

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

## Baptism Congratulations

We warmly welcome the following children who were baptised in our Parish during the June and July.

- ★ Eva Winter
- ★ Jax William Cowley
- ★ Charles Hurst
- ★ Beatrix Rogers
- ★ Andriana Sendegeya
- ★ Mila Rose Mason
- ★ Theodore Marcus Chadbourne



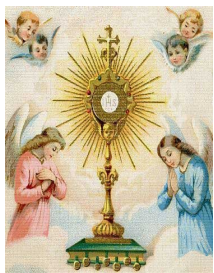
## Parishioners who need our Prayers

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
- Moira Griffiths-Parr



*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.  
*Everyone welcome.*

## 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.



## Confession

### Holy Family:

11:45am - 12 noon on Saturdays

### Our Lady & St John:

5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays



**Masses for the week commencing Sunday 13th August 2023**

<b>Sunday</b> 13th August	<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week III</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Joan Harley-Crippa R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Graham Green R.I.P.
Monday 14th August	St Maximillian Mary Kolbe	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Henry Bernard McGurk & Thomas Bernard McGurk Birthday Remembrance
Tuesday 15th August	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mike Redfearn R.I.P.
		7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Jillie Huntingford Birthday
Wednesday 16th August	St Stephen of Hungary	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Harry Finn Anniversary
Thursday 17th August	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Friday 18th August	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Melissa Callaghan R.I.P.
Saturday 19th August	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Elizabeth Jones R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Paul Birch R.I.P.
<b>Sunday</b> 20th August	<b>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week IV</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mary Clabby Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Canon Tom Farrell 40 years of Priesthood


**Reflection on the Sunday Gospel**

*By Father Stephen*

Peter's faith is a gift from God that is tested by suffering and doubt, only to be strengthened by Jesus. Like many of Jesus' most striking acts of power today's story is about a sea rescue. This reflects the Old Testament theme of God as one who controls the power of the raging sea and the chaos

monsters that lurk there. Jesus appears to the storm tossed disciples and says, "Courage ! It is I. (In the original Greek 'ego eimi,' 'I am' God's name. So Jesus is revealing who he is. Then he says, "Do not be afraid." However with typical bravado Peter tests Jesus saying, "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water." Jesus says, "Come." Peter gets out of the boat and immediately begins to sink, crying out, "Lord save me!" Jesus does rescue him, while telling him off for his lack of faith, which then evokes Peter's confession, "Truly you are the Son Of God." Peter is a model for all of us. He is called by Jesus but suffers from doubt and uncertainty throughout his life, only to fail and deny Jesus during the Passion. Yet at each stage he is rescued and strengthened by Jesus and is one of the disciples to whom the risen Jesus appears. When we struggle with doubt, even abandon Jesus in times of trial, he appears with the words, "Do not be afraid. It is I."



## CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

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

Children's liturgy has now finished for the summer holidays, but there are still

colouring sheets and activities available in the children's area at the back of church - please help yourself!

We'll be back again from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.



The Wirral Foodbank is the busiest it has ever been at the moment, with demand for our services up by almost 60% on this time last year. Please help by donating 1 or 2 of the following items that they urgently need:

- ★ Tinned Fish
- ★ Tinned Meat
- ★ Tinned Vegetables
- Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn
- ★ Fruit Squash
- ★ Jam
- ★ Tinned Fruit
- ★ Tinned Rice Pudding
- ★ Tinned Potatoes
- ★ Deodorant

***We have plenty of BEANS & TEA thank you.***

**MANY THANKS**

**There are large collection boxes in the porch area of both our Parish churches.**

Feeling low?  
Anxious? Stressed?  
**We can help you.**

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The NHS Wirral is improving the service and delivery of NHS Talking Therapies to make mental health support accessible for our over 65's community. Evidence proves that older adults are more likely than any other age group to recover from anxiety and depression after treatment but are less likely to recognise symptoms of poor mental health in themselves.

If you feel that you could benefit from this service or know someone who could, please ring the number above or visit their website:

[www.talkingtogetherwirral.org](http://www.talkingtogetherwirral.org)



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**SJOG**  
Hospitaller Services

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are working in partnership with one of our member charities, St John of God Hospitaller Services, to co-ordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme, which provides temporary housing and support for Ukrainian displaced individuals as they adjust to life in the UK. The purpose of the programme is to evacuate people from the warzone and prevent homelessness amongst those Ukrainians already in the UK. They have already supported 179 people into the UK and have over 900 people waiting to be supported. Please see the poster at the back of church and do contact us if you are in anyway able to support our mission.

Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

Email: [homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.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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A paper copy of the  
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sent to them in the post.  
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