

# 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  
**Fr Russell Cooke, Irene Fitzpatrick &  
Christine Berry**

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

**Irene's** Funeral Mass will be held at **Our Lady  
and St John on Tuesday 18th July at 1:00 pm**

**Christine's** Funeral Mass will be held at **Holy  
Family on Tuesday 25th July at 11:30 am**

**Father Russell Cooke** will be received into St.  
Winefride's Church, Neston on **Tuesday  
25<sup>th</sup> July** with a Vigil Mass at **7.00pm**. The  
Requiem Mass will be offered on **Wednesday  
26<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am**, followed by interment at  
Frankby Cemetery

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
- 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
- Claire Roddick
- Helen Boyd



*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.

## 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.



## 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.



**Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 16th July 2023**

<b>Sunday</b> 16th July	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week III</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Jack Heery Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Phyllis Rimmer (nee Dwyer) R.I.P.
Monday 17th July	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Pat & Marco Miserotti & Bill Holt
Tuesday 18th July	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Irene Pover R.I.P.
		1:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Funeral Mass for Irene Fitzpatrick
Wednesday 19th July	St John Plessington	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Andrew Bridgen
Thursday 20th July	St Apollinaris	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Someone who is really ill
Friday 21st July	St Lawrence of Brindisi	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Jane Kelly R.I.P.
Saturday 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Mr & Mrs T. Morgan
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Margaret Hollywell Birthday Anniversary (100)
<b>Sunday</b> 23rd July	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week IV</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Bernard McAdams R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rt. Rev Maurice Taylor R.I.P.


**Reflection on the Sunday Gospel**

*By Father Stephen*

Jesus is familiar with the lives of the ordinary people of his time who mostly lived in the country. So, he talks about outdoor scenes of shepherding and farming and domestic scenes in simple one room

houses. The homes of the rich are seen only through the kitchen door – the view of servants and slaves. There are donkeys, sheep, wolves and birds; seeds, wheat and harvests; lilies of the field and fruit trees, patched wineskins and household lamps; children arguing in the marketplace and shady merchants. People are threatened by drought and the din of war is never distant. Jesus sees life through the eyes of the poor and humble of the land. In the parable of the sower the seed is sown by being thrown on the ground and then ploughed under. Hardly surprisingly three quarters of the seed that lands on a footpath, on rocky ground and among thorns produces no grain. The surprise of the parable is that a quarter of the seed produces remarkable results up to a hundredfold, more than making up for the loss. Jesus wants us to know that God's kingdom is that way: extraordinary results from seeming failure. Sadly the worries of this world and the lure of riches often choke the word of God today.



### 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.



#### St Francis' Corner

This chapter from Br. Celano's first life of St. Francis has been greatly condensed.

#### How, Francis spoke of the treasure he had found and of his spouse in allegory.

Changed, (by a vision), he (Francis) strove to bend his will to the will of God. He withdrew for a while from the world, and tried to establish Christ dwelling within himself. He often said he had found a certain precious and great treasure. . The man of God would enter a certain grotto. There he prayed to his Father to teach him to do His will. Afire with a divine fire he repented he had sinned so grievously.

It was shown to him by God what he was to do. He could not keep silent, but spoke cautiously. People asked, "Francis, do you wish to get married?" But he answered them "*I will take a more noble and beautiful spouse than you have ever seen.*" This spouse is the true religion, and the hidden treasure the kingdom of heaven. The Gospel calling had to be fulfilled in him who was to be the minister of the Gospel in faith and in truth.



### Fix the Food System

#### Salina's letter to the World Bank

**CAFOD's food campaign is urging the World Bank to protect the right of farmers around the world to use their own seeds.**

Seeds are life. They are the very foundation for farmers to produce the food that feeds us all. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds.

These laws, which are being brought in with the support of global financial institutions such as the World Bank, overwhelmingly favour large agri-businesses. Instead of being able to choose their own seeds, small farmers must purchase commercial seeds – something that is good for big business profits but not so good for the farmers who grow the majority of the world's food.

It's clear that our current global food system is in crisis, and at the heart of this crisis is a struggle over control of the world's seeds. Protecting the freedom of farmers to choose seeds is a right we must all stand up for if we are to tackle global hunger while responding to the cry of the earth and the poor.

#### **Sign Salina's letter**

Salina, a small-scale farmer from Bangladesh, has written a letter to the World Bank, which has a lot of influence over agricultural issues, asking them to protect the rights of small farmers to use and share their own seeds.

**Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, the Justice & Peace Group and the Live Simply group will be outside the churches in both our parishes asking you to sign Salina's letter.**



Wirral Repair Café has opened at the Wirral Deen Centre, 371 to 375 Borough Road, Birkenhead, Wirral CH42 0HA. It will be open the **first Sunday in every month 2pm – 4pm.**

It is part of an international network of repair cafes where volunteers try to fix items, brought in by members of the public, that would otherwise be thrown away because they've stopped working or (in the case of clothing, can no longer be worn). Their goal is to reduce landfill waste, encourage people to carry out their own repairs and save them money in the process.

For more information click the link below:

<https://www.wirralinfobank.co.uk/Services/7487>



### Library Books and Lost Property at OLSJ

Just a quick note to say that this weekend is the last chance to collect any lost property at the back of OLSJ church or any of the books in the Meeting Room before they are given to charity. Please do take a look to check that none of them belong to you, before the items are rehomed.

### Our Lady & St John Church Closure for Sound System Upgrade

Please note that **Our Lady and St John will be closed from Monday 24th July and will reopen for Mass at 7pm on Thursday 27th July** for essential work to the church's sound system. During that time, Masses that will normally be held at 9am on Monday and Tuesday, will take place at Holy Family instead. Adoration on Tuesday 25th July will also have to be postponed.



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



### OLSJ Children's Liturgy over the summer holidays

#### CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

This **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July** will be the last children's liturgy before we have a break over the summer holidays, but over the holidays there will still be colouring sheets and activities available in the children's area at the back of church. We'll be back again from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### Confession



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

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

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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