

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
**Felicia Dowler, Mary Latimer & Mary Patricia
Gomersal**

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

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.*



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.

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

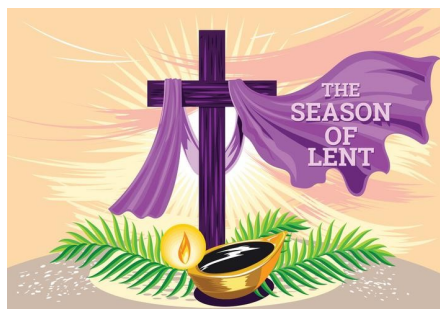
Come and Pray the Rosary



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 26th February 2023

Sunday 26th February	1st Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Christina Edwards R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eileen McDaid R.I.P.
Monday 27th February	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Oonagh McDonnell (very sick)
Tuesday 28th February	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday 1st March	 St David 	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - John Campbell's Birthday Anniversary
Thursday 2nd March	Ferial	<u>9:00 am</u>	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Friday 3rd March	Women's World Day of Prayer & Family Fast Day			No Mass
Saturday 4th March	St Casimir	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Pauline Chapman R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Fred & Janine Overton R.I.P.
Sunday 5th March	2nd Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Ada Graham R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Michaela & Sean Francis (very ill)



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

We can't help thinking of Lent as a time for "giving up" things. Ever since we were small we have been told that Lent is a time for giving up sweets, giving up watching television or looking at videos or social media, giving up cakes, giving up alcohol, giving up.... But

better than "giving up things" is "giving up self". If each one of us did something to help a person in need, then we could do much to alleviate the plight of the naked and oppressed. For today's naked and oppressed are the homeless, those struggling to make ends meet, those who will die of starvation, those whose basic human rights are denied them, those who face the world alone and confused, and those who find it hard to survive. Our Lenten fast takes flesh if we are prepared to give something of ourselves to another person. Our giving can be a few minutes of "quality time" with a young person who feels that adults don't really care, or a visit to an elderly person who craves for human contact, the touch of a human hand and a chat with somebody who cares and who will listen. So, by all means, give something up for Lent. But like Christ who fasted for forty days in the desert, make it a gift of yourself.



Monthly Assam Collection

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

Donation to Assam

We would like to acknowledge and give thanks, at a time when there are so many calls for our charity, for an anonymous and generous donation of £220 to our Assam Education Project.

News from Assam – They need our prayers

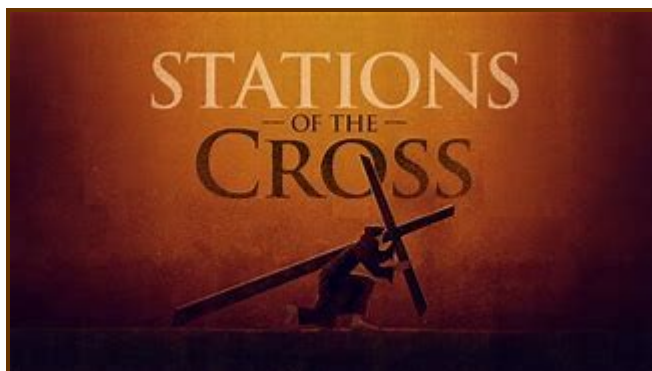
Fr Philip has written to thank us for our latest donation of £1,000. His letter speaks for itself and shows how much they need our prayers and support.

'Hope all of you are fine. Here all are fine at Bishop's House. The children at Boniface Apostolic Home are busy with the final examinations and the 10th standard children are fully occupied with their preparations to face the first hurdle of their life. If they pass they will enter the Minor seminary which is located within Dibrugarh.

The entire education set up has changed with the outbreak of Covid in 2020. In the month of June and July we have severe heat conditions reaching up to 42 to 44 degree Celsius and so the Examination pattern has changed drastically. This system has put of obstacles for the quality of education of our children. Moreover, the children also lose lot of time which could have been used more meaningfully.

The church scenario in India is facing lot of difficulties. Miscreants and the anti-social elements are bent on attacking the churches. Many parish churches are burnt and destroyed. Life is becoming very challenging for the church personnel as we face the brunt of the religious fanatics from all corners. As Early Church, no one is dismayed and people are raring to go ahead and profess faith boldly. This is the beauty of the crisis.

May I request you to remember the people who face the most troubled times especially the tribals at central India and the north East of India, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and other states. I am thankful to you for your contribution towards the children at BAH. We are in receipt of the money you transferred. God bless you all.'



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.



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.



Family Fast Day Friday 3rd March

Family Fast Day is a day when we eat simply and give generously to help provide more families around the world with the tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. You can donate by using the Cafod Envelopes or direct at cafod.org.uk/lent.

Don't forget to pick up your Cafod Family Fast envelope from the back of church this weekend. As usual, they can be handed back via the offertory basket any time during March.



Date for your diary
Thursday March 9th 1-3pm
@ Holy family

Soup, Sandwiches, Singsong and Chat

Come and join us, meet up with friends old and new in a warm space. If you have any specific dietary requirements please let us know. Just let one of the refreshment teams know if you would like to join us. Lifts can be arranged. We look forward to seeing you.



