



News from the Parishes of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St. John, Heswall



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*



This Sunday at 11:15 am Mass at Our Lady & St John, we warmly welcome 3rd Heswall Scout Group to help us celebrate Remembrance Sunday.

There will be a retiring collection at all weekend Masses this weekend for the Diocesan Clergy & Training Fund. For more information about the Clergy & Training fund go to [Clergy Education and Training Fund - Diocese \(dioceseofshrewsbury.org\)](https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Harry Devereaux and Eileen Cantillon** who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

Harry's Funeral Service will be held at **Holy Family on Friday 10th November at 11:30 am**

Eileen's Funeral Mass will be held at **Holy Family on Tuesday 21st November at 11:30 am**

Please remember to pray for their families at this difficult time.



Mass for the Deceased of the Parish

At Our Lady and St John, a Mass to remember the Deceased of the Parish of the previous year will take place on

Thursday 16th November at 7pm.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.



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
- Gerry Smith



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

Confession

Holy Family:

11:45am - 12 noon on Saturdays

Our Lady & St John:

5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays



Masses for week commencing Sunday 12th November 2023

Sunday 12th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week IV</i> REMEMBRANCE DAY	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - For those who have died in war
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - For those who have died in war
Monday 13th November	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Pamela Diable
Tuesday 14th November	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word & Communion
Wednesday 15th November	St Albert the Great	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr C Powell sick
Thursday 16th November	Ss Edmund of Abingdon, Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass for the Deceased of the Parish
Friday 17th November	Ss Hilda, Hugh of Lincoln & Elizabeth of Hungary	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Damian Mills Anniversary
Saturday 18th November	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Dominic & John Ferris R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Special Intention for the McHugh Family
Sunday 19th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week I</i> Safeguarding Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Margaret Doolan R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Richard & Florence Eckles & Sheila Adonis Anniversary


Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today Jesus tells the story of the five foolish and five sensible bridesmaids. These will wait and welcome the bride and bridegroom to their new home with festive lamps to light the way. Since the couple's arrival is

delayed until midnight, the young women fall asleep only to be wakened by a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him!" They all wake up and relight their lamps, while the foolish ones who brought no oil ask the others to share their oil, only to be met with the harsh reply, "No. There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to the sellers to buy some for yourselves." This is at midnight when all the shops are closed. The foolish ones go off to seek oil. We never know whether they found any, but when they return the feast has started and the door is barred. They call out, "Lord, Lord! Open the door for us." But the groom replies, "I tell you solemnly I do not know you. The lamps lit and supplied with oil are symbols of the works of love and mercy on which we will all be judged." So stay awake and be prepared because you do not know either the day or the hour when Jesus will come.



MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

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.



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.



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.

ECO FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS



The countdown to Christmas has begun. As a Parish, we are trying to focus our minds on being Eco-friendly and sustainable. Every pound we spend is a vote for the world we want to create. You can find many tips online on how to make your festivities friendlier to our one shared home. WWF have a great [Tops Tips for a Sustainable Christmas](#) page. The [Wildlife Trusts](#) also have a great page full of eco ideas.



This company, Cascayde, is family run and based in Scotland. They are all about making it easy for people to embrace low plastic living. From simple day to day sustainable swaps to plastic free packaging they believe that cutting down on single use plastic should not mean compromising on the beautiful products you have in your life. They suggest that when lots of people make small, positive change with the environment in mind it can make a big difference. Cascayde says, 'A little like trickles of water becoming small streams which flow together to form rivers which spill into one another to create something powerful'.

The website is <https://cascayde.com> and if you use **CASCAYDE 10** with your order then you will be given a 10% discount.





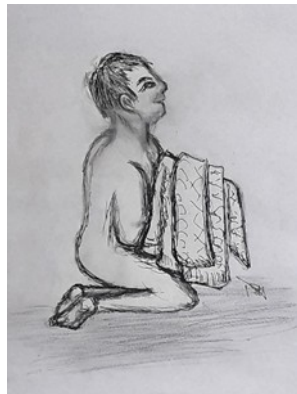
St Francis' Corner

At the beginning of his conversion Francis sold some of his father's rich cloth to raise money to rebuild the church of St. Damiano.

