

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



Today we welcome the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from 3rd Heswall who are celebrating Mothering Sunday with us today at Holy Family Parish Church.

NOTE: There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend (Sunday 17th March) for the **Retired Priests of our Diocese.**

✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Michael Dunne & Eric Jones
who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.



Michael Dunne's Funeral Service will be held at
Landican Crematorium on
Thursday 21st March at 12 noon

Eric Jones' Funeral Service will be held at
Landican Crematorium on
Monday 25th March at 12 noon

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:

- 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
- Mike Robb
- Grant Adonis
- Victoria Interi
- Ann Parsons



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

Masses for week commencing Sunday 10th March 2024

Sunday 10th March	4th Sunday of Lent <i>Psalter Week IV</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Tony Goff R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Winifred Lewis Birthday Anniversary
Monday 11th March	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Intentions of Anne Parsons <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i> †
Tuesday 12th March	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rodger Hemington 3rd Anniversary <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i> †
Wednesday 13th March	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Successful operations for Victoria Interi & Grant Adonis
Thursday 14th March	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Brendan Morrison R.I.P.
Friday 15th March	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Dave Burke Birthday <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i> †
Saturday 16th March	Ferial	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Tim Hetherington Anniversary
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Desmond & Jane Moorhead R.I.P.
Sunday 17th March	5th Sunday of Lent <i>Psalter Week I</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs J. Hall
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - The Adonis Family


Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.” These words of Jesus conclude a dramatic conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus. Nicodemus comes at night and praises

Jesus, but Jesus says that no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above. Since the Greek term ‘another’ can also mean ‘again,’ Nicodemus is described -using St John’s favourite technique of misunderstanding that leads to deeper insight – as taking this to mean natural birth, to which Jesus replies that he is talking about being born of water and the Spirit. This is most likely a reference to baptism, which Jesus understands as ‘from above,’ that is from God’s completely free act of love. Jesus then compares the lifting up (crucifixion) of the Son of Man to Moses’ mounting of the serpent on a pole after the people were bitten by venomous serpents as punishment for their rebellion against Moses. The comparison is not between Jesus and the bronze serpent, but between the saving effect of the lifting up in both cases. The gift of eternal life flows from belief in the Son of Man raised on high.



CAFOD Big Lent Walk



Parishioner Ronnie Buckley is taking part in the Cafod Big Lent Walk. If you would like to sponsor her, please click on the link below to go to her sponsorship page.

[Ronnie Buckley - Big Lent Walk - Sponsorship Page](#)

If you would like more information on the Big Lent Walk, head to the Cafod website:

[The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk)



CAFOD Family Fast Day

Please don't forget to return your CAFOD Family Fast envelope. Please put them in the collection plate or hand them to a steward.



Heswall
Disabled Children's
Holiday Fund

DONATIONS REQUEST

There is a box in the Porch for any donations for the Spring Fair in aid of Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund. Items for a tombola, children's toys, crafts. The box will be in the porch up to **Wednesday 13th March**. If you have any queries, please give Joan a call on 07542213158. Thank you

SingMe Merseyside

Come and listen to them perform on **SATURDAY 16th MARCH** at the SPRING FAIR in aid of Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund.

The Fair is open from 10.00am at The Lighthouse Church, Telegraph Road and SingMe Merseyside will be performing from 11.00am - 12.30pm

Free entrance, homemade cakes on sale, toys, tombola, refreshments etc.

All the money raised goes towards taking children with a disability away for a holiday during the month of August. Please come and support us. Thank you.



SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Preparation Classes 2024

The initial parent and candidates meeting will take place on **Saturday 23rd March at Winefride's Parish Hall Neston at 7pm after 6pm Mass**. Please do your best to attend as details of the preparation programme will be given at this meeting.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the parishioners who gave a donation for Father Stephen's 70th Birthday. We were able to present him with a cheque for £1334 and more donations have since been received too. A further update on the total will be given next week.



Father Stephen was overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown by you all and very much enjoyed his birthday celebrations.



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Holy Week

Mass Times for Holy Week

Palm Sunday - Sunday 24th March

9:30 am at Holy Family
11:15 am at Our Lady & St John

Mass of Chrism - Wednesday 27th March

7:00 pm at St Michael & All Angels,
Woodchurch

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 28th March

7:00 pm at Our Lady & St John

Good Friday - Friday 29th March

10:00 am Walk of Witness - start OLSJ
3:00 pm at Holy Family
3:00 pm at Our Lady & St John

Holy Saturday - Saturday 30th March

8:00 pm at Holy Family (Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday - Sunday 31st March

9:30 am at Holy Family
11:15 am at Our Lady & St John



Justice & Peace Meeting

The next J & P meeting will be on **Monday 18th March** at Holy Family Church at 7.30pm.

All parishioners from either parish are welcome to come and see what we do.



Why not try and Live Simply for Lent . .

Lent Actions 2024

Prayer Fasting Almsgiving

Ideas to care for creation during Lent and to live more sustainably.

Why not try a Fast from WASTE in Lent?

- ★ Plan at least one meat free meal each week.
- ★ Plan meals, shop for what you need.
- ★ Recycle well:
 - ⇒ put used printer cartridges and postage stamps in the drop-off boxes in the porch at Our Lady & St. John and raise funds for CAFOD** and RNIB
 - ⇒ dispose of used batteries at local supermarkets or the tip
 - ⇒ take soft plastic e.g. bread wrapping to recycling points at Tesco's, Heswall or Sainsbury's, Upton
 - ⇒ Visit [Recyclerright.org.uk](https://recyclerright.org.uk) and learn more about, composting, recycling clothes and textiles as well as what should go into our green, grey and brown bins

** Since the scheme started **£70,751** has been raised by participating parishes for CAFOD!

Next week – more ideas for alternative ways of fasting in Lent and through the year.

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award>



Community Groups



Our community groups empower members to address daily life challenges in a supportive environment.

Pop in and join us for a cuppa



- * Monday mornings, 9.30am – 12pm, St. Joseph's Centre, Birkenhead, CH42 7JY
- * Tuesday mornings, 9.30am – 12pm, The Quiet Space, Hoylake Community Centre, CH47 3AG
- * Tuesday mornings, 9.30am – 12pm, St. Barnabas Centre, Bromborough, CH62 7AA

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The poster features a green background with a black base. At the top left, there is a circular logo with the text 'FAITHS WORKING TOGETHER' and a globe, surrounded by various religious symbols: a crescent moon, a Star of David, an Om symbol, a cross, a Khanda, and a Yin-Yang symbol. The main title 'Recycling & Waste Workshop' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the date '20th March 2024' and time '5.30-8PM' are in white. An illustration of a pile of waste (cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, food scraps) and a compost bin labeled 'COMPOST' is shown. The text 'Speakers include' is in yellow, followed by the names of the speakers in white. The bottom section contains the location, booking link, and logos for 'Faiths4Change', 'COOL WIRRAL', and 'COOL PLACES OF WORSHIP'. A large 'SCAN ME' text and a QR code are on the right.

Recycling & Waste Workshop

20th March 2024
5.30-8PM

Speakers include
Laura Gilmore from MRWA, Minna Alanko-Falola from Compost Works, Ed Lamb (green councillor for Bebington) and more.

Learn, discuss and explore new ways to reduce waste at home and in your place of worship and what we should and shouldn't be putting in our bins!

Christ Church Higher Bebington CH63 8LX
Book online <https://bit.ly/CWWaste2024>

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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



at

www.rcchp.org.uk

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have access to the
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