

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

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



Refreshments after Sunday Mass

Just a reminder that refreshments are available
after both Sunday Masses at Holy Family and Our Lady
and St John each week. Do come and join us for a cuppa
and a chat after Mass.



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 22nd October 2023

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
Monday 23rd October	St John of Capestrano	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Carel Funke R.I.P.
Tuesday 24th October	St Anthony Mary Claret	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Helen Teehan Birthday
Wednesday 25th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Lilian & George Candlish R.I.P.
Thursday 26th October	St Chad & Cedd	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Deacon Paul & Anne Walker Golden Wedding Anniversary
Friday 27th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Bernadette (Thanksgiving)
Saturday 28th October	Ss Simon & Jude	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Niamh, Steve & Family Thanksgiving
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Michael McGurk Birthday
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Sunday 29th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week II</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - John Thomas Kane Snr R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Derry O'Brien R.I.P.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Jesus' opponents lay a trap for him today. It's about paying taxes. The Roman Empire imposed a head tax on the population of Judea and Samaria and conducted a census to enforce it. While Jesus was still young, Judas the Galilean led a revolt against the census. This uprising was ruthlessly repressed by the Romans. The Pharisees who resented the Roman occupation of the pure land of Israel were against the tax, while the Herodians supported it. Jesus is faced with the choice of being a collaborator or an insurgent. With the wisdom of Solomon Jesus traps the trappers. He asks for a coin which they give him. Roman coins had the image of the Emperor and the inscription 'Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus' on one side and on the other 'Pont Max' 'Pontifex Maximus' (High Priest). They discredit themselves by carrying the image of a pagan emperor into the Temple. By responding, 'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,' Jesus addresses only the census tax and embodies his rejection of violence as a way of dealing with oppressive situations. The second part of the saying, 'and to God what belongs to God,' includes all areas of life. Human beings, not coins, bear God's true image and no edict of Caesar can absolve Jesus' followers from God's command to love God and to see God in our neighbour.



HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

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 3rd November 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.

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.

Praying Together for Peace

So many of us feel helpless in making any response to the horrors that have already happened and to the horrors that are about to happen to the innocent people in Israel and Gaza. Violence is not the answer. Making peace is the only solution.



The Justice & Peace Group at Holy Family invite all parishioners to join them, **after the 9.30 a.m. mass this Sunday**, in a short period of silent prayer together for peace and for comfort for the suffering of those innocents.

Charles Thompson Mission

THANK YOU



Charles Thompson Mission would like to thank all the parishioners at Our Lady and St John, on behalf of all those people who will benefit from the donation of your harvest gifts. Sadly, there are still many in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, be assured the gift of your harvest goods will go some way to help with the challenges some of the poorest in our area face. Some will go into emergency food parcels and Christmas hampers for struggling families or a hot meal for those who are homeless.



LAST WEEK TO RETURN YOUR 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.



The Synod - Latest Briefing

Fasting and praying for peace in the Middle East – in response to the appeal of Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa – the General Assembly of the Synod on Tuesday continued its discussions on various topics, including the role of women, the ministry of bishops, the contribution of the laity, and possible reforms of Canon Law. Emphasis in the briefing was that the Synod is not a talk show, but reflection on how Church can walk in world. Please continue with your prayers to The Holy Spirit.



Handmade Advent Calendar Raffle

One of our parishioners has kindly made a fabric advent calendar, to be raffled. The advent calendar will be filled with sweets and the tickets will be £1 and sold in the Meeting Room after

Sunday Mass at Our Lady and St John. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday 26th November.



Wirral Ark

Celebrating 30 years fighting homelessness in Wirral

Harvest Festival - Holy Family

A huge thank you was given at The ARK [our local charity for the homeless] for the gift of the splendid Harvest loaf and the large basket of fruit and vegetables donated by parishioners. Our thanks to all involved.



VACANCY DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY

The Diocese is looking to recruit a **Director of Property** due to retirement. The role of the Director of Property within the Diocese is to provide leadership, vision, professional advice and strategic direction, to support the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees in their oversight and management of the Diocesan Property Portfolio.

Further details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date **10 November 2023**.



Would all **Missio Red Box holders** from both parish churches please bring boxes

to church for emptying/counting. Boxes can be left in Sacristy or handed to:

- John Wrigley at Holy Family
- Ian Butler at Our Lady and St John

Donations also gratefully received.

First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion 2024

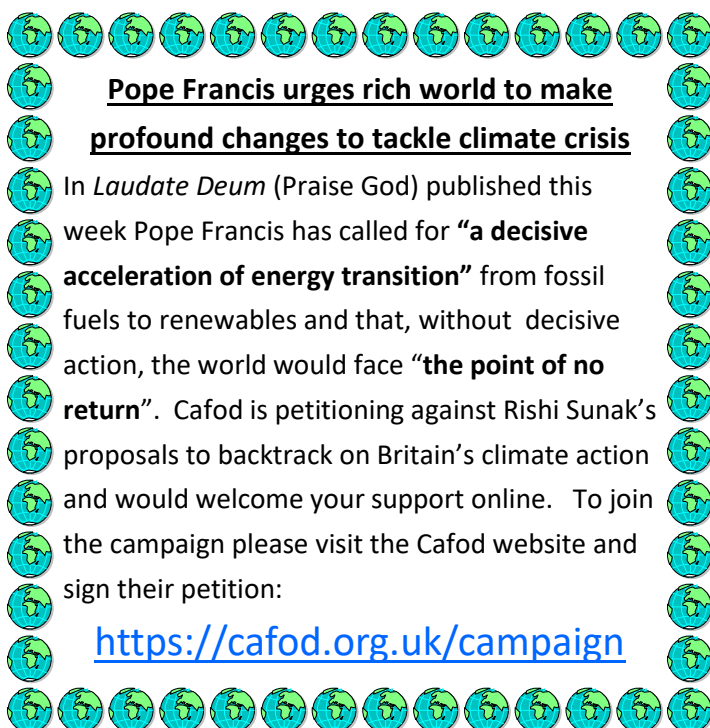
If you have a child who is in Year 3 or above, he or she will be eligible to celebrate these important



sacraments in 2024. Children in Year 3 at Ladymount will follow a programme of preparation there. For children who are in other schools, there will be a parish programme of preparation taking place in the parish room at Our Lady and St John. If you wish your child to take part in the parish programme, please contact Father Stephen on 342 6581 or email stephen.coonan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

A note from Wirral Foodbank

Many thanks again for your continued support to us at Wirral Foodbank. Our Harvest Appeal raised approximately 4.5 tons of food from the churches and schools on Wirral, which is an amazing total.



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>

CHRISTMAS APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS CHRISTMAS

In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas the foodbank will provide over 800 Christmas food parcels for local individuals and families in crisis.

Thank you for your support

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Tinned Meat
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Fruit
Sugar
UHT milk
Fruit Squash
Tinned Custard
Tinned fish
Jam
Pasta Sauce

Don't forget...

You can help transform
more lives with a
financial donation too.



WIRRAL FOODBANK
enquiries@wirralfoodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1167967)

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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Website



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www.rcchp.org.uk

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