

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



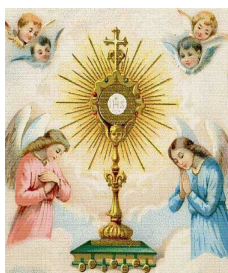
☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Dolores Carter and Tom Fishwick
who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace.

Dolores' Funeral Mass will be held at **Our Lady
& St John** on **Wednesday 13th December**
at **1:15 pm**

**Tom's funeral arrangements are yet to be
finalised.**

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



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.



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
- Ian Butler



*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 26th November 2023

Sunday 26th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe <i>Psalter Week II</i> Day of Special Prayer for Young People	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Dora Noonan RIP Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Fred & Janine Overton R.I.P.
Monday 27th November	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Teresa Grumley R.I.P.
Tuesday 28th November	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Tom Fishwick R.I.P.
Wednesday 29th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Holy Souls
Thursday 30th November	 St Andrew 	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Pamela Diable
Friday 1st December	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Peter Hindley R.I.P.
Saturday 2nd December	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Holy Souls
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Dolores Carter
Sunday 3rd December	1st Sunday of Advent <i>Psalter Week III</i> Day of Special Prayer for all Migrants and Refugees	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Holy Souls
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Christine McAlister Family



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Peggy Jones was a local woman who had lived in the village all her life. She kept herself to herself, rarely joined in with any community activities and was a member of no church or club or society. When she died people were at a loss to know what to

put on her Memorial since she'd done nothing of any significance. Eventually the stonemason carved the following epitaph: "Here lie the bones of Peggy Jones, Whose life never knew any terrors. She lived an old maid, And she died an old maid: No hits, no runs and no errors." Was Peggy a good woman or a bad one? It's hard to say. She never did any harm to anyone but at the same time she never put herself out to do anyone any good. And if she didn't do anyone any good then you could argue that she wasn't a particularly good person. Many people think that they are good people because they don't steal, cheat, lie or murder. They pay their taxes and keep themselves to themselves. And many Christians think that they never sin because they too never do anyone any harm. The parable of the sheep and goats in the gospel today should put us on our guard against this attitude. Jesus tells us that we will be judged just as much for what we failed to do as for what we actually did.



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.



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
1st December 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.



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



Advent Carol Service

Sunday 17th December

5pm at Our Lady and St John

No booking necessary. Everyone welcome. There will be mulled wine and mince pies served in the Meeting Room afterwards.

Christmas Mass Times 2023

Sunday 24th December

9:30am 4th Sunday of Advent - Holy Family

11:15am 4th Sunday of Advent - Our Lady & St. John

6pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Our Lady & St. John

11:30pm Carols - Our Lady & St. John

Midnight Mass - Our Lady & St. John

Monday 25th December

9:30am The Nativity of the Lord - Holy Family

11:15am The Nativity of the Lord - Our Lady & St. John



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.



Monthly Assam Collection

The next Assam collection will take place at Holy Family church NEXT **Sunday 3rd December**.

Thank you for your continued support.



The Live Simply group at OLSJ will be attending a Cool Places of Worship event at the Lighthouse Church in Heswall on **Friday 24th November at 5:30pm - 7:30 pm**, to take the pledge on behalf of our church to make a commitment to focus on Environmental issues and tackle the causes of Climate Change. The pledge that all the local participating churches will be taking is as follows:

The World can't wait.

We commit to work together to care for our planet and all life, through prayer, lifestyle and action.

Everyone is welcome to come along. To book your place click on the link

For more information, please visit

<https://www.faiths4change.org.uk/whats-on.html>

or email zarah@faiths4change.org.uk

To book your place

<https://bit.ly/CoolPlacesofWorshipPledge>



Wirral Foodbank



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.

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

Do you know
anybody that doesn't
have access to the
internet?



A paper copy of the
weekly newsletter can be
sent to them in the post.
Just drop a line to the
Parish Secretary.

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News

Visit the
Holy Family Pensby
Facebook page



Have your contact
details changed
recently?
If they have,
please let the
Parish Secretary
know.

contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

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