

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
**Pauline Oxtan, Christina Edwards,
Christopher Cadwell, Lisa McKenzie &
Moira Baker**
who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace.

Pauline Oxtan's Funeral Service will be held at
**Our Lady & St John on Wednesday 11th
January at 11:00 am.**

Christina Edward's Funeral Service will be
held at **Our Lady & St John on Thursday 12th
January at 1:00 pm**

Christopher Cadwell's Funeral Service will be
held at **Landican Cemetery on Monday 23rd
January at 11:30 am**

Lisa McKenzie's Funeral Service will be held at
**Landican Cemetery on Tuesday 24th
January at 2:00 pm**

Moira Baker's Funeral Mass will be held at **Our
Lady & St John on Monday 30th January at
11:15 am**

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

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
- 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
- Fred McCloud



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



Clergy Education and Training Fund Collection

There will be a retiring
collection for the Clergy Education and Training Fund after
all Masses on the weekend of the 7th and 8th January
2023.



Confession



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


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

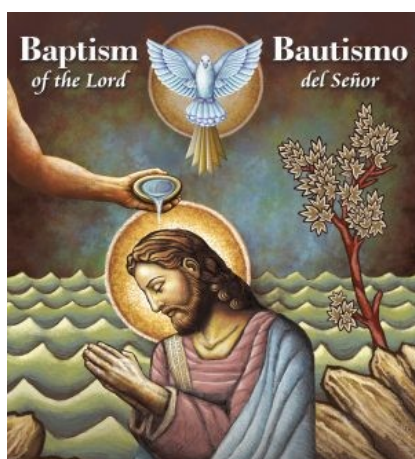
Come and Pray the Rosary



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 8th January 2023

Sunday 8th January	The Baptism of the Lord (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Eileen Kavanagh R.I.P. (Birthday)
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - People affected by floods in St. Lucia
Monday 9th January	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Tuesday 10th January	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday 11th January	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	NO Mass
		11:00 am	OLSJ	Pauline Oxtan Funeral Service
Thursday 12th January	St Aelred of Rievaulx	1:00 pm	OLSJ	Christina Edwards Funeral Service
		7:00 pm	OLSJ	NO Mass
Friday 13th January	St Hilary	9:00 am	Holy Family	NO Mass
Saturday 14th January	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 Noon	Holy Family	Mass - Michael Keaveney Intention
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Pat & Marco Miserotti & Bill Holt R.I.P.
Sunday 15th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)  <i>Day of Special Prayer for World Peace</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Norah Chadwick & Lawrence Chadwick
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Mike Rolland (Sick)



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

In the Church's liturgy the baptism of the Lord, the Epiphany and the wedding feast at Cana form a triptych of public manifestations of Jesus. The Mass readings today are concerned with God's commissioning and manifestation of one who establishes true justice on earth.

Matthew's account of the baptism of the Lord has distinctive characteristics. Only he recounts John's resistance: 'It is I who need baptism from you and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replies, 'Leave it like this, it is fitting that we do all that righteousness demands.' Jesus is the one who begins to show the way in

which men and women will be made 'just' and 'right' before God and their fellow human beings. People will be judged on the basis of their care of the suffering and marginalised of the world. In Jesus a new communication is opened between God and us. The heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove and a voice from heaven proclaims, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.' This is a public commissioning, prefiguring our own Baptism which is both adoption into the very life of God and a mission to proclaim justice, to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind and to free people from all that enslaves them.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Monday 16th January to Sunday 22nd January

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity will commence on Monday 16th January, with the final service on Sunday 22nd Jan at 4pm.

All services will be held at the Methodist Church on Telegraph Road but will be led by a different minister each day as follows:

- ★ Monday 16th January – Service led by the Church of England
- ★ Tuesday 17th January – Service led by the Methodists
- ★ Wednesday 18th January – Service led by the URC
- ★ Thursday 19th January – Service led by the Roman Catholics
- ★ Friday 20th January – Service led by the Quakers

All the services will be at 11:30 am to 12:30 and hot drinks will be served on arrival.

On Sunday 22nd January, there will be the Closing Service at 4pm, again at the Methodist Church on Telegraph Road. Everyone welcome, please do come along to support this.

Justice and Peace Group



The next Justice & Peace meeting will take place on **Monday 16th January** at Holy Family Church at 7.30pm. The meetings are open to all parishioners from either parish, without any commitment - so why not come along and see what we do?



Caritas at Christmas Collection

Thank you for your generosity this Christmas. Our Parish will be sending £388.88 to Caritas for their Christmas Appeal.

Caritas is the social action and social justice agency of the Diocese of Shrewsbury which seeks to develop the Church's social mission in the years ahead. It encompasses the work of the former Catholic Children's Society, and with the invaluable support from the diocesan-wide 'Our Mission Together' initiative, they have also extended our portfolio to include; intergenerational work, young people at the risk of becoming homeless, accessible community hubs and work with those seeking refuge and asylum.

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

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




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