights Pope Francis’s point that this process does not come to an end with the announcement of the result of a vote by the Bishops, or a consensus statement. Whatever is said in 2023 and 2024 are important steps in a continuing process which Pope Francis hopes “*Will help everyone experience it as a journey of brothers and sisters who witness the joy of the gospel*”. At the heart of the process is the need, in prayer, to listen to what The Holy Spirit is saying to each one of us.

Irish Ceili Dancing - Keep Fit, Have Fun!



Every Friday 12 noon—1pm

At Wirral Change, St
Laurence's Drive
CH41 3JD

(The old St Laurence's school building. The entrance is at the back of the building.)

Absolute beginners welcome, it doesn't matter if you have never danced a step before! It's not like Riverdance, just easy dances with simple steps.

Refreshments after Sunday Masses

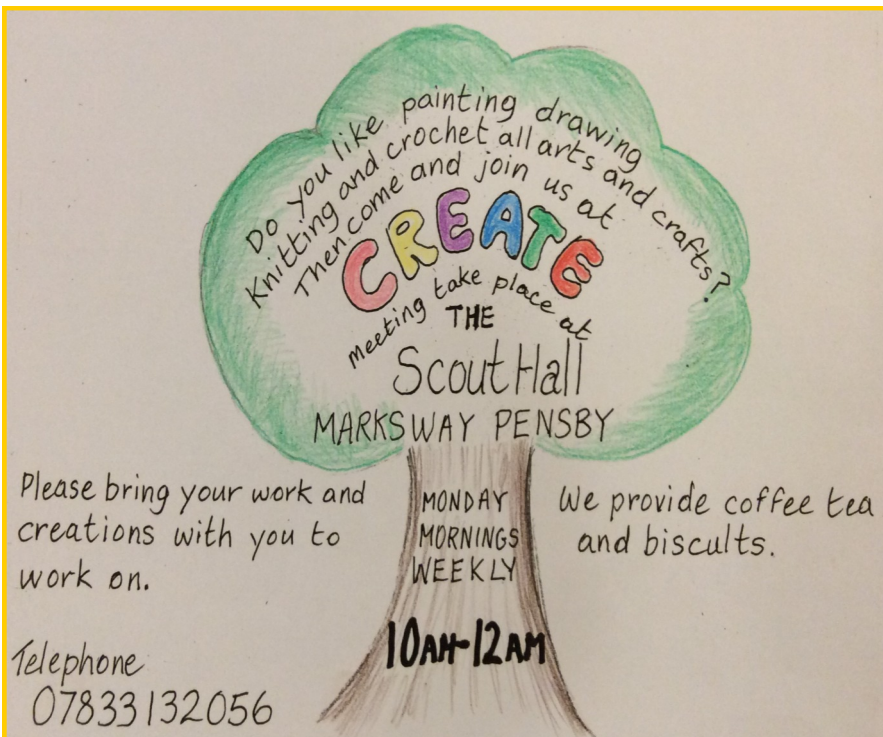
Just a reminder that refreshments are available after both Sunday Masses at Holy Family and Our Lady and St John each week.



St Anselm's College
6th Form Open Evening

This year's Open Evening for boys in year 11, will take place on **Wednesday 23rd November from 6pm to 8pm.**

In the 6th form at St Anselm's College, we provide a structured, supportive learning environment that encourages and facilitates academic, cultural, spiritual and personal development. The atmosphere is friendly and informal, and there are excellent relations between students and teachers.



**First Forgiveness &
First Holy Communion 2023**

If you have a child who is in Year 3 or above, he or she will be eligible to celebrate these important sacraments in 2023. Children in Year 3 at Ladymount will follow a programme of preparation there. For children who are in other schools, there will be a parish programme of preparation taking place in the parish room at Our Lady and St John. If you wish your child to take part in the parish programme, please contact Father Stephen on 342 6581 or email father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

**Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality
Extraordinary General Meeting**



Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) followed by a general Hospitality Meetings will take place on **Sunday 4th December 2022** at 2pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. The EGM is being held to discuss constitutional change (as discussed at the AGM) and any proposals **need to be received by no later than 14 days before the meeting.**

Agenda items for the General Hospitality Meeting need to be received **no later than 7 days before the meeting.** Papers to be sent to the Hospitality Secretary. Please pass on the information to other Hospitality Members.

Can you please register your attendance/apologies to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call [07451 249267](tel:07451249267)



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.

Relic Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis

We, the LPA 21, are immensely glad to invite you all for Relic Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who, 'the only saint in JEANS' is surely a model and inspiration for our Children and Youth today. We are hosting it in St. Alban's Parish Hall, Liscard, Wallasey from **December 3rd to 4th 10.30am till 5pm.**

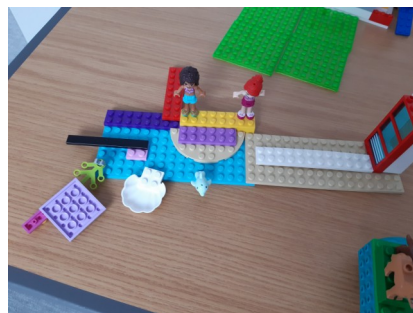
In view of making the Exhibition an Eucharist-led journey, we have organized Holy Hour, Benediction, Witnessing, Eucharistic Teachings and Veneration of the Relic with special emphasis on the Spirituality of St. Peter Julian Eymard, the Apostle of the Eucharist from 3 pm to 5 pm at St. Alban's Church, Liscard on December 3 and the same will be at St. Joseph's Church, Seacombe on December 4th. There will be some activities and workshops for children and teenagers as well. We look forward for your support and co-operation.



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

LEGO CHURCH

On Sunday 6th November, children at Children's Liturgy made these wonderful constructions with Lego. The theme was 'Our idea of Heaven'. Our next Lego Church will take place during Children's Liturgy on Sunday 4th December at 11:15am Mass at Our Lady and St John. Why not come along and have a go? All children are welcome, no booking required, just turn up.



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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw)



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www.rcchp.org.uk

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