

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
Joan Sharkey & Jean Hurley
who have recently died. May their souls rest in
peace.



Joan Sharkey's Funeral Service will be held at
Landican's Centre Chapel on
Monday 20th May at 3:00 pm

Jean Hurley's Funeral Service will be held at
Landican's South Chapel on
Thursday 30th May at 12:30 pm

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
- Molly Turner
- Joe Hemington
- Fred McCloud
- Lin Thompson
- Gary & Alan
- Phyllis Driscoll & Family
- Koumar Ray
- Claire Roddick
- Moira Griffiths-Parr
- Gerry Smith
- Ian Butler
- Pat Lord
- Mike Robb
- Grant Adonis
- Victoria Interi
- Ann Parsons
- Peter Davies

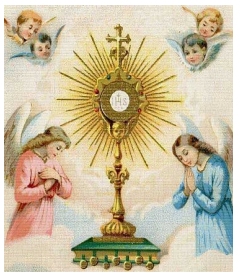


Refreshments after Sunday Mass



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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration



Every Tuesday morning from
9:30am - 10:30am after the Cel-
ebration of Word and Commu-
nion 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 19th May 2024

Sunday 19th May	Pentecost Sunday <i>Psalter Week III</i> Day of Special Prayer for the Church	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Miss A Stanley Sick
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Carol Chapman R.I.P.
Monday 20th May	Mary, Mother of the Church	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Nell Smith
Tuesday 21st May	The Dedication of the Cathedral	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word and Communion
Wednesday 22nd May	St Rita of Cascia	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Kevin Doyle R.I.P.
Thursday 23rd May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Rona Mills Anniversary
Friday 24th May	Our Lady Help of Christians <i>Principal Patron of the Diocese</i>	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Janet Smith R.I.P.
Saturday 25th May	St Bede the Venerable	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Helen Ryan Anniversary
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Stan Orton R.I.P.
Sunday 26th May	The Most Holy Trinity <i>Psalter Week IV</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs F. Ford
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Marie Lund R.I.P.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen



Pentecost which is traditionally called “the birthday of the Church,” concludes the Lent-Easter season as we return to Ordinary Time. Pentecost was originally a Jewish spring festival, the Feast of Weeks, celebrated fifty days after Passover, but it developed into a commemoration of the covenant made by God with Moses and his people on Mount Sinai. For Christians Pentecost celebrates the Fiftieth Day of Eastertide and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on God’s people. In the gospel Jesus promises that after his departure he will send an advocate, a spirit of truth called the Holy Spirit, that will bear witness to himself. The Greek word *Paracleitos*, translated in the Jerusalem Bible as advocate, has many overtones, suggesting not just a legal advocate but a helper and someone who offers comfort and consolation. This Advocate will continue the work of Jesus by bearing witness to him, teaching the disciples and calling to mind the teaching of Jesus himself. Like Jesus the Advocate will not be accepted by the world. The Spirit quite simply is the continuing presence of Jesus and his saving power in our lives and in the world.

ANNUAL MISSIO PLANT SALE

now open

Mature heritage tomato varieties:
Grown in our own greenhouse over winter and now up to 80cm tall. Also, limited supply of green beans and strawberries available for immediate outdoor planting.

The Pines, 18, Baskervyle Road Gayton
Contact: Mary Scott 07754358546/01513421277

All proceeds to MISSIO Ukraine & Gaza appeals

Holy Family Gardening Gang

Our next Garden gang is on **Saturday 18th May** from **9:30 to 11:30**. Tea and biscuits provided. All welcome to come and help.



REMINDER - Christian Aid Envelopes

Don't forget to hand in your Christian Aid envelopes this week. Suzy will be collecting them after all weekend Masses this weekend or you can put them in the offertory baskets. Please help if you can.

* * Gianni Interi Ordination - Saturday 6th July * *

For those parishioners who have signed up to travel by coach to Shrewsbury Cathedral for Gianni's ordination, payment for the coach is now due. Based on the current number of people signed up, the price of the coach will be £20 per person. It will be leaving Our Lady and St. John's church at 9am in time for the ceremony at 12 noon. The coach will be stopping mid-way for a comfort break. The Cathedral is providing refreshments afterwards and the coach will be leaving at 4pm to come back. Spaces are still available if you would like to attend but haven't put your name down yet.

Joan will be available at all Masses on the weekend of 1st & 2nd June to collect payment for the coach.

Please ensure that the cash is in an envelope with your name(s) on. For those unable to attend the ceremony in Shrewsbury, we will also be celebrating the following day at 11:15am Mass.

PENTECOST 2024

Building God's Church Together

The annual two cathedrals Pentecost Service

Sunday 19th May 3 pm to 5 pm



Starting at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral join us for a service with Monsignor John Devine OBE preaching before taking a pilgrimage walk down Hope Street to finish at Liverpool Cathedral for a final blessing.

Then join us for a thanksgiving picnic at Liverpool Cathedral, bring your own picnic or dine in our Welsford Bistro



Children's Liturgy Banner at Our Lady & St John

We will be replacing the Children's Liturgy banner soon as the current banner is now 10 years old!

All the children have been asked to draw a picture of themselves, most have done this already, but if there are any children who haven't handed one in yet, could they please be given to Laura Jones **before 30th June**.

Older children are also welcome to write a prayer to be included on the banner. We are hoping to have the new banner made over the summer holidays, ready for when we return in September.



19th - 26th May



Laudato Si' week is being held from **19th to 26th May**. It marks the 9th anniversary of the encyclical from Pope Francis entitled **Laudato Si', 'On Care for Our Common Home'**, in which he called for every person living on the planet to consider how we are harming our common home and the global family we share it with.

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', a theme is proposed for each day in this coming week asking all people of good will to protect our Common Home through concrete actions and simple changes in the way we live.

- **Pentecost Sunday** – please say 'A Prayer For Our Earth'
- **Monday** – travel sustainably; try public transport, car-share, cycle or walk
- **Tuesday** – eat sustainably; reduce meat, buy organic, don't waste, support FairTrade & responsible producers
- **Wednesday** – reduce energy waste; use renewable energy
- **Thursday** – reduce plastic waste
- **Friday** – conserve water
- **Saturday** – discuss your environmental concerns with family and friends
- **Sunday** – reflect on the past week and try to commit to sustainable change



And finally, a message that Pope Francis asks us to reflect on....

“To say that there is nothing to hope for would mean exposing all humanity, especially the poorest, to the worst impacts of climate change.” Pope Francis

Pope Francis: A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.



Life in the Eucharist for teens

**SPONSORED BY THE
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BLESSED SACRAMENT**

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

Presented by teens from
Cleveland, Ohio
10:00 am - 6:30 pm



**BLESSED SACRAMENT SHRINE
4 DAWSON STREET
LIVERPOOL, L1 1LE**

*Registration & Inquiries to
liverpoolshrine@gmail.com*

Discover the profound impact the Eucharist
can have on your life and faith journey.



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How can your parish bring the love of Christ to those most in need?

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"... and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8

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.



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