



# 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  
**Anna Marie Henning, Dolores Carter** and  
**Tom Fishwick**  
who have recently died. May their souls rest in  
peace.

**Anna's** Funeral Mass will be held at **Our Lady  
& St John** on **Friday 8th December**  
at **11:30 am**

**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.

## 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
- Pat Lord

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



## 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.



## Confession

**Holy Family:** 11:45am - 12 noon on Saturdays

**Our Lady & St John:** 5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays

**Masses for week commencing Sunday 3rd December 2023**

<b>Sunday</b> 3rd December	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Psalter Week III</i> <b>Day of Special Prayer for all Migrants and Refugees</b>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Holy Souls
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Christine McAlister Family
Monday 4th December	St John Damascus	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Intentions of Gianni & Victoria Interi
Tuesday 5th December	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Teresa Grumley Anniversary
Wednesday 6th December	St Nicholas	9:00 am	Holy Family	Celebration of Word & Communion
Thursday 7th December	St Ambrose	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Peggy Walker Anniversary
Friday 8th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - John Herbert R.I.P.
		11:30 am	OLSJ	Anna Marie Henning Requiem Mass
		4:00 pm	OLSJ	Lisa Grant & Mark Marcio Wedding Service
Saturday 9th December	St John Diego Cuatlatatzin	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of the Rowe Family & Sheila Rowe R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Phil & Orla 1st Wedding Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b> 10th December	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Psalter Week IV</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs S. Darlington (sick)
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Christopher & Deirdre Romaniuk 40th Wedding Anniversary

**Reflection on the Sunday Gospel**

*By Father Stephen*

Expectation of the various “comings” of Christ dominates the Advent readings: Christ’s coming in history which culminates the four weeks of preparation; his coming at the end of history, which is highlighted by the readings that conclude the Church’s year and provide a transition to the First Sunday of Advent and his continual coming by faith into the hearts of believers. Today’s gospel compares Jesus’ absence to a journey by the master of the house, who has delegated authority to servants. Each has a different task, with a special commission to the door-keeper to stay awake for the master may return at one of the four watches of the night (evening, midnight, cockcrow or dawn) Advent is about staying awake, watching and waiting. Biblical watching is not staring at Christmas specials or sports events on the television, but vigilance. Biblical waiting is not queuing in traffic or at the bus stop or at the tills in shops but faithful waiting for and attentiveness to God’s entry into our lives. Biblical waiting is enduring hope and faithfulness to the tasks with which we have been entrusted in the face of God’s absence and a yearning for Christ’s presence in our lives.



## Advent Carol Service

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

### Scouts Christmas Fayre - 10th December 12-4pm

3rd Heswall Scouts are holding a Christmas Fayre in the Scout Hut at Marksway, Pensby on Sunday 10th December from 12-4pm refreshments available, please pop in and help us to raise funds for the group to support our work with the young people.



Please join us at  
The URC Christmas Fair & Coffee Morning  
on

2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am to 12:30pm

at

United Reformed Church Hall, Heswall  
(around the back of the church)

Churches Together Heswall will have a stall  
selling homemade cakes, aprons,  
peg bags & ARK Christmas Cards

A variety of stalls including wonderful  
homemade jams & greetings cards.

Proceeds from the Churches Together Stall  
will be donated to Wirral ARK



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### Retreat Day on Prayer – Saturday 9th December

The year 2025 is the next Jubilee Year in the Church. Pope Francis has asked the Church to prepare well. To help us do so, (beginning from Advent 2023), the Holy Father has called 2023/2024 "A Year of Prayer." In response, the Shrewsbury Diocese Team for Evangelisation and Mission will be running a **Retreat Day on Prayer** for our parishes: **Date: Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2023. Time: 10.00am-3.00pm. Place: Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Joseph, Parish Room, Wheatland Lane, Seacombe CH44 7ED. All welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.** For more information contact: [natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### Christmas Carol Singing at Ridgeway Court

A number of parishioners are going to Ridgewood Court nursing home for a sing song with the residents @2pm If there are any more who would like to join us for a fun afternoon please let me know .Being a good singer is not essential, the residents would love to see some friendly faces. If you are fancy joining in, please give Jean Jenkins a ring on 07966295388 or just turn up.



Sunday 3rd December  
2 - 4 pm

Bring a broken item to be fixed,  
learn from the repairers and help reduce waste



Free repairs but donations welcome  
Wirral Deen Centre,  
371 - 375 Borough Road,  
Birkenhead, CH42 0HA





## 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 **THIS Sunday 3rd December**.

***Thank you for your continued support.***

## RNIB

### RNIB Used Stamps

### See differently



There is a collection box at the back of Our Lady and St John (next to the battery recycling box) for all your old used stamps. Once the box is full it will be sent to the Royal National Institute for the Blind, where they are able to use them to raise vital funds for the charity.

### Advent Calendar Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle, it raised £110 towards Gianni's dalmatics. The winning ticket was blue, No. 311, bought by Angela.

## live simply Cool Places of Worship Pledge Launch

Kevin and Bernie, from the OLSJ Live Simply group, represented Our Lady & St John at the Cool Places of Worship event on Friday 24th November at The Lighthouse Church, Heswall.

Participants were encouraged to make a commitment on behalf of their place of worship to focus on Environmental issues and tackle the causes of Climate Change, working together on the Wirral to make an impact.



***The World can't wait  
We commit to work  
together to care  
for our planet and all life,  
through prayer, lifestyle  
and action***



The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) runs from 30 November until 12 December 2023.

Churches Together Heswall  
invite you to join us for  
**Christmas Carols**



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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Do you know  
anyone 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.

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Parish Secretary  
know.

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