

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

Margaret's Funeral Mass will be held at **Holy Family on Tuesday 5th September at 12 noon**

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
- 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



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

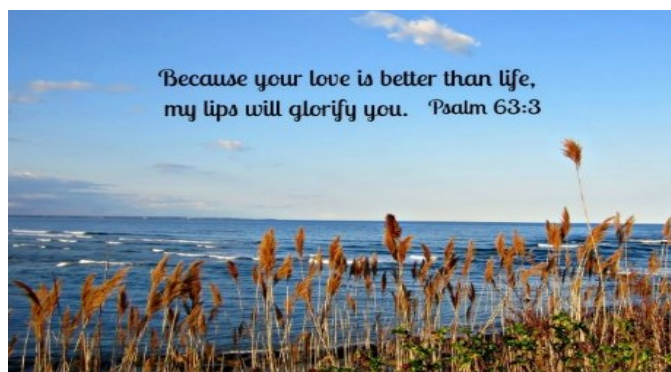
Our Lady & St John:

5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays



Masses for week commencing Sunday 3rd September 2023

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
Monday 4th September	St Cuthbert	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Ernest & Eileen Pocock R.I.P.
Tuesday 5th September	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday 6th September	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs E. Turner Sick
Thursday 7th September	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Mother Elvira Pettrozzi R.I.P.
Friday 8th September	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - M. Ams R.I.P.
Saturday 9th September	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Father Jim Durkin of M Cap Sick
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - James & Johanna Burns R.I.P.
Sunday 10th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week II</i> Day of Special Prayer for Education	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Barbara Taylor R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - John Manion R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

In today's First Reading God is so important to the prophet Jeremiah that he experiences a fire in his belly that he must tell people about even though he suffers ridicule. Then Jesus asks in the gospel today: 'What's the point of possessing the whole world, money, riches, status, power, if it

means that you never enjoy the real purpose of life?' He reminds us that the only way to enjoy life to the full is to renounce self, to put aside selfish interest, in order to follow him. In other words, if we let anything get between us and God then we become cut off from what can really satisfy our needs. One of the lines of today's Responsorial Psalm, psalm 62 is quite extraordinary. It simply says, 'Your love is better than life.' Better than life? The psalmist is saying that if our life is not centred on what is really important then it's not worth having. If we have found God then we realise that our lives are very short indeed yet the only thing that ultimately matters is that we possess God for eternity. No matter how wealthy, how lucky people appear to others, they will always wander in a dry desert until the moment they discover the living spring that is God.

Season of Creation



This weekend marks the start of the *Season of Creation* which runs from 1st September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and runs until 4th October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer with Christians across the world. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home.



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme and invitation of this year's *Season of Creation*. In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation 2023, Pope Francis encourages us to "live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again." A full copy of Pope Francis' message is enclosed with this Newsletter and is also available at the back of church.

Prophet Amos cries out: *"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"* (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

Next week we will give details of how we will be participating in the Season of Creation at Our Lady & St. John.

Meanwhile, you are warmly invited to join Christians across Wirral on a **Pilgrimage for the Planet** organised by Christian Climate Action, Faiths4Change, Friends of Port Sunlight River Park and local groups on Saturday 9th September at 10.30-12.30 in Port Sunlight River Park. It is a 3km walk that will look at the use of this reclaimed land from its construction by Lever's, through use as landfill, to the creation of this biodiverse green space, focusing on how we have shaped the landscape and how can we take responsibility for our waste.

Booking link and further information <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pilgrimage-for-the-planet-tickets-684647919357>

The Stitchcraft Group

We start again on **Tuesday 5th September 2023** in the meeting room at Our Lady and St John.

The group meets each **Tuesday from 10am until 12:30**. New Members are always welcome to join in with a variety of stitch craft activities (including knitting, embroidery and patchwork) please feel free to pop in and explore.



Justice and Peace Group

The next Justice & Peace meeting will take place on **Monday 11th September** at Holy Family Church at 7.30pm. The meetings are open to all parishioners from either parish.

The Synod Oct 2023 - Oct 2024

It is not long now before we begin to discover the outcome of this initiative by Pope Francis. There is still time to pray to The Holy Spirit that we shall receive the guidance that we seek to carry out our mission in this modern world.



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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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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