

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 soul of

Anita Farrell

who has recently died. May her soul rest in peace.

Anita's Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady & St John on Wednesday 17th May at 11:00 am

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Please remember to pray for her 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.



Confession



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

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



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.



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.

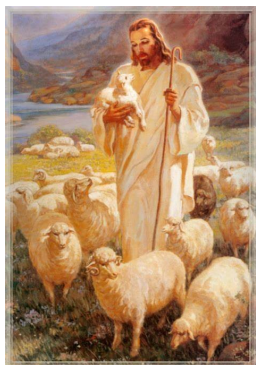


Come and Pray the Rosary

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 30th April 2023

Sunday 30th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Moira Baker & Family
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Jim Walker
Monday 1st May	St Joseph the Worker <i>Special Day of Prayer for Human Work</i>	<u>10:00 am</u>	OLSJ	Mass - Eileen Roberts R.I.P.
Tuesday 2nd May	St Athanasius	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parents & Family of Mary & Bill Green
Wednesday 3rd May	St Philip & James	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Jack Heery R.I.P.
Thursday 4th May	The English Martyrs	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Special Family Intention
Friday 5th May	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Eileen Lamberton R.I.P.
Saturday 6th May	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Sheila Rowe R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Fr. Cassian OSB R.I.P.
Sunday 7th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Anne Crowden R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - John Gibbings R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Jesus warns us today against thieves and brigands who do not enter the sheepfold through the gate in contrast to the shepherd of the flock who enters the gate, calls his own sheep by name and walks ahead of them. They follow because they know his voice. God is the ultimate shepherd of his people providing guidance, nourishment and protection. Kings and other leaders are to be shepherds of their people. The Jewish people's hope for the end time included a messianic figure who like David the shepherd king would gather in the scattered people. In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke Jesus tells of a shepherd who seeks a lost sheep, in John Jesus is the good shepherd who will lay down his life for those who are lost. Matthew, Mark and Luke have Jesus telling parables about vineyards where God is the owner, looking for tenants to produce a good harvest. while in John, Jesus himself is the vine and the disciples are the branches. For John disciples are faithful witnesses who bring people to Jesus who knows and listens to the sheep. Jesus is their way, truth and life and true disciples form a community of friends known by their self-emptying love. Their love draws people to Christ and the truth that will make them free.



Monthly Assam Collection

This is a reminder that the usual monthly Assam collection will take place after Sunday Mass at Holy Family, **NEXT SUNDAY, 7th May.**



Big Brekkie

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.



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 **Sunday 7th May**. There is no need to book, to attend, just come along.



Lily and Brian Skinner would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to Brian & Vivienne Sharp, Ronnie, Tony and Andrew Buckley and Pauline and Dave Eaton for their kindness and good wishes over Easter Time and during 2022.



Would all box holders in Holy Family please bring boxes to church for emptying/counting. Boxes can be left in Sacristy or handed to John Wrigley. Donations also gratefully received.

Hoylake Pro-life Group Sanctity of Life Service

Hoylake Pro-life Group is a small independent group which strives to defend human life without judgement or condemnation. We will be holding our third Sanctity of Life Service at

2:30pm on Sunday May 14th

at St Catherine and Martina's church in Hoylake

This will be an ecumenical service of prayer and music to proclaim and uphold the sanctity of life. The service will last about 35 minutes and will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.



Lourdes by Jumbulance

Nurse urgently required for Lourdes Pilgrimage

Chester and Wirral Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes this year. This year, so far, we are taking 20 sick or disabled pilgrims between both Across Groups. Unfortunately, they are desperately short of a nurse to accompany them from **Thursday 1st June to Saturday 10th June**. If you are able to help out you must hold either a valid European or British Passport and have full up-to-date Covid vaccinations.

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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