

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.

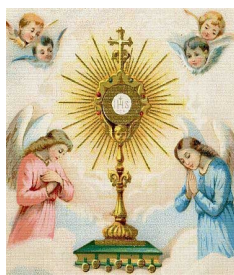
Gerald Collins' Funeral Mass will be held at **Our Lady & St John** on **Thursday 29th August** at **11:30 am**

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

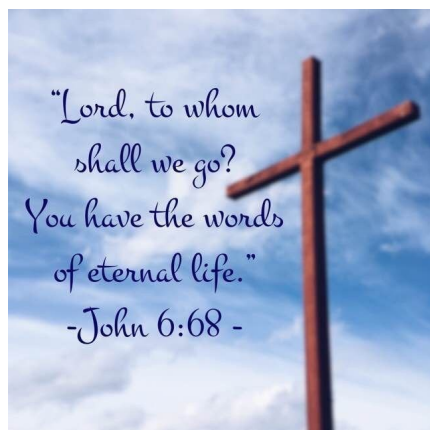
Please remember in your prayers all those in both parishes who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

- 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
- Tess Gribbin



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

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.
Monday 26th August	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - William Baker R.I.P.
Tuesday 27th August	St Monica	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - David Bold R.I.P.
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 28th August	St Augustine	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Melissa Callaghan Birthday
Thursday 29th August	The Passion of John the Baptist	11:30 am	OLSJ	Gerald Collins Funeral Mass
		7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Jillie Huntingford Birthday Thanksgiving
Friday 30th August	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Margaret Ward & Anne Line	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Anne Crowden Anniversary
		11:30 am	Holy Family	Gerry Smith Funeral Mass
Saturday 31st August	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfame	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Michelle Zito
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Cecilia & Thomas Hiepkow R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday 1st September	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week II</i> World Day of Special Prayer for the Care of Creation	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs T Miller Special Intentions
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Beatrice Whitehead R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

After hearing Jesus' discourse on himself as the Bread of Life, many of Jesus' disciples leave him and go back to their former way of life. Jesus then turns to the Twelve and asks whether they want to leave him too. Beyond problems with Church teaching and practice, beyond active involvement in social care and concern and even personal struggles, there is Jesus present saying, "Do you want to go too?" Even the most profound revelation of Jesus that he is

God's wisdom for humanity and that all who eat his flesh and drink his blood will have fullness of life, does not take away the mystery of human freedom. God's gifts are extraordinary and inviting but when faced with them, people can choose to return to their former life. Amid often conflicting claims about what it means to be a Catholic today, we can hear Peter's words to Jesus resounding through the centuries: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God." It is a good idea to read again chapter 6 of the Gospel according to John and reflect on how these words of Jesus are Spirit and life.



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.



HOUR 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 6th September 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.



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.



Monthly Assam Collection Reminder

The monthly Assam collection will take place after 9:30 am Mass at Holy Family
NEXT **Sunday, 1st September**

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.



The **Stitchcraft Group** at OLSJ will re-open on Tuesday 10th September. New Members are always welcome.



DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

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**

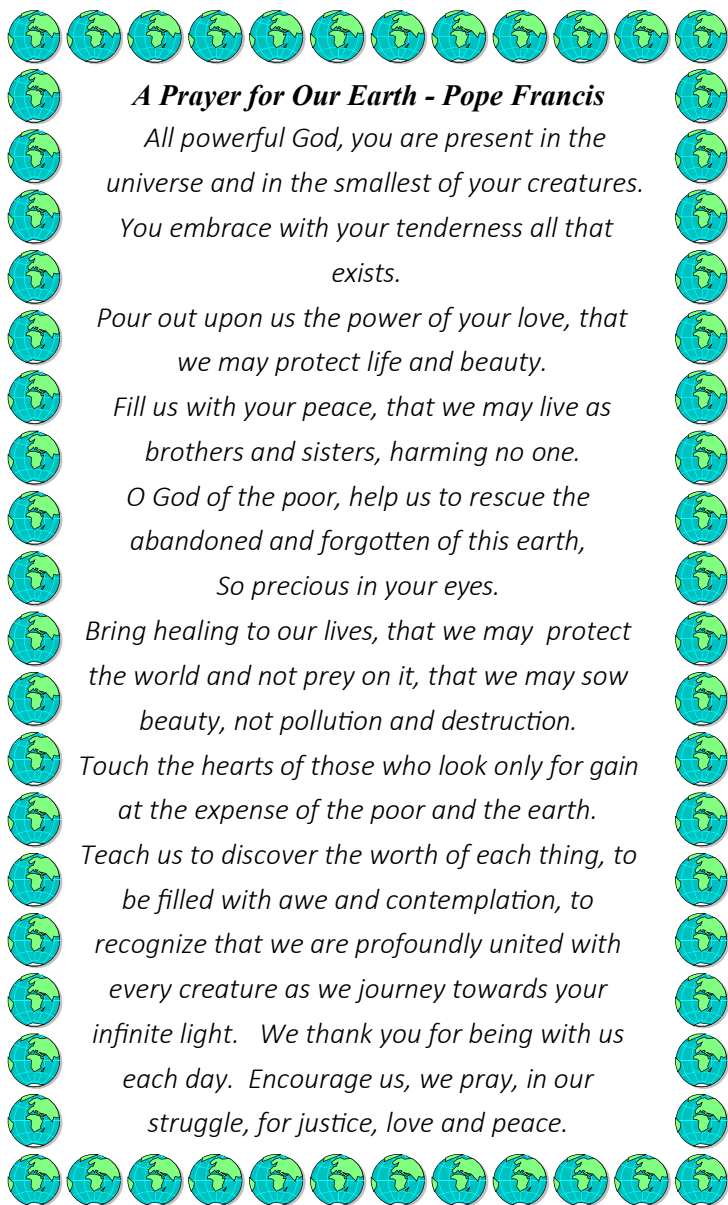
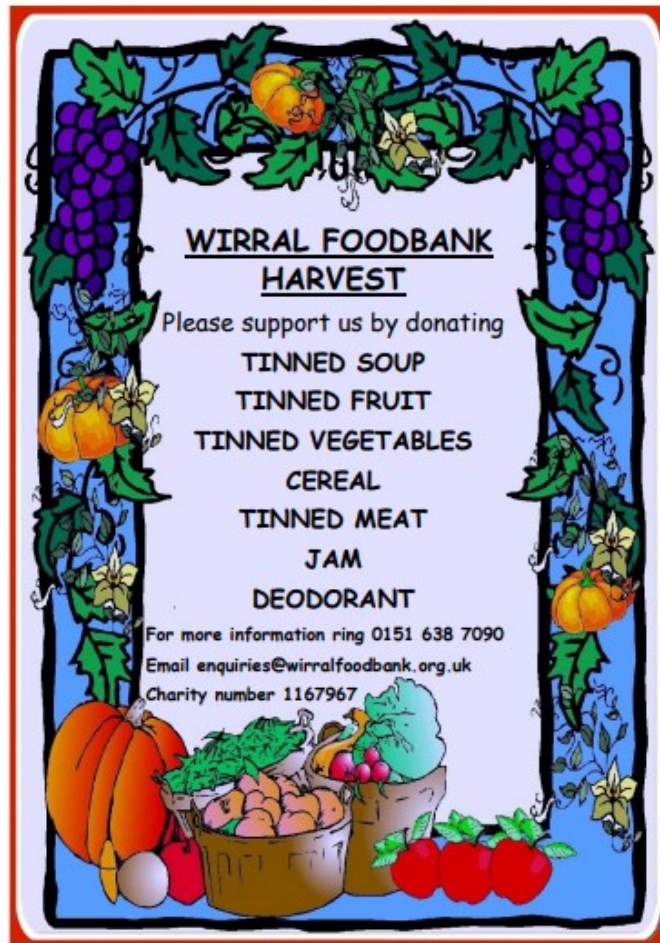
Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality members are warmly invited to a 'Day of Reflection' on **Saturday 14th September**, at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Led by Fr Sean Henry, the theme will be, "*Martha and Mary: The Hospitality we give to Christ*". 9.15am start with a 3.30pm finish. Lunch can be purchased on site, 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.



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.



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.

Lost Property - Our Lady and St John



We have a number of items of Lost Property at the back of Our Lady and St.

John’s church. Please do come and take a look and see if you recognise anything, as it will all be disposed of at the end of the month.



***** Save the Date *****

International Harvest Festival


29th September at Our Lady and St. John

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.**

Watch Sunday Mass
said
by Father Stephen
on our YouTube
channel Our Lady and St
John Heswall

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have access to the
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