

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

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Though Jesus says in today's gospel that he has been sent only to the people of Israel, a non-Jewish woman draws him to a more universalistic vision. The woman comes alone to Jesus and shouts, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me.' Since illness was thought to arise from attack by demons, she begs release and healing for her sick daughter. Jesus meets her request with stony silence and the disciples say, 'Give her what she wants, because she is shouting after us.' But again he rebuffs her: 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' The woman challenges this rebuff by kneeling at his feet and saying, 'Lord, help me.' He replies sternly, 'It is not fair to take the food of the children (Jews) and throw it to the dogs. (non-Jews.)' The woman turns Jesus' words back on him, 'Ah yes, sir; but even the dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then in a moment of realisation of the full implications of his mission Jesus replies, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again. The great faith, courage and persistence of this mother who breaks all boundaries out of love is a model and a challenge for us today.

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.



Monthly Assam Collection

Reminder that the next Monthly Assam Collection will take place after Mass at Holy Family

Sunday 3rd September

Confession

Holy Family:

11:45am - 12 noon on Saturdays

Our Lady & St John:

5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays



Masses for the next 2 weeks commencing Sunday 20th August 2023				
Sunday 20th August	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time <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
Monday 21st August	St Pius X	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Irene Fitzpatrick R.I.P.
Tuesday 22nd August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Pat & Marco Miserotti & Bill Holt R.I.P.
Wednesday 23rd August	St Rose of Lima	9:00 am	Holy Family	Celebration of Word and Communion
Thursday 24th August	St Bartholomew	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Right Reverend Maurice Taylor R.I.P.
Friday 25th August	St Thomas of Hereford	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Peggy Walker Birthday Remembrance
Saturday 26th August	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs I. Fitzpatrick R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Mary Clark Anniversary
Sunday 27th August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week I</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mary Clabby Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Pauline & Steve Burke Wedding Anniversary
Monday 28th August	St Augustine	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eira Thomas R.I.P.
Tuesday 29th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Anne Crowden R.I.P. Anniversary
Wednesday 30th August	Ss Margaret of Clitherow, Margaret Ward & Anne Line	9:00 am	Holy Family	Celebration of Word and Communion
Thursday 31st August	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Shaun Roberts R.I.P.
Friday 1st September	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Mrs L. Worthington & Family
Saturday 2nd September	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Daniel Gibling R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Brenda Metcalfe R.I.P.
Sunday 3rd September	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week II</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Thomas Horton Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Pat & Bill Rowlands



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 10th 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

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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



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

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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