

News from the Parishes of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St. John, Heswall



*We warmly welcome
Father Patrick
Breeze who has been
appointed by the
Bishop as Assistant Priest to Holy Family
and Our Lady and St John.*



Confession



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

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



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.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Peter Campbell
who has recently died. May his soul rest in peace.

**Peter's Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady &
St John on Tuesday 11th April at 11:00 am**

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Please remember to pray for his family 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
- Koumar Ray



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

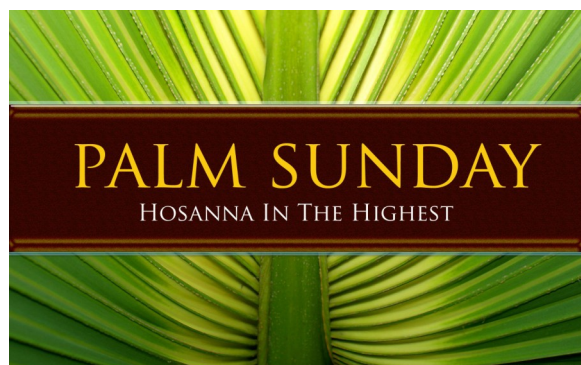


Come and Pray the Rosary

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 2nd April 2023

Sunday 2nd April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Anne Crowden R.I.P. & the Crowden Family
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Father Cassian O.S.B.
Monday 3rd April	Monday of Holy Week	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rita Friel R.I.P.
Tuesday 4th April	Tuesday of Holy Week	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eileen Roberts R.I.P.
Wednesday 5th April	Wednesday of Holy Week	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Teresa Mary & George Andrew Brabander R.I.P.
Thursday 6th April	Holy Thursday	<u>7:00 pm</u>	Holy Family	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 7th April	Good Friday	<u>10:00 am</u>	Holy Family	Stations of the Cross
		<u>3:00 pm</u>	Holy Family	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
		<u>3:00 pm</u>	OLSJ	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 8th April	Holy Saturday	<u>8:00 pm</u>	OLSJ	Easter Vigil Mass - Christine & Gerard Johnston R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - David Williams R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Andrew Deacon R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

The paradox of the cross is captured on Palm Sunday when Jesus enters Jerusalem, acclaimed as a king, not astride a horse but humble and riding on a donkey, a symbol of peace not war. By the end of the week a placard on the gibbet of the cross will proclaim him king in the truest sense, one who rules by self-giving, one who wins by losing. At the beginning of the gospel the angel of the Lord tells Joseph that he is to name the son that his wife Mary will have Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. Jesus praises those who are persecuted in the cause of right. Pilate's wife warns the governor not to have anything to do with this righteous man. Judas is full of remorse when he realises he has betrayed innocent blood. Jesus is the suffering just person who will proclaim justice to all at the cost of his own life. Matthew alone recounts the earthquake at Jesus' death, when tombs open and the bodies of many holy people rise from the dead, a vivid symbol that death is conquered at the very moment of its apparent victory. With Christ on the cross this year are those who have given their lives trying to save others, as well as those whose lives have been simply snatched away.



Mass Times for Holy Week

Mass of Chrism - Wednesday 5th April

7:00 pm at St Anthony's, Woodhouse Park, Manchester

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 6th April

7:00 pm at Holy Family

Good Friday - Friday 7th April

10:00 am Stations of the Cross at Holy Family

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Holy Family AND at Our Lady & St John

Holy Saturday - Saturday 8th April

8:00 pm at Our Lady and St John (Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday - Sunday 10th April

9:30 am at Holy Family

11:15 am at Our Lady & St John

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE SISTERS OF CARMEL



It has long been a tradition for us to bring donations for the Sisters of Carmel on a Maundy Thursday.

This year we will once again carry on this tradition, so during the Maundy Thursday Mass please bring any donations to Holy Family Church where Mass is taking place and should you not be attending this service and you would still like to make a donation there will be a Box in the Porch of Our Lady and St John during Holy Week up to and including Maundy Thursday.

