

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
Patricia Jones & Denise Thompson
who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace.

Patricia's Funeral Mass will be held at **Our
Lady & St John on Thursday 29th June at 12
noon.**

A Mass in celebration of the life of **Denise
Thompson (nee Reynolds)** who died recently of
a brain tumour will be held at **Our Lady and St
John on Saturday 15th July at 1pm.** Some
parishioners may remember Denise, her sister,
Michelle, or her mother, Anita Reynolds. Denise
grew up in Heswall and attended Upton Hall
Convent and Upton Manor Prep School; her
family were parishioners of OLSJ.

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
- Ken & Sara Bull
- David Johnston
- Phil Shaw
- Irene Fitzpatrick
- Frances Ford
- John McNulty
- John Charles Smith
- Peter Ryan
- Bernard Davies
- Gerald Sanderson
- Carol Ross
- Kevin Doyle
- Molly Turner
- Joe Hemington
- Fred McCloud
- Lin Thompson
- Gary & Alan
- Phyllis Driscoll & Family
- Koumar Ray



*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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE for Parishioners of Holy Family

We are undertaking a window replacement programme at Holy Family from 3rd-14th July

This means that the contractors will be on site weekdays from 8.30- 16.00 and there will be **NO ACCESS** to parishioners to church during that time. Weekends will be as normal with usual Masses, however, funerals and other services on weekdays will need to be re-located to OLSJ during the duration of the work. Please ensure that you check the weekly newsletter for location and times of Masses during July.



Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 25th June 2023

Sunday 25th June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week IV</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Joan Heneghan (sick)
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Fr. Alex Ribello
Monday 26th June	St Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Fr Andrew Chamorro
Tuesday 27th June	St Cyril of Alexandria	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Stan Orton R.I.P.
Wednesday 28th June	St Irenaeus	9:00 am	Holy Family	Celebration of Word and Communion
Thursday 29th June	Ss Peter & Paul <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Pauline Burke Birthday
		12 noon	OLSJ	Patricia Jones Funeral Mass
		7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Lucia Interi R.I.P.
Friday 30th June	First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Healing & Support for John & Denise Herbert
Saturday 1st July	St Oliver Plunkett	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Ann Parry R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Peter Campbell R.I.P.
Sunday 2nd July	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week I</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Kay Guy R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Sr. Joan Mary 80th Birthday


Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

In today's First Reading Jeremiah refuses to be intimidated by terror from every side. That doesn't mean he isn't scared stiff, he is a prophet not a robot, it means he has no intention of letting the terror write his script and dictate who he is. Jeremiah has been abandoned by all his friends who try now to discredit him. He is thrown into prison for his preaching and the authorities threaten him with death, if he doesn't change his tune. But Jeremiah refuses to be bullied into agreement, because he believes "The Lord is at my side, a mighty hero." What keeps Jeremiah sane amidst all this persecution is the profound belief that God cares for him. And less spiritually the frank hope that God will clobber all his enemies in good time.

In today's gospel Jesus appears in strong voice against intimidation. He does not disguise the truth that his disciples will be confronted by those who threaten, bully and intimidate others into submissive agreement. Jesus advice is clear; not only does he want his disciples to refuse to submit to the merchants of death, he tells them not to be afraid of them, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."



St John Plessington Catholic College Foundation Governors

St John Plessington Catholic College is looking to recruit Foundation Governors. If you are interested in playing a key role in ensuring that the best possible education is provided for pupils please get in touch with Peadar McLoughlin - 0151 645 5049.



Monthly Assam Collection

Reminder that the monthly Assam collection will be taking place after Mass on Sunday 2nd July.

ITEMS LEFT IN THE MEETING ROOM at OLSJ

A number of items have been left in the cupboards in the meeting room. Please can they be collected. I am sure food/drinks are left with good intentions but unfortunately we cannot accept them. Thank you for your understanding. There are also two small blue trays.

**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU to all who came to clean the Meeting Room. Everybody worked extremely hard and have left the room 'Sparkling'. There was

lots to do and it was great for all who came to meet and chat with other members of our Church who they had not met before. Coffee/Tea and cake was well earned on each evening. The chairs and floor will be steamed cleaned shortly.



42nd Medjugorje Anniversary Celebration On Sunday 25th June at 2pm

at

St John the Evangelist, New Ferry CH62 5BJ

Procession in honour of Our Lady.

Rosary reflections testimonies and Holy hour.

Contact Steve Burke

07534362555



GREAT NEWS!

Thank you for being fantastic!

During Christian Aid Week, we raised **£2,311**.

This included over £1,200 raised by HF and OLSJ.

