

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
**Andrew Deacon, Eileen Roberts, Felicia
Dowler & Mary Latimer**
who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace.

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

Felicia Dowler's Funeral Service will be held at
Landican Cemetery on Monday 27th February
at 12:30 pm

Mary Latimer's Funeral Mass will be held at
Our Lady & St John on Tuesday 7th March at
12 noon

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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
- Peter
- Gary
- Alan



*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

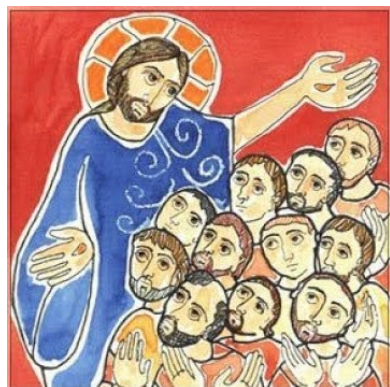
Come and Pray the Rosary



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 12th February 2023

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
Monday 13th February	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Melissa Callaghan R.I.P. Anniversary
Tuesday 14th February	Ss Cyril & Methodius <i>Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i>	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday 15th February	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Christina Edwards R.I.P.
Thursday 16th February	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Oonagh McDonnell (very sick)
Friday 17th February	The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of M. Robson
		1:15 pm	OLSJ	Andrew Deacon Funeral Mass
Saturday 18th February	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Sheila Rowe R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - The Campbell Family
Sunday 19th February	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III) <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Margaret & Gordon Ramsey 50th Wedding Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - John Bibby R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

St Matthew is anxious to show that Jesus has not come to abolish the Law and the prophets, which is God's teaching in the Old Testament, but to complete them. Jesus notes that people tend to observe the externals of the Law of God, with little appreciation of its interior purpose and meaning. How often today Jesus says, "You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors..., but I say this to you..." People hear the words of the Law, but they do not appreciate the reasons. The ultimate reasons for God's Law are to stop us from harming people, to create a proper inner attitude to God and neighbour and to bring us to a love that unites our inner intentions with our outer behaviour.

God's laws about sex are to stop us from exploiting bodies as though there were no person involved. God's laws about abusive language and lies are to keep us from ruining reputations and destroying people's self-respect. God's laws about killing are meant to help us respect life. Not only is it wrong to commit sin, it is wrong to plan a sin. God's Law is to teach us how to love and become 'together people.'



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.



Materials for reflection following the Synodal Submissions

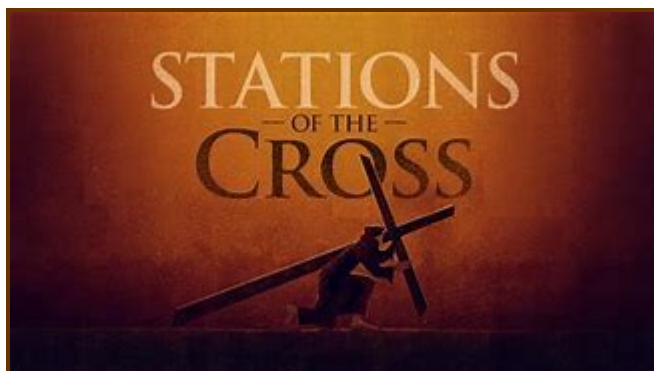
In submissions to the Synodal Process, many people expressed a desire for formation in e.g. Scripture, spirituality and, specifically, the teachings of the

Second Vatican Council. To meet these requests, the Department for Evangelisation is offering an introduction to the Council, together with a presentation of two of its major Documents: Dei Verbum (on Revelation) and Lumen Gentium (on the Church). The aim is simply to give an overview of both documents, and enough insight into their content and ongoing importance to encourage people to read the texts for themselves, copies of both of which are available at the CTS or on the Vatican website. This presentation will take the form of a recorded conversation between Miss Barbara Davies (Coordinator for New Evangelisation) and Dr Stephen Yates (Senior Mission Catechist). The mp3 audio file will be available on the diocesan website from the beginning of Lent; the material will not, however, be time-bound. Printable handouts will enable individual and group reflection. For further information, please contact either Barbara (07730 526821) or Stephen (07842 487978).



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



During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed following Mass or Service of Word and Communion on Monday and Tuesday each week. If you wish to join the rota to lead this devotion, please phone Joan Gibson 342 3787. A message may be left and you will be contacted. Thank you.

Lourdes by Jumbulance

Chester and Wirral Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes this year. There are vacancies for nurses, helpers and sick and disabled pilgrims. We have taken folk with a wide range of health problems such as stroke, cancer, MS, Motor Neurone Disease, etc. The cost is £995. Nurses and under 25s in full time education pay half. However, financial help may be available for those who cannot afford to pay the full amount. COVID Vaccinations compulsory.



For further information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk



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.



Congratulations to parishioner, **Peter Ryan**, who received a Papal Blessing this week for his many years of service to the S.V.P.

REMEMBER our RETIRED PRIESTS

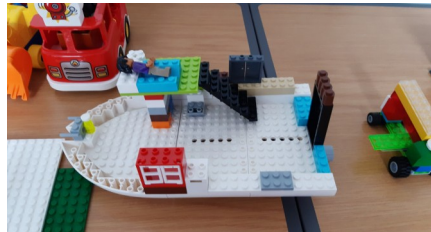
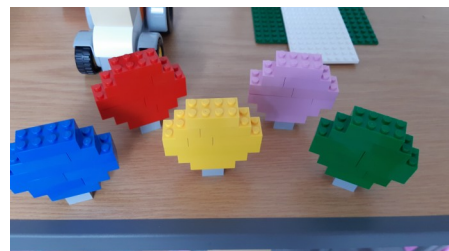
After all Masses next weekend (**18th & 19th February**) there will be a retiring collection for the **Retired Priests' Fund**. The Retired Priests' Fund seeks to help sick and retired priests with their basic living needs, providing a pension, accommodation etc... Our priests rely on what the Fund provides after devoting their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ.

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

LEGO CHURCH



Here are some photos of what we made at Lego Church last Sunday at Children's Liturgy. At Lego Church we explore the themes of the Gospel in a child-friendly way by building models from Lego to better understand the message. If you would like to join us for the next session, it will be on the first Sunday of the month, **Sunday 5th March**. There is no need to book, to attend, just come along.



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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