Here are some suggestions for donations:

- ★ Tinned Tuna, Tinned Salmon
- ★ Dried Lentils, Kidney Beans, Yellow Split Peas
- ★ Bags of Sultanas, Raisins, Cherries
- ★ Self Raising and Plain Flour
- ★ Jam, Marmalade and Honey
- ★ Corn Flakes, Porridge Oats, Fruit & Fibre or Shreddies
- ★ Pasta and Rice, Pudding rice
- ★ Easy peel oranges, Apples and Pears
- ★ Tea, Coffee and Sugar
- ★ Eggs, Crisps, Kitchen Paper

The above are a few suggestions and of course chocolate, biscuits etc. Nothing perishable please. Thank you.



Good Friday Walk of Witness

Please join us on Good Friday for the Churches Together Walk of Witness.

We start at Our Lady and St John at 10am. We walk to the United Reformed Church, stopping at other churches along the way, where we listen to a reading, sing with the backing of a band and pray together. Those who would like to be involved but would rather not walk, the United Reformed Church will be open from 10 am and the walk will be shown live on screen.

Following the walk, a short service will be held at 10:45 am at the URC. This is followed by tea, coffee and lovely Easter buns.



Monthly Assam Collection

This is a reminder that the usual monthly Assam collection will take place after Sunday Mass at Holy Family, **THIS SUNDAY, 2nd April.**



The Big Lent Walk - Update

This challenge has now come to an end – to the relief of The Holy Strollers and The Long Distance Walkers, who have been facing challenging head-winds all week. The full results will be announced next week.

Please ensure that all Cafod envelopes are returned as soon as possible so that we can send the collected money to Cafod. Thank you for your support.



Big Brekkie A date for your diaries

This year's Big Brekkie will be on **13th May from 10am until midday at the United Reform Church (next to Tesco's)**

Minimum donation £6 to include juice, muffins, croissants, pastries, fruit, tea/coffee. All Proceeds to Christian Aid.



Helpers needed - we need help on the day. If you can help set up, serve breakfast or clear away, can you let me know? You don't need to commit to the whole time. Please leave me (Suzy) a message on 342 6326 or by email suzy.smallwood1963@gmail.com.



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 this Sunday, **Sunday 2nd April**. There is no need to book, to attend, just come along.

Holy Family - Planned Giving – New Envelopes

The first Sunday in the new tax year is on April the 9th. The boxes of envelopes are now available for collection at the back of church. If you are able to pass on their box to someone you know, this would be helpful. If you know of anyone who has passed away or moved out of the parish, or have any queries, please contact Fred Taylor at 342-5922.



Irish Ceili Dancing Keep Fit, Have Fun!

FREE EXERCISE CLASS DANCING TO IRISH MUSIC

Come along every Friday from 12 noon to 1.30pm when you can have a free class keeping fit with some dancing.

Where: Wirral Change, Birkenhead. This used to be St Laurence's Primary School, 12-14 St Laurence Drive, Birkenhead CH41 3JD

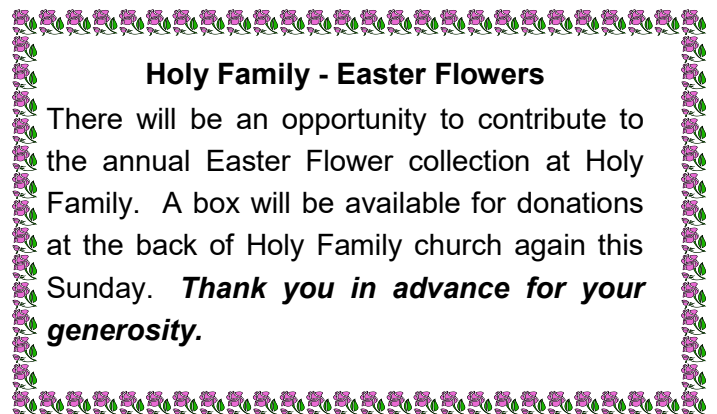
Very easy to get there by bus, train or car. Why not come along and see?

THE NEXT CLASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 31st MARCH 2023 AT NOON

For anymore information contact : Joan on 07542213158

Holy Family - Easter Flowers

There will be an opportunity to contribute to the annual Easter Flower collection at Holy Family. A box will be available for donations at the back of Holy Family church again this Sunday. **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**



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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