

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



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.

✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Teresa Grumley, Patricia O'Driscoll & Rev. Peter O'Neill** who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

Teresa Grumley's Funeral Mass will be held at **Holy Family on Tuesday 20th December at 10:15am.**

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



Confession



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

Our Lady & St John: 5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays

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
- Joe Hemington



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

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 4th December 2022

Sun 4th December	Second Sunday of Advent (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Rowe Family Intentions
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Thomas Mooney
Mon 5th December	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Brownrigg Birthday Remembrance
Tues 6th December	St Nicholas	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wed 7th December	St Ambrose		Holy Family	No Mass
Thurs 8th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2:30 pm	OLSJ	Rosary for Peace
		7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Aileen Sheridan R.I.P.
Fri 9th December	St John Diego Cuatlatatzin	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of the Crowden & Middlehurst Families
Sat 10th December	Our Lady of Loreto	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Holy Souls
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Burns & McGregor Family
Sun 11th December	Third Sunday of Advent (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Holy Souls
		5:00 pm	OLSJ	Advent Carol Service



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

The prophet Isaiah expresses his hope for a just king from the house of David. This king will be enfolded by the spirit of the Lord and endowed with wisdom, insight and other virtues necessary to lead God's people. He will show his leadership by judging the wretched with integrity and with equity giving a verdict for the poor of the land.

John the Baptist, another prophet, thunders judgement against the contented and the powerful, pointing to a stronger one who will not preach a baptism leading to repentance but will preach with the Holy Spirit and fire. John's Jesus will be a threatening figure who will winnow the good from the bad and throw evildoers (the chaff) into the fire. Yet John's expectation was transformed. Jesus was not a fiery reformer but one who ate with tax collectors and sinners and warned against a hurried separation of wheat and chaff. Isaiah's vision and John's prophecy were not fulfilled in the way they expected. They lived in hope and died in faith. We still have a way to go to achieve peace and social justice. But at the end of Advent a young woman, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit gives birth to the heir of David whose message if listened to and lived out in our lives offers hope in this season of joy and sadness.



**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 basket in the porch, 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 .

Christmas Mass Times 2022

Saturday 24th December

6pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Our Lady & St. John

11:30pm Carols - Our Lady & St. John

Midnight Mass - Our Lady & St. John

Sunday 25th December

9:30am The Nativity of the Lord - Holy Family

11:15am The Nativity of the Lord - Our Lady & St. John

This year there will be NO ticketing system and all Masses will operate on a first-come first-serve basis. Please note that there will be no social distancing policies in place. Stewards will be there to help seat people. Masks will be available as always, should you wish to wear one but it is not compulsory.



Reminder that the next Assam Collection will take place THIS Sunday 4th December.

Previous Assam Totals

June: **Total: £170.75**

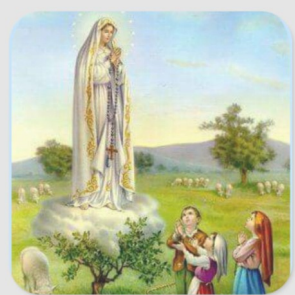
July: **Total: £181.00**

August: **Total: £204.95**

September: **Total: £147.00**

October: **Total: £70.00**

Thank you for your generosity & continued support.



Rosary for Peace Thursday 8th December

Our Lady's words at Fatima 1917

"If my requests are heeded,
Russia will be converted and
there will be peace; if not she

will spread her errors throughout the world..." She reminds us that man's future is in God and we are active and responsible partners in creating the future. On **Thursday 8th December**, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the rosary will be prayed worldwide for peace.

Could you spare half an hour to join us for the rosary here at Our Lady and St. John's church at 2.30 p.m. ?

If you can't be with us pray a decade or one Hail Mary wherever you are. We especially invite the sick and housebound to be with us in spirit.

Following the rosary we'll have tea and coffee in the Meeting Room.

OLSJ Stitchcraft Group

The Stitchcraft group will close for Christmas on 13th December 2022 and reopen on Tuesday 10th January 2023. New members are always welcome. The group meets each Tuesday from 10 am until 12:30pm and develop a variety of crafting activities.



MISSIO Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection taking place after all Weekend Masses next weekend, Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th

Our Mission Together Impact Report

Over the last five years, Our Mission Together has successfully supported the three pillars of Strengthening Parishes, Providing for Clergy, and Mission and Social Outreach. Through the generosity of donors, the initiative has achieved some amazing results which are highlighted in the Our Mission Together Impact Report. Copies of the report are available for you to take home.

OLSJ Children's Liturgy Group News



Our Children's Liturgy group will be singing at the Advent Service (Sunday 11th December, 5pm at Our Lady & St. John). Please speak to a member of the Children's Liturgy team if your child would like to join in. We will be singing 'Away in a Manger' with actions and there will be a video on the church YouTube channel, so children can practise it at home too.

This weekend is also **Lego Church!** We have so many new and exciting things, thanks to the generosity of the parish and the funds raised from the cake sale. There is no need to book to attend, just come along.

Parish First Holy Communion Programme

We are having an information meeting about the First Holy Communion Programme on **Thursday 8th December at 6pm in the OLSJ Meeting Room**. If you would like your child to make this special Sacrament next year, please speak to Father Stephen or email our Parish Catechist, Laura Jones, laura.jones2010@hotmail.co.uk

Wirral String Orchestra and Chorus present their

Christmas Concert

Saturday 17th December at 7:30pm at
St. Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake

Handel Messiah (excerpts), Corellie Oboe Concerto, Boyce Symphony No. 2 plus music by Rutter, Leroy Anderson and traditional Christmas Carols.



THE CLATTERBRIDGE
CANCER CHARITY

Tickets £8 - see poster for where to purchase or can be bought on the door.

All proceeds go to the Clatterbridge Cancer



Wirral Ark

Fighting homelessness in Wirral

Ark Christmas Cards

These cards are now all sold and £200 has now been sent to this local charity. The Justice & Peace group would like to thank all those parishioners who generously contributed to help others in this way, at a time when we need to spend carefully.



SHOPPING LIST

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FRUIT

SQUASH

TINNED TOMATOES

TINNED FISH

BISCUITS

JAM

NAPPIES (SIZE 6)

WASHING-UP LIQUID

TOOTHBRUSHES

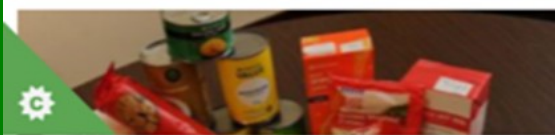
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by Father Stephen
on our YouTube
channel Our Lady and St
John Heswall

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