

# 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  
**Eileen Roberts, Felicia Dowler & Mary Latimer**

who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

**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
- Phyllis Driscoll & Family



*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 19th February 2023

<b>Sunday</b> 19th February	<b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)</b> <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Jill Bibby R.I.P.
Monday 20th February	Ferial	9:00 am	<u>Holy Family</u>	Mass - James Gatland R.I.P.
Tuesday 21st February	St Peter Damian	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday 22nd February	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs M Casson R.I.P.
		<u>7:00 pm</u>	OLSJ	Mass - Oonagh McDonnell (very sick)
Thursday 23rd February	St Polycarp	10:00 am	OLSJ	<b>Eileen Roberts' Funeral Mass</b>
Friday 24th February	Friday after Ash Wednesday	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Shirley Simpson R.I.P.
Saturday 25th February	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	9:30 am	OLSJ	<b>Come Pray the Rosary</b>
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Ann Newby Birthday
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Winifred Lewis Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b> 26th February	<b>1st Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week I)</b>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Christina Edwards R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eileen McDaid R.I.P.



### Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

A friend told me: 'When I was young, my prayer was, "Lord, give me the energy to change the world." As I approached middle age it became: "Lord give me the grace to change all

those with whom I have contact." Now I am old, my prayer is, "Lord, give me the grace to change myself." If I had prayed this from the start, I should not have wasted my life.' How do we measure up to the standard of behaviour Jesus expects of us? Jesus says we must love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, in this way we are sons and daughters of our Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike.

If we only love those who love us and save our greetings and hospitality for our family and friends and those we get on with are we doing anything special? Jesus says we must be perfect as our Father is perfect. The test Jesus applies is that we are available to him and open our heart and our whole being to him and his will for us.

**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](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk) or put a note through the Presbytery door marked for the attention of the S.V.P.

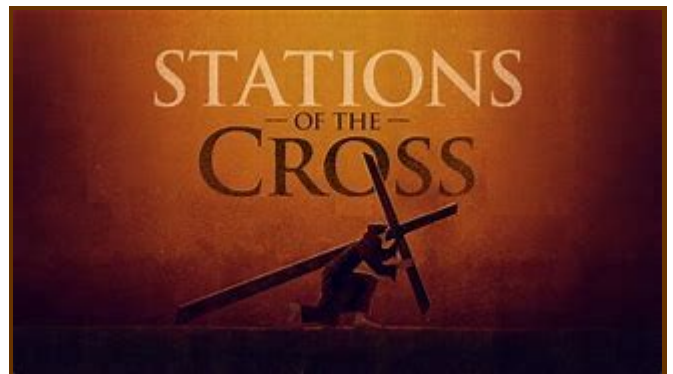
**Materials for reflection following the Synodal Submissions**

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 THIS SUNDAY**

**19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Activity in Lent [which starts  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb]**



As usual, CAFOD are holding their **Family Fast Day** on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Envelopes will be available at the back of church.



In addition, CAFOD are again issuing a **Walking Challenge** as a way of raising funds during Lent. We propose to join in this challenge, in our own way, as individuals or groups,

sponsoring themselves and reporting progress to the parish each week in the newsletter. Donations can be made at any time or left till the last collection on Palm Sunday. CAFOD envelopes will be available throughout Lent for this purpose.

We will record in Miles and these can be achieved not only by walking but by running, cycling, skating, horse-riding, swimming – but not by car. The challenge, of course, is open to any parishioners from either parish. To start the ball rolling **The Holy Strollers** have accepted the challenge and are already limbering up and looking to do at least 5 miles a week. We are looking for others to join in and, to do so, contact Fred Taylor at 342-5922 or any Justice & Peace group member.

## REMEMBER our RETIRED PRIESTS

After all Masses THIS 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.

### Studio Sanctus

#### ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP

**5 days** April 24-29 2023 St Joseph's Prayer Centre  
Blundell Avenue, Formby, Liverpool L37 1PH

Protopresbyter Fr Justin Venn teaches how to paint a traditional Byzantine icon of St George to take home. Gessoed hardwood board, gold leaf, natural pigments and all painting materials provided.

**£520 pp full accommodation and meals included.**

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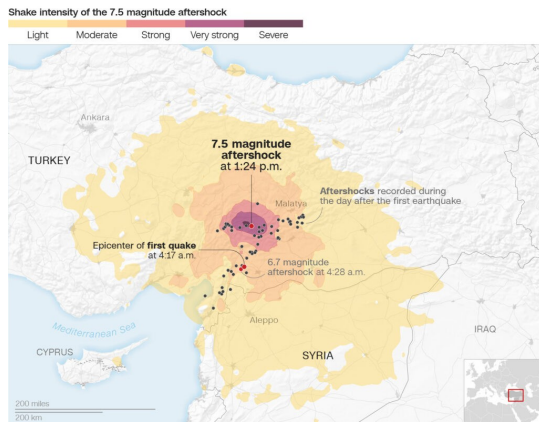
**St. Winefride's Catholic Primary School in**

Neston are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher. This will be a permanent contract from 1 st September 2023 (on Leadership scale) Group 2 (L3 – L7 ).

An electronic copy of the application pack on our website: [www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk). All applications should be returned to Mrs Griffiths-Parr at [clerk@stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk) Closing date for applications: 6 th March 2023 at 5pm. Shortlisting: 14th March 2023. Interviews for the position of Deputy Headteacher: 21st and 22nd March 2023.

We are no longer stocking the Catholic Post at the back of church, but should you wish to take out your own personal subscription, you can do this from their website <https://www.catholicpost.co.uk/> . Pricing is £3 per month or £2.40 per month if you pay by card online and sign up for an ongoing subscription which you can cancel at any time.





## TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

On 6th February, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake has struck north-west Syria and Turkey. The death toll has surpassed 21,000 and continues to climb.

Following last week's earthquake in Turkey and Syria, many of you have been asking and looking for ways to help the thousands left injured and without shelter in the freezing winter weather. Both

**CAFOD** and **Cartias** have launched appeals to provide urgent food, water and shelter to survivors.



**Caritas Confederation** has been providing assistance from the very beginning.

*"We are dealing with deaths that are going over 21,000 people already and I think what we're getting from the Caritas teams is that this is only a small snapshot of what's happening.*

*We're going to be facing a really difficult situation and a really long-term response"* says Caritas Internationalis' Emergency Response Team Leader John Coughlin.

To donate to Caritas visit the website at [www.caritas.org/turkey-syria-earthquake/](http://www.caritas.org/turkey-syria-earthquake/)



**CAFOD**  
Just one world

To donate to Cafod's appeal visit their website at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

If you would rather not donate online, there will be envelopes available at the back of both churches for donations to the work of both charities for this disaster.

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

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




Visit the parish

Website



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