CAFOD Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal

Many of you will remember that we had booked a Parish Do to take place just before lockdown happened. This was obviously cancelled. I still have deposits safely tucked away and thought it might be appropriate to donate this money to CAFOD's earthquake appeal. Hope you all agree

Many Thanks

Jean Jenkins



DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER VACANCY St. Winefride's Catholic Primary School Neston

St Winefride's Catholic Primary School in Neston are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher. This will be a permanent contract from 1st September 2023 (on Leadership scale) Group 2 (L3 – L7).

An electronic copy of the application pack on our website: www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk. All applications should be returned to Mrs Griffiths-Parr at clerk@stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: **6th March 2023 at 5pm.**

Shortlisting: **14th March 2023.**

Interviews for the position of Deputy Headteacher: **21st and 22nd March 2023.**



PARKING ON TELEGRAPH ROAD

We have been approached by residents on Telegraph Road, asking if people parking on the main road to go to 11:15am Mass on Sunday, could be mindful of how they park.

In particular, the residents of number 30 and 32 who share an entrance to their properties, have asked if people parking on the main road could allow 3 metres either side of the dual entrance to their properties when parking. The sight line is particularly poor and number 32 has to reverse out which is particularly dangerous, due to the traffic speed on Telegraph Road.

As always when parking your car to attend either of our Parish churches, please be mindful of residents' access to their driveways.

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



LEGO CHURCH

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.

Thank You

A big thank you from our Scouts going to South Korea for the Jamboree. Over £300 was raised through the cake sale last week. Both parishes were very supportive and a total of over £700 has been raised towards their costs for the event.



Activity in Lent

As usual, CAFOD are holding their **Family Fast Day on Friday 3rd 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.



Fairtrade Fortnight
27th February to 12th March

All of our supermarkets have Fairtrade products on their shelves. Buying these goods is a practical way of supporting poor farmers in their unequal struggle to compete against large commercial companies. Often their small farms are their only means of livelihood.

Did you know?

Coffee, bananas and chocolate could soon be much more difficult to buy.

Climate change is making crops like these harder and harder to grow. Combined with deeply unfair trade, communities growing these crops are being pushed to the brink.

But here's the good news.

More people choosing Fairtrade means extra income, power and support for those communities. By making the small switch to Fairtrade, we can all support producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.



**An online course
on Vatican II**

In response to Synodal Submissions, the Diocese is offering a **series of short podcasts** throughout Lent. Accessible on the diocesan website at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) they are not time-bound and may be listened to anytime. You will also find **handouts** there on various topics, whilst a **leaflet** outlining the content of the recordings is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have any other questions, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 526821.



**DIOCESAN VACANCY
RGN/ Welfare Officer**

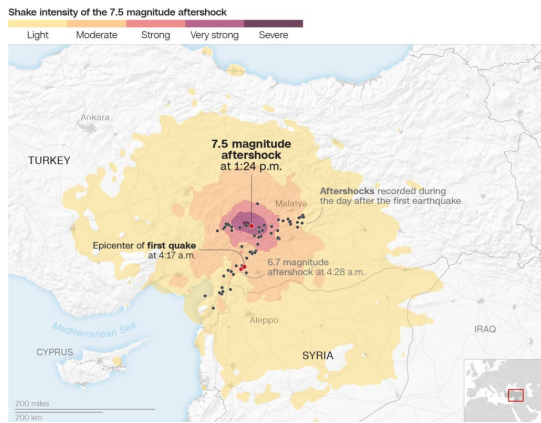
Due to the upcoming retirement of our current RGN/ Welfare Officer, the Diocese is looking to appoint a replacement. The Welfare Officer is expected to draw on their nursing skills and experience to effectively assist priests approaching retirement, those in retirement and those on sick leave. They will need to be proactive, caring and demonstrate safe and effective practice through a multidisciplinary approach.

They will require a current NMC pin and understand the Catholic faith. For application form please contact Pauline McCulloch

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

For further information please see link.

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Welfare-Officer-job-description-Feb-2023.docx> **Closing date Friday 24 March.**



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/



To donate to Cafod's appeal visit their website at cafod.org.uk. If you would rather not donate online, there will be envelopes available at the back of both churches and any donations collected will be sent straight to Cafod for this disaster appeal.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the impromptu collections that were held last weekend. A cheque has been sent to Cafod for

£679.10 from Our Lady and St John

£553.90 from Holy Family



Malachi 3:19-20
Psalm 97
Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Speak, Lord

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SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year C — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said:

**Some BAD things
will happen:
WARS, FAMINES,
EARTHQUAKES and
PLAGUES, PEOPLE
SUFFERING and
put to PRISON.**

Draw a picture of one of the bad things
mentioned by Jesus.

B*	E*	A	C	G	H	K
L	S*	T*	R*	O*	N*	G*
Z	P	A*	N*	D*	M	E
S*	T*	A*	N*	D*	Q	R
F	U*	P*	S	F*	O*	R*
D	J	W*	H*	A*	T*	M
I*	S*	P	G*	O*	O*	D*

Colour in the
squares with a star
(*) to reveal what
Jesus said we
should do.

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



at

www.rcchp.org.uk

Do you know
anyone that doesn't
have access to the
internet?
 A paper copy of the
weekly newsletter can be
sent to them in the post.
Just drop a line to the
Parish Secretary.

**Ways to
Stay in
Touch with
Parish News**

Visit the
Holy Family Pensby
Facebook page



Have your contact
details changed
recently?
If they have,
please let the
Parish Secretary
know.

contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

 Sign up for the
weekly parish
newsletter via email
To join send an email to
Victoria Hanlon
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