

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
Kumar Ray, Gerald Collins & Gerry Smith
who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.



Kumar Ray, formerly of this parish, passed away peacefully on Monday, 12th August with his beloved wife Jenny and family at his side.

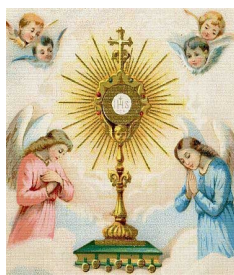
Gerald Collins' Funeral Mass will be held at **Our Lady & St John** on **Thursday 29th August** at **11:30 am**

Gerry Smith's Funeral Mass will be held at **Holy Family** on **Friday 30th August** at **11:30 am**

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

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.



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



Parishioners who need our Prayers

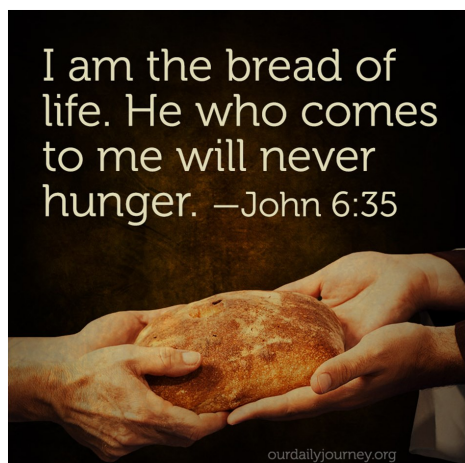
Please remember in your prayers all those in both parishes who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

- 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
- Molly Turner
- Joe Hemington
- Lin Thompson
- Gary & Alan
- Phyllis Driscoll & Family
- Claire Roddick
- Moira Griffiths-Parr
- Gerry Smith
- Ian Butler
- Pat Lord
- Mike Robb
- Grant Adonis
- Victoria Interi
- Ann Parsons
- Peter Davies
- Clare Brown
- Frances O'Boyle
- Mary Reilly



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

Sunday 18th August	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week IV</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Evelyn Whitehead R.I.P.
Monday 19th August	St John Eudes	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Thanksgiving / Birthday
Tuesday 20th August	St Bernard	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Michael Moss R.I.P.
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 21st August	St Pius	9:00 am	Holy Family	Celebration of Word & Communion
Thursday 22nd August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Celebration of Word & Communion
Friday 23rd August	St Rose of Lima	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Kearon Worthington R.I.P.
Saturday 24th August	St Bartholomew	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Pauline Chapman Anniversary R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Michael Scaife R.I.P.
Sunday 25th August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week I</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Margaret Doolan 1st Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today Jesus says: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world." Though we tend to identify eternal life as the promised reward following death, in John's gospel it begins in this life as a gift from Jesus. Eternal life is something we possess now that reaches its fulfilment in total 'abiding' with God. It is the life of

faith, a kind and quality of life that those who follow Jesus lead, but a kind that will not be destroyed by death. People of faith participate in this life while alive. It is the life that is sustained by eating Jesus' flesh and blood. The utter realism of eating flesh and drinking blood was shocking to Jesus' hearers, as it would be today if taken literally. Talk of flesh and blood is meant to shock and bring home the full realism of the full humanity of Christ. John clearly understands these terms sacramentally. When we receive the Eucharist our full humanity is joined with the full but transformed humanity of Jesus, and this constitutes life in its fullness that will never be taken away.



Pause for Hope Service 2024

Pause for Hope is an ecumenical service for all those suffering from cancer, those caring for family or friends with cancer, and those affected in any way by cancer. This year the service takes place on **Sunday 15th September at 3pm in Saint Columba's church, Chester**. It is an opportunity to come together to pray and to support one other.



Refreshments after Sunday Mass

Just a quick reminder that there will be no refreshments after Mass at Holy Family during August. Refreshments at Holy Family after Sunday Mass will resume in September.



Children's Liturgy at Our Lady and St John, has now finished for the summer, but there are still colouring sheets and activities available in the children's area at the back of church. **We'll be back again from Sunday 8th September.**

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality members are warmly invited to a 'Day of Reflection' on Saturday 14th September, at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Led by Fr Sean Henry, the theme will be, "*Martha and Mary: The Hospitality we give to Christ*". 9.15am start with a 3.30pm finish. Lunch can be purchased on site, or bring your own. Cost (by anonymous donation). **Spaces are limited so please book early.** For further details, please contact Clare, secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text Siobhan on 07931574348.



network for a
better world

Network for a Better World Missionaries

At all Masses this weekend, we welcome Sheila Cogley from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. She will speak about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a retiring collection in support of their work.

For more information please visit their website:

N4BW - Network for A Better World - help fight poverty in Malawi.

Holy Family Gardening Gang

Our Garden Gang are next meeting up on **Saturday 31st August from 9:30 am to 11:30 am**. Tea and biscuits provided. All welcome to come and help.



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Admin Support Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for an Administration Support Officer within our Mission and Evangelisation team based in Chester. Hours: 25 per week (to include occasional and weekend duties as required). Rate of pay: £12-£15 per hour depending on experience.

More details can be found via the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's with a covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date: **Friday 30 August 2024**



Printer Cartridge Recycling

As part of our Live Simply drive, we have a recycling box for used printer cartridges at the back of Our Lady & St John’s church porch next to the piety stall. Once there are 50+ used cartridges in the box then we send it to

The Recycling Factory. They will then recycle them and give a donation CAFOD. The work of CAFOD is especially important now as there are so many people living in poverty in our world. Through our global Church network, one of the largest in the world, CAFOD has the potential to reach everyone. CAFOD continues to campaign for global justice so that every woman, man and child can live a full and dignified life.

**Wirral Foodbank
August 2024**



We are quite short of food donations at the moment and are having to spend up to £10k a month on food. Please help by donating 1 or 2 of the following items that they urgently need:

- **Tinned Custard**
- **Tinned Vegetables**
- **UHT Milk**
- **Tinned Fruit**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Cereal**

There are large collection boxes in the porch area of both our Parish churches.



A Prayer for Our Earth - Pope Francis

All powerful God, you are present in the 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 your 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,

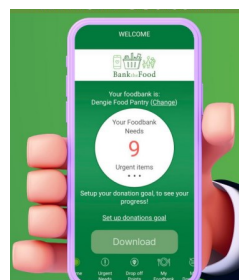
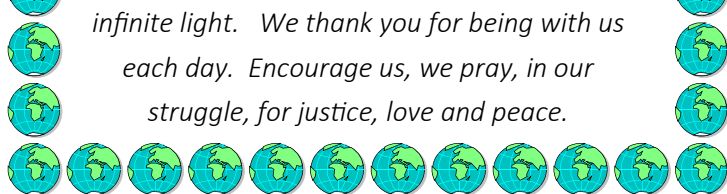
So precious in your eyes.

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.



New

Smartphone

App!

Did you know that there is a new Smartphone app for up-to-date LOCAL Foodbank needs and reminders when you are doing your own shopping? The Foodbank has collaborated with the charity **BanktheFood** and now has an App for smart phone users.

The App is free to download, and is a great reference for your donations. Simply download the BanktheFood app for FREE using the QR code below. Search for the Wirral Foodbank using the postcode finder and follow them. You'll get regular updates of the items that they urgently require.



FIND OUT MORE! BanktheFood
WWW.BANKTHEFOOD.ORG

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