

# 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  
**Fergus Thornton, Susan Massie & Iris Cronin**

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

**Fergus Thornton's** Funeral Service will be held at **Landican Cemetery on Tuesday 26th September at 3:00pm**

**Susan Massie's** Funeral Mass will be held at **Our Lady & St John on Friday 29th September at 10:00am**

**Iris Cronin's** Funeral Service will be held at **Landican Cemetery on Friday 29th September at 12:30pm**

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
- Moira Griffiths-Parr
- Frances Firth



*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 week commencing Sunday 17th September 2023**

<b>Sunday</b> 17th September	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week IV</i> <b><i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday</i></b>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Canon Ted Harrington R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Frances Firth (sick)
Monday 18th September	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eileen Finn Anniversary
Tuesday 19th September	Ss. Theodore of Canterbury & Janarius	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Margaret Doolan R.I.P.
Wednesday 20th September	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Barbara Taylor R.I.P.
Thursday 21st September	St Matthew	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Kevin & Gerard Jones Birthday
Friday 22nd September	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - John George Herbert R.I.P.
Saturday 23rd September	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Margaret Guilfoyle R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - McHugh Family
<b>Sunday</b> 24th September	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week I</i> <b><i>Special Day of Prayer for the Harvest</i></b>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs Gallagher
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Fred & Janine Overton R.I.P.



## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

Today Jesus tells a parable about two servants and their just and merciful master. The first servant owes an impossible amount of money but pleads for time to pay his debt. The master takes pity on him and cancels the debt, even though he is owed millions of pounds. Far from being grateful the forgiven servant meets a

fellow servant who owes him ten thousand pounds and demands the money back straightaway and when he says he can't pay he has him thrown into prison. The master is so appalled at this lack of mercy that he reinstates the first servant debt and hands him over to the torturers. What Jesus calls is for us to forgive from the heart, to have a totally new way of viewing the world- *metanoia*: a change of heart. God desires mercy not sacrifice and summons people to be forgiving because they themselves have experienced forgiveness. The parable tells us that all Church order is subject to the law of mercy and forgiveness. Only those who have experienced mercy and forgiveness can mediate this to others. The power of 'binding and loosing' can be exercised only by those who have experienced God's compassionate and underserved mercy and learnt to forgive a brother or sister from their hearts.



### St Francis' Corner

A summary from St.  
Bonaventure's Major Life of  
St. Francis

On a certain morning about the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross Francis, praying on the mountainside saw a seraph having six wings. There appeared between the wings the likeness of a man crucified. He was overwhelmed and his heart flooded with a mixture of joy and sorrow. Joy at the gracious way Christ looked on him, but the fact that he was fastened to a cross pierced his soul.

He understood from this that the friend of Christ might learn in advance that he was to be totally transformed into the likeness of Christ crucified. As the vision was disappearing it left in his heart a marvellous fire and impressed in his flesh the likeness of signs no less marvellous. For immediately the marks of nails appear in his hands and feet. Also, his right side, as if pierced by a lance, was marked with a red wound from which his sacred blood often flowed, moistening his tunic and underwear.



You're warmly invited to come and pray with us on the first Friday of every month at Our Lady and St John's, for an **hour of prayer for Peace in Reparation to The Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

Our next prayer gathering will take place on **Friday 6th October at 2:30pm.**

If you can't be with us in person, please join us in private prayer wherever you are that day. We especially invite the sick and housebound to be with us in spirit and prayers.

Following the Hour of Prayer for Peace we'll have tea and coffee in the Meeting Room



### Season of Creation

1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October

We are marking the end of the Season of Creation with a celebration Harvest Mass at 11:15am at Our Lady and St John on **Sunday 1st October**. This will be followed by a sausage butties, cake, tea and coffee in the Meeting Room. For catering purposes it would be really helpful if everyone, who would like to attend, could fill out a food request slip and return it to us by **Sunday 17th September**. A basket will be left in the porch at Our Lady and St John's for replies.

The cost of each buttie will be £1.50, payable on the day. We hope that you will be able to join us in the celebration.



### Votive Candles at OLSJ

We have replaced the tempemental gas lighters on the votive candle stands with a permanent large candle (fixed securely to the stand and the floor to prevent anyone inadvertently knocking it over) and tapers. Please take the votive candle to the large candle, use the taper to light the votive candle and place it on the stand, ensuring that the taper is fully extinguished when finished.



### Caritas (Children's Society)

Would all box holders in Holy Family please bring boxes to church for emptying/counting. Boxes can be left in Sacristy or handed to John Wrigley. Donations also gratefully received.

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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