

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
**Esther Mary Smith, Frances Firth
& Janet Smith**

who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace.



Esther Smith's Funeral Mass will be held at
Holy Family on
Wednesday 10th April at 2:00 pm

Frances Firth's Funeral Mass will be held at
Our Lady and St John on
Friday 12th April at 12:30 pm

Janet Smith's Funeral Service will be held at
Holy Family on
Tuesday 30th April at 11:15 am

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 hos-
pital, 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
- Gerry Smith
- Ian Butler
- Pat Lord
- Mike Robb
- Grant Adonis
- Victoria Interi
- Ann Parsons
- Peter Davies



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. *Everyone welcome.*

Confession

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

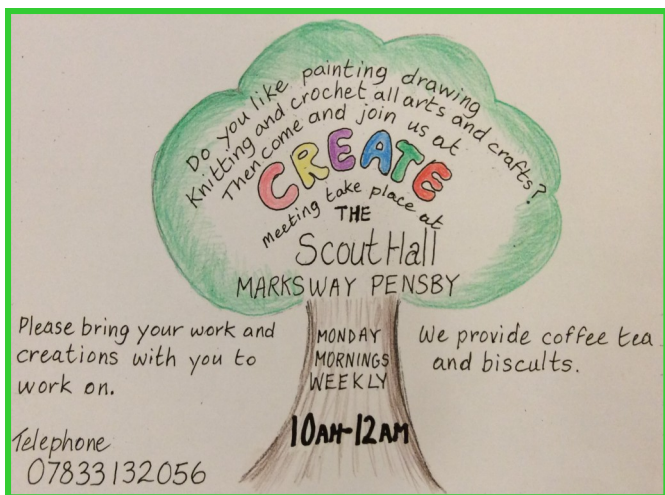
Our Lady & St John: 5:15pm - 5:45pm on
Saturdays



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

Masses for week commencing Sunday 7th April 2024

Sunday 7th April	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Psalter Week II	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Sylvia Asquity R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rev. Bev Ahearn R.I.P.
Monday 8th April	The Annunciation of the Lord	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Birch Birthday Anniversary
Tuesday 9th April	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - James Walker R.I.P.
Wednesday 10th April	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Tom Fishwick R.I.P.
		2:00 pm	Holy Family	Esther Smith Funeral Mass
Thursday 11th April	St Stanislaus	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Peter Owens R.I.P.
Friday 12th April	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Stan Orton R.I.P.
		12:30 pm	OLSJ	Frances Firth Funeral Mass
Saturday 13th April	St Martin	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs V. Interi
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Birch & Raymond Coonan R.I.P.
Sunday 14th April	Third Sunday of Easter Psalter Week II	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Frances Firth R.I.P. & Firth Family
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Dolores Carter R.I.P.



Please note that unfortunately, **we are no longer collecting empty blister packs for recycling**, as the recycling scheme has finished. Please dispose of them in your general household waste bin. Thank you.



Wirral Foodbank

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.

Children's Liturgy at Our Lady and St John's

Just a reminder that there will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend as it is the school holidays. There are colouring and activity sheets at the back of church for the children to take.

The next Children's Liturgy session will take place on Sunday 14th April at 11:15am Mass.



Monthly Assam Collection Reminder

The monthly Assam collection will take place after 9:30 am Mass at Holy Family this Sunday, 7th April.

Stitchcraft Group

Just a quick reminder to all members of the Stitchcraft group at Our Lady and St John's, that our meetings will start up again this **Tuesday 9th April**.

Gianni Interi Ordination as Deacon



As many of you are aware, parishioner, Gianni Interi will be ordained as Deacon at a special ceremony at Shrewsbury Cathedral on **Saturday 6th July** this year. As a parish we have decided that it would be lovely to support Gianni and his wife, Victoria by attending the ceremony at Shrewsbury Cathedral. We have organised a coach to take a group of parishioners there and back. The coach will pick up parishioners from outside Our Lady and St John's church at 8am (time to be confirmed). The ordination takes place at 12 noon and the cathedral are providing refreshments afterwards. The coach will then bring us back late afternoon. The cost per person for the coach is £15 a head. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please sign up at the back of OLSJ church or drop an email to contact@ourladyandstjohn.org

For those unable to attend the ceremony in Shrewsbury, we will also be celebrating the following day at 11:15am Mass.



Red Missio Boxes

Would all box holders bring them to church for emptying/counting?

Boxes can be left in Sacristy or handed to:

⇒ Ian Butler (Our Lady and St. John)

⇒ John Wrigley (Holy Family)

Donations also gratefully received.



Ladymount Pre-school

We have places available for children aged 2½ to 5.

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Collection for Gianni Interi's Dalmatics

We are holding a collection over the next few weeks to raise money to buy a set of dalmatics (vestments) to gift to Gianni for when he becomes Deacon in July. If you would like to donate to this, there are some envelopes at the back of church. Just pop them in the offertory basket at weekends or pass them on to one of our Parish Priests or Bernard Larkin. Thank you.



St Francis' Corner

How St. Francis preached
to the birds

From the First Life of St. Francis by Thomas of Celano – abridged.)

He came to a certain place – where a very great number of birds were congregated. When the most blessed servant of God, Francis, saw them, and having great tenderness towards lower and irrational creatures, - (he) ran eagerly toward the birds. When he was close enough to them, seeing that they were waiting expectantly for him, he greeted them in his usual way, and humbly begged them to listen to the word of God. – Among the many things he spoke to them - he added:

“My brothers, birds, you should praise your Creator very much and always love him; he gave you feathers to clothe you, wings so that you can fly and whatever else was necessary for you. God made you noble among his creatures, and gave you a home in the purity of the air; though you neither sow nor reap, he nevertheless protects and governs you without any solicitude on your part.”

Finally, he blessed them and then, after he had made the sign of the cross over them, he gave them permission to fly away.



Please join CAFOD in praying for peace in Israel and Gaza

A prayer for peace in Israel and Gaza

Christ, Prince of Peace,
hear our prayer and lament,
for our suffering sisters and brothers.
Our hearts are heavy as we witness lives torn apart,
as we see the faces of frightened children
and hear the pleas of those without water or food.
We pray for the dead and the grieving,
for the injured and the afraid.
We pray for courage and perseverance,
for those working for healing and to bring aid.
We pray for world leaders,
that they may strive for a just and lasting peace.

God of new beginnings,
in your ways are compassion and hope.
Open our hearts to dialogue and understanding.
Lead us all to answer your call
to become peacemakers
today, and all the days of our life.

Amen.

HOURLY 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 5th April 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.



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

CALL LISA 07394 568 254
OR LINDA 07824 329 340



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 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.

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News

Visit the Holy Family Pensby Facebook page



 Sign up for the weekly parish newsletter via email. To join send an email to Victoria Hanlon contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

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