

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
**Bernard Duffy, Margaret Rose Evans &
Edward Innes**
who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace.

Bernard Duffy's Funeral Service will be held at
Landican Cemetery on Monday 16th October
at 1:00pm

Margaret Rose Evans' Funeral Service will be
held at **Frankby Cemetery on Friday 27th**
October at 1:30pm

Edward Innes' Funeral Mass will be held at **Our
Lady & St John on Tuesday 31st October at**
9:00 am

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
- Eileen Cantillon



Please get in touch if you would like to add or remove

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.



Confession

Holy Family:

11:45am - 12 noon on Saturdays

Our Lady & St John:

5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays



Masses for week commencing Sunday 15th October 2023

Sunday 15th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week IV</i> Day of Special Prayer for World Missions	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Safe Arrival of Baby Cooper James Welsh
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Sue & Barry & Family
Monday 16th October	Ss Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Mike Redmond R.I.P.
Tuesday 17th October	St Ignatius of Antioch	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday 18th October	St Luke	9:00 am	Holy Family	No Mass
Thursday 19th October	St Peter of Alcantara	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - The Community of West Kirby Grammar School
Friday 20th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Christopher Baden Speedy Recovery
Saturday 21st October	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Marian Jones
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Toni Abakhan R.I.P.
Sunday 22nd October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week I</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr & Mrs C R Jones
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Sue Hancock & Family

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

When creating a vision of how God's kingdom will culminate at the end of history, Jesus tells the parable of a king hosting a great wedding feast for his son. In the first century a dual invitation was customary. Guests were invited well in advance and again called together when the feast was about to begin. The banquet is now prepared, everything is ready and the king summons the guests. Shockingly, some simply ignore the invitation, others head out of town and the rest beat up and kill the king's messengers. The generous host is now understandably furious and sends his troops to destroy those murderers and burn their town. He then orders other servants to go to the crossroads and invite everyone they can find to the wedding, bad and good alike. When the king looks at the guests, he notices one who is not wearing a wedding garment and asks how he got in without the appropriate attire and the man is silent. Clothing is a symbol of new identification with Christ, the wedding garment evokes the good deeds or quality of life that we must show at the great banquet at the end of time. So, despite the short notice of the invitation, guests must be suitably dressed and bear fruit in works of loving kindness and justice. Otherwise they will be thrown out.



**no one
beyond reach**

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Envelopes

Don't forget to hand back your Cafod envelope during the month of October. Just pop it in the offertory basket.

Alternatively, you can give online at cafod.org.uk or scan this QR code on your phone to take you straight to Cafod's donation webpage.



Church Closures for Essential Electrical Work

Essential electrical work is being carried out next week at Our Lady and St John's on Monday 16th October after 9 am Mass and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (17th, 18th & 19th) at Holy Family. During these days, access to each church will not be permitted due to the electricians on site.

Monthly Assam Collection

A special **thank you** to the Anonymous donor of £200 to the Assam Education Project. A generous gift that will bear fruit in the education of the poor Adivasi children of Assam.

**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.



Could you spare one hour per month?

Would you like to become more involved in **Holy Family Parish?**

Would you like to join one of our volunteer teams?

- Welcomers
- Church Refreshments
- Cleaning Crews
- Linen Crew
- Church Flowers
- Sacristy Team
- Gardening Group
- Reader

If you have an interest in any of these areas and would like to support the Parish please let Fr. Stephen or Rev. Jeff know



We are now into the second week of this important event and, as expected, the world's media is in a frenzy of speculation-stirring up division and rumour wherever it can. Pope Francis has already warned us about this.

The purpose of the Synod is for the Church as a body to seek the guidance of The Holy Spirit as to the best way in this modern world for each one of us to carry out the mission Jesus gave us.

What is asked of us, particularly in these next few weeks, is to pray to The Holy Spirit for the wisdom and guidance that we seek.



Empty Blister Pack Recycling

Did you know that the pharmacies at Superdrug in Birkenhead and Liverpool recycle empty blister packs?

If you are unable to get to one of those stores, the LiveSimply group will have a drop-off box at the back of Our Lady & St John's church porch (near the Foodbank donation point) every Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Please note that we can't accept bulk drop offs or blister packs containing medication.



ST CATHERINE'S PRESENTS

Duo Palmeri Sciacca

OBOE & GUITAR

FROM EUROPE TO SOUTH AMERICA

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER
7PM-8PM
ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH
HOYLAK

£5
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ON THE DOOR

Cause for thought



A challenging discussion of how we balance the amount of our possessions and consumption with our duty to use these gifts in the way God intended.

Sleepers awake!

Humanity, and the planet, need you!

Christians must wake up to the insanity of an economic system based on compulsive consumerism and rampant inequality, argues Sarah Bachelard. Theologian, author and long-time meditator, Dr Bachelard says that in our era of deepening ecological and social crisis, Christians are called to action as well as prayer, to a transformation of lifestyle as well as of consciousness.

See: <https://www.thelivingwater.com.au/blog/sleepers-awake-humanity-and-the-planet-need-you>

Pope Francis urges rich world to make profound changes to tackle climate crisis

In *Laudate Deum* (Praise God) published this week Pope Francis has called for “a **decisive acceleration of energy transition**” from fossil fuels to renewables and that, without decisive action, the world would face “**the point of no return**”.

Cafod is petitioning against Rishi Sunak's proposals to backtrack on Britain's climate action and would welcome your support online. To join the campaign please visit the Cafod website and sign their petition:

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign>

Watch Sunday Mass
said
by Father Stephen
on our YouTube
channel Our Lady and St
John Heswall

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>



Visit the parish

Website



at

www.rcchp.org.uk

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Parish News**

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anyone that doesn't
have access to the
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