

# 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  
**Christopher Cadwell, Shirley Copp, Moira  
Baker & Lisa McKenzie**  
who have recently died. May their souls rest in  
peace.

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

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

**Shirley Copp's** Funeral Service will be held at  
**Landican Cemetery on Tuesday 31st  
January at 9:30 am**

**Lisa McKenzie's** Funeral Service will be held at  
**Landican Cemetery on Thursday 9th  
February at 2:00 pm**

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
- Lin Thompson



*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.



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 22nd January 2023

<b>Sunday</b> 22nd January	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Psalter Week III) <i>Day of Special Prayer for Openness to the Word of God</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Samuel Chadwick
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Andrew Whittingham-Jones R.I.P.
Monday 23rd January	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Amie & Andrew
Tuesday 24th January	St Francis de Sales	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday 25th January	The Conversion of Paul	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Sarah Davies R.I.P.
Thursday 26th January	Ss Timothy & Titus	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - William Boylan R.I.P.
Friday 27th January	St Angela Merici	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Special Intentions Ryan & Beate
Saturday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Brenda & Bill Tunnicliffe R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Paul Birch R.I.P.
<b>Sunday</b> 29th January	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Psalter Week IV)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - The Rowe Family
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Cecilia Hiepkco Birthday Anniversary



### Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

Light and darkness have a great impact on our everyday existence, they help us organise our days, but they also point to deeper unseen realities. Today's Gospel, quoting the words of the prophet Isaiah, speaks of Jesus as 'a great light.' Light in this context stands for truth and goodness whereas darkness represents evil, ignorance or lack of understanding. 'The people

that lived in darkness has seen a great light.' Jesus' coming dispels our ignorance of God and his ways. Jesus' coming shows that deceit and force are not the only keys to real success. Jesus showed up the evil deeds of tyrants and bullies abusing power and spread the radiance of his goodness in our world. In the gospel reading today Jesus comes to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and reveals not only his presence but his personality to those fishing there. His light shining on them gives a depth of meaning to what they are doing. Their occupation as fishermen takes on a new meaning. The fish become people, the fishing nets the means to salvation and the sea the world. Their desire to catch fish is transformed into an enthusiasm to draw people in. They join Jesus in his remaking of a world that has gone wrong.



### Include Fairtrade bananas in the Free Fruit for Schools Scheme

Every day, approx 2.3 million children aged 4-7 in state-funded schools receive a free piece of

fruit through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS). The SFVS is funded by the Department of Health. Not all bananas included in this scheme are Fairtrade - we want the Government to change this.

Changing all the bananas in the SFVS would have an incredible impact on the life chances of the farmers that grow them and also increase awareness of Fairtrade in children. Please sign this petition as soon as possible by clicking on the link below. The deadline is next Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> January.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/619553>

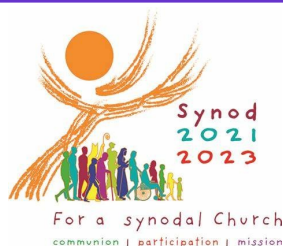


### A law to prevent harm to the environment and abuse of local population

It is the experience of CAFOD, who often have to deal with the consequences, that some companies have no regard for the effects of their business practices on local people and the environment. CAFOD is asking us to petition our MPs to show that we need a law to deal with these unscrupulous companies and ask us to e-mail at [CAFOD.org.uk/newlaw](mailto:CAFOD.org.uk/newlaw).

### International Synod of Bishops- October 2023-October 2024

Worldwide responses have now been received and are open to everyone to have a say, including each one of us, in the form of the 'Working Document for the Continental Stage'. This document covers a wide range of thoughts and issues in a positive manner and certainly reflected some of our own thoughts. The role of Women; the need for more Ecumenical activity and the need for some mechanism for communicating with each other are noted. The overall view is a sense of optimism and trust in the Holy Spirit. 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. Any thoughts or views can be expressed, via the Diocese, by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.



### News from the Wirral Food Bank

#### A message from Phillip Davies, Chair of Wirral Foodbank

The Christmas period saw a substantial increase in the number of people receiving emergency food parcels. Once again, Wirral Foodbank played a crucial role in helping those in need. Thanks to all who supported the Christmas Tesco collection. Sadly, the evidence indicates that as the cost-of-living crisis worsens, the demand for our services will continue well into 2023. Let us hope and pray that the New Year brings a new focus on tackling the underlying causes of poverty so that people no longer need to rely on foodbanks and other charities to provide basic necessities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers, staff, and donors for their tireless efforts on behalf of Wirral Foodbank and to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

The latest food item requests:

#### SHOPPING LIST

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FISH

SQUASH

SUGAR (SMALL PACKET IF POSSIBLE)

UHT MILK

TINNED CUSTARD

INSTANT MASH

TINNED FRUIT

PASTA SAUCE

PACKET SOUP

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

BEANS

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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