

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
**Denis Kearon, Lisa McKenzie, Andrew
Deacon & Eileen Roberts**
who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace.

Denis Kearon's Funeral Service will be held at
**Landican Cemetery on Tuesday 7th
February at 2:30 pm**

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

Andrew Deacon's Funeral Mass will be held at
**Our Lady & St John on Friday 17th February
at 1:15 pm**

Eileen Roberts' Funeral Mass will be held at
**Our Lady & St John on Thursday 23rd
February at 10:00 am**

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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
- Irene Fitzpatrick
- Frances Ford
- John McNulty
- John Charles Smith
- Peter Ryan
- Bernard Davies
- Lauren
- Gerald Sanderson
- Carol Ross
- Kevin Doyle
- Molly Turner
- Joe Hemington
- Fred McCloud
- Lin Thompson



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

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.



Confession



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

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

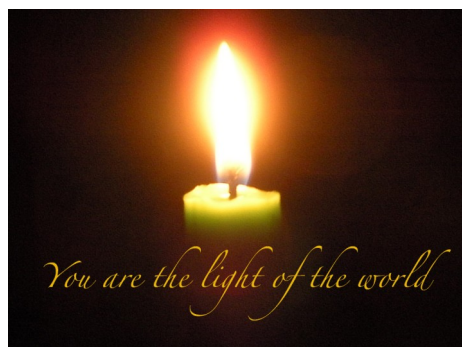
Come and Pray the Rosary



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 5th February 2023

Sunday 5th February	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I) <i>Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eileen Roberts R.I.P.
Monday 6th February	St Paul Miki & Companions	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan R.I.P.
Tuesday 7th February	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday 8th February	Day of Special Prayer for Victims of Trafficking	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Eileen Kavanagh R.I.P.
Thursday 9th February	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Special Intention (McHugh)
Friday 10th February	St Scholastica	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Frank Sudlow (sick)
Saturday 11th February	World Day of Prayer for the Sick	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Mr J. Watson
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Oonagh McDonnell (very sick)
Sunday 12th February	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Special Intention (family)
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Walker Family



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

In today's gospel reading Jesus tells his disciples that they are the light of the world. In a modern town or city, where technology can turn light into day, the contrast between light and darkness loses its force. In Jesus' time darkness came suddenly, enveloping the whole land. Only from the light on a lampstand would the faces of other people become visible. Light was a beacon to guide a travel-weary pilgrim; its faint glimmer signalled the beginning of a new day. Jesus also declares that his disciples are the salt of the earth. In the ancient world salt was very precious and used to flavour and preserve food. Though technically salt (sodium chloride) can never totally lose its flavour, it can become adulterated and weakened. Jesus' image is simultaneously challenging and frightening. Disciples are like salt necessary for life, and the call once given cannot be revoked, just as salt can never totally lose its flavour. But if the disciples abuse the call and grace of God, "they are good for nothing and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men." We are all called to become salt of the earth and beacons of hope for others.



SVP Visiting

Do you know of someone who would like a visit of friendship and support? - If the answer is YES please get in contact with us.



The essence of our work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift. If you know of someone who could benefit from our support, get in contact with us; Drop us a line via the Parish Secretary at contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk or put a note through the Presbytery door marked for the attention of the S.V.P.



Monthly Assam Collection

This is a reminder that the usual monthly Assam collection will take place after Sunday Mass at Holy Family, **THIS SUNDAY, 5th February.**



Cake sale @ Holy Family Sunday 19th February in support of 2 Scouts attending the World Jamboree in south Korea this summer. They have done a lot of fundraising to help pay for this great opportunity and your support would be much appreciated. Treat yourself before Lent begins!!!



St Francis' Corner

How St. Francis lived before his conversion.

Br. Thomas of Celano, Francis' biographer, writes of him:-

These are the wretched circumstances among which the man whom we venerate today as a saint, for he truly is a saint, lived in his youth, and almost up to the twenty fifth year of his age. He squandered and wasted his time miserably. Indeed he outdid all his contemporaries in vanities - - On the other hand he was a very kindly person, easy and affable, even making himself foolish because of it; (He continues-) The hand of the Lord, therefore, came upon him. (Ezech 1, 3.) and a change was wrought by the right hand of the Most High that through him an assurance might be granted to sinners that they had been restored to grace, and that he might become an example to all of conversion to God. St. Francis writes in his Letter to all the Faithful - It is the Father's will that we should all be saved by the Son, and that we should receive him with a pure heart and chaste body.



One of our parishioners, Steve Burke, wishes to invite parishioners and members of their family/friends to share their personal faith journey with a view to participating in the making of a documentary film. Funding is apparently in place for this film which it is intended would be made available online to parish groups, catechists etc. This is a personal initiative not a parish one. Anyone interested in the proposal or wanting more details should contact Steve Burke on 07534362555.



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.

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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