

# 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

**Edward Innes**

who has recently died. May his soul rest in peace.

**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 his 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
- Frances Firth
- Eileen Cantillon
- Gerry Smith



*Please get in touch if you would like to add or remove someone from the list.*

## MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

### NOVEMBER DEAD LIES

Place in this envelope the names of your deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray.

Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

*'Have pity on me at least you, my friends, for the Hand of the Lord hath touched me.'*

Return as soon as possible to the Church or Presbytery.

## November is the Month of The Holy Souls

The envelopes for the Remembrance of your Loved Ones and Offerings are now available in the porch at both churches.

- **At Holy Family**, please place your completed envelopes in the basket by the Sacred Heart Statue.
- **At OLSJ**, please place your completed envelopes in the basket by the altar.
- **Alternatively**, you can post the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

May we take this opportunity to remind you, because we receive so many Intentions during this month that it's simply not possible to say an Individual Mass for each and every intention. The Mass is simply styled as "Holy Souls", please rest assured however that Masses will be said regularly throughout November and in the coming months, and all your intentions are remembered at those Masses.

## Confession

### Holy Family:

11:45am - 12 noon on Saturdays

### Our Lady & St John:

5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays



**Masses for week commencing Sunday 29th October 2023**

<b>Sunday</b> 29th October	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <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.
Monday 30th October	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Irene Fitzpatrick R.I.P.
Tuesday 31st October	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Edward Innes Funeral Mass
Wednesday 1st November	<b>All Saints Day</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Doolan Family
		7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Private Intention
Thursday 2nd November	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Holy Souls
		7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - David Holgate Birthday
Friday 3rd November	St Winefride	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Anna (New Job Thanksgiving)
Saturday 4th November	St Charles Borromeo	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Mr A Hall
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - The Community of Calday Grammar School
<b>Sunday</b> 5th November	<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week III</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - James Klausen R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Private Intention El.

## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

Jesus tells us today that the whole Law and the Prophets depend on the commandments to love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and to love your neighbour as yourself. Today's readings prepare for the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls, which herald those who truly loved God and neighbour. A command to love God can seem puzzling, for if love is spontaneous and free how can it be commanded? God does not really need our service, nor is God changed by love as is a neighbour or a loved one. God is also absolute mystery and it is difficult to really love what we do not know. Often we collapse the command to love God into service of neighbour. We are more at ease speaking of following God's will, serving God, or praying to God in hope and faith. Deep human love for another offers an image of the love of God. I have observed people after many years of marriage content to sit quietly in each other's presence. Behind this silent presence lies decades of knowledge, care and trials borne together. It is also an act of gratitude for years of commitment to each other. Love of God is like this. Often it is best expressed in simply sitting and quietly realising how God has been a partner with us in the whole of our lives.



### 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 9.30am Mass THIS SUNDAY**, in a short period of silent prayer together for peace and for comfort for the suffering of those innocents. Note that there will be no refreshments after Mass this Sunday because of the prayers after Mass.

### Monthly Assam Collection

This is a reminder that the usual monthly Assam collection will take place after Sunday Mass at Holy Family, **NEXT SUNDAY, 5th November.**



### The Synod

#### What to Expect

The Synod spokesman, Paola Ruffini, called a reporter's assertion that there will be no concrete result at the end of the synod "inexact and false", saying the result will be a synthesis document which will be voted on and approved, and sent back to local parishes and dioceses to evaluate and discuss further before next October's synod gathering.

"To say that it's a round table as if it's a talk show is exactly the opposite of what I said," he said, insisting, "It's a conversation in the spirit which is trying to make a discernment precisely in order to respond to what was requested by the People of God."

Please continue your prayers to The Holy Spirit for the help and guidance the participants need.



### 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.



### Shrewsbury Diocese 2023 - LOUDfence

**Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 6:45 pm**  
**Holy Apostles & Martyr's Church, Wallasey**

All parishioners of the Diocese are warmly invited to a Mass celebrated by the Vicar General Canon Moor at Holy Apostles & Martyrs' Church in Wallasey, to pray for the victims/survivors of abuse.

This Mass together with Masses celebrated on Safeguarding Sunday (Sunday 19th November) are important in continuing our aim to build a culture of safeguarding in our Diocesan parishes.



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### 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](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

Closing date **10 November 2023**.



### Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is an independent and confidential support service for adults who have been abused by someone in the Church. If you have been affected, however long ago, Safe Spaces can support you.

Call our **free helpline 0300 303 1056**

Or email at [safespaces@firstlight.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@firstlight.org.uk)

Safe Spaces was developed when both the Church of England and the Catholic Church of England and Wales identified the need for an independent service to support survivors of church-related abuse. While the service was commissioned by both churches, they don't have a say in the daily running of it and the decision-making process is independent.



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](mailto:stephen.coonan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)



### 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



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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