Hence my friend happily match donated £2,000.

In addition we raised £906 at the Big Brekkie - a grand total of £5,217.

I really appreciate that so many people were able to donate.

We all have regular charities we support and I understand why not everyone can give every time.

Thank you for listening to me and for making this year's Christian Aid Week such a success.



You may have noticed that we have started a refresh of the library at the back of Our Lady and St John's. The books that have been removed will be put in the Meeting Room over the next couple of weeks. Please do take a look and feel free to take one or please do tell us if you wish any to be reinstated. Please be reassured that any books that are not claimed from the Meeting Room, will be donated to charity and not thrown away.



Confession



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

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



Ladymount School, Foundation Governor Vacancy

A vacancy for a Foundation Governor has arisen and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the role.

Being a Governor is an enjoyable and rewarding role supporting the education of our children.

Governors have key roles in ensuring clarity of vision, holding the school to account, and financial oversight. Foundation Governors are appointed by Bishop Mark, to represent his and the catholic communities interests, to ensure that the religious character of the school is preserved, and religious education is delivered in accordance with the Bishop's policy.

If you are interested in the role, further information is available from Fr Stephen, or Brian Sharp the current chair of the Governing Board who can be contacted on 07920849388.



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DIOCESAN VACANCY Welfare Nurse

Due to the upcoming retirement of our current RGN/ Welfare Officer, the Dioceses is looking to appoint a replacement. The role is for 3 days per week. Salary: £38 - £42K FTE pro rata depending on experience. For further details of the role please see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date 30 June 2023.

POST CORONATION AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 1st July

Holy Family's annual Strawberry Afternoon Tea will be combined this year, with a post Coronation Afternoon Tea. It will be held at Holy Family church, outside (weather permitting) from 1:30pm– 3:30pm.

If you would like to come along and join the celebration give your name to the Refreshment Team to book a place. Everyone welcome.



Here is the latest list of items that the our local Food Bank is asking for:

SHOPPING LIST

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FISH

TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)

TINNED CUSTARD

TINNED FRUIT

JAM

SHAMPOO

FEMALE HYGIENE

TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE

DEODORANT

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.



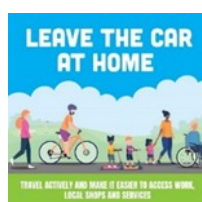


Clean Air Day 2023

The Live Simply Group is made up of parishioners who were inspired by *Laudato Si'*, the encyclical letter from Pope Francis, on care for our common home and in particular, the affects of pollution and climate change, issues of water and biodiversity, the decline in quality of human life and global inequality.

The Group share initiatives from Cafod, other churches and communities so that by making small changes to our lifestyles we could all make a difference to the world we share, 'our common home'.

Last week saw many initiatives across the UK as part of Clean Air Day. Of course, we all would like clean air all of the time and now that summer is here it's an ideal opportunity to think about how we use our cars, reduce pollution and save fuel costs.



If it's a nice day, could we leave the car at home; walk or cycle to church?

Or, if we need to use the car, could we 'switch off and save'; avoid leaving the engine ticking over?

We aim to meet most months, and if you are interested in coming along to one of our meetings, please contact Kevin Lloyd on 07907 382449.



Fair Trade News

It was interesting to hear that among the beneficiaries of *Fair Trade* are many Palestinian farmers who grow almonds. In Palestine, ensuring the viability of agricultural livelihoods is becoming increasingly vital to a people who still retain their ancestral connections to their land, and Fairtrade is playing a crucial role.

Farming holds great significance in Palestine. It is in this area around the Eastern Mediterranean that farming is said to have begun around 10,000 years ago.

Nowadays, agriculture not only provides livelihoods but also acts as a means to retain ownership of land. Every time a customer chooses our Palestinian products, they play a crucial role in supporting Palestinian farmers to remain on their lands, combatting potential land confiscation.

Additionally, increased food production enhances food security and self-reliance among Palestinian farmers.

Diversification of crops, including almonds, offers greater economic resilience to changing environmental conditions including climate change, and market fluctuations. Growing and selling a wider range of produce reduces reliance on a single crop such as olives and boosts both food sovereignty and income stability.



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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

As you will be aware, our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is fast approaching and the theme this year is "*tell the priests to build chapel here*" a reminder of Our Lady's request to Saint Bernadette, and our response to that invitation. Please keep the organisation of the pilgrimage in your prayers.

Bookings have been coming into the Pilgrimage Office steadily over the last months, but there are still spaces available with a few seats left on the pilgrimage coach and more available on the plane. Booking details can be found on the pilgrimage website

www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

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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www.rcchp.org.uk

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