St. Bonaventure, in his **Major life of St. Francis** gives this account.

He (Francis' father) dragged him home where he tried to persuade him (to return to his former life.) first with words then with blows, before he finally put him in chains.

When his father realised, he could not hope to make him turn back, he concentrated on trying to recover his money. He arranged to have Francis brought before the bishop of the diocese where he should renounce all his claims and return everything he had. He (Francis) immediately took off all his clothes and gave them back to his father. Then he said to his father, *"Until now I called you my father, but from now on I can say without reserve, 'Our Father who art in heaven.'"*



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.

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

There are large collection boxes in the porch area of both our Parish churches.



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

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.

SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This is our annual collection of items for our Seafarers which will be distributed to crew members who will dock in Liverpool during the Christmas period. Here is a list of items which would be appreciated for our Seafarers:

- Chocolate, Sweets, Toblerone
- Shower Gel (Men & Women)
- Deodorant (Men & Women) - *Roll On Deodorants Only*
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Woolly hats, Scarves & Gloves
- Socks
- Playing Cards and Dice
- Pocket games (Chess, dominoes backgammon etc)
- Mini Jigsaws



Any of the above can be put into the box in the **Church Porch at OLSJ** or deliver to **Joan Larkin** at **14 Speedwell Drive, Barnston CH60 2SZ**. Last day for donations is **Saturday 2nd December**. If you need any further information please contact Joan on 0151 342 5517. Thank you.

The Beacon Cafe

Heswall's hidden gem at the top of the hill in Heswall, specialises in freshly prepared home-made food staffed entirely by our team of ecumenical volunteers, from all over the Wirral, with **all profits donated to charity**. We offer a warm friendly place, where everyone is welcome.



We currently have a vacancy on our cooking team on Tuesday's the **first one in 20 years!!**

Have your recently retired,?Have your children recently left home for Uni or work.....

Do you love cooking and baking? then maybe you would like to join our wonderful, friendly team of volunteers?

If you would like to know more please contact me at chrisaslaksen@yahoo.co.uk.

I would love to hear from you

Cafe open Tuesdays & Fridays Term Time Only



Justice and Peace Group

The next Justice & Peace meeting will take place on **Monday 13th November** at Holy Family Church at 7.30pm. The meetings are open to all parishioners from either parish, without any commitment - so why not come along and see what we do?



Wirral Ark Christmas Cards

A little earlier than previous years, a selection of cards will be available at the back of Holy Family Church from **Sunday 5th November** until further notice. The cards are good value, popular and are often sold out quickly, -so don't leave it too late to purchase. The ARK is a local charity which supports the homeless and has been doing splendid work in this area for many years. This year in particular, with the cost of living crisis, there are many more homeless in need of help.



CAFOD News Update

Thank you to everyone who signed 'Salina's letter' this summer. Salina is the small-scale farmer from Bangladesh who is calling on the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers over their own seeds. 70,000 parishioners in England and Wales signed the letter, and a third of all parishes took part. Salina said, "I am very happy to know about 70,000 signatures along with mine." This helped CAFOD to secure initial meetings with World Bank staff, who heard the message that seeds are for all. This is a long struggle but it's a very good start. **Thank you for adding your voice.**



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



Parishioner, Samantha Giblin, is doing Panto in Neston with her professional company *Little Actors Theatre*. They are doing a panto production of **Cinderella** at Neston Town Hall on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th December both at 3pm. As part of the event there will also be a free Santa's Grotto after the performance for the children in the audience. Tickets are £15 for adults and £5 for children. Tickets can be booked by contacting mail@littleactorstheatre.com or 07385 849864.

REMINDER

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR FATHER STEPHEN

The Diocese is rolling out new Diocesan email addresses to all the members of its clergy. Father Stephen's new email address going forward is:

stephen.coonan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

This replaces his current email address:

father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

To contact the Parish Secretary, please **continue** to use:

contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk



The NHS Wirral is improving the service and delivery of NHS Talking Therapies to make mental health support accessible for our over 65's community. Evidence proves that older adults are more likely than any other age group to recover from anxiety and depression after treatment but are less likely to recognise symptoms of poor mental health in themselves. 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

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