

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



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**

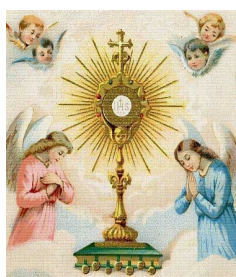
of prayer for Peace in Reparation to The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**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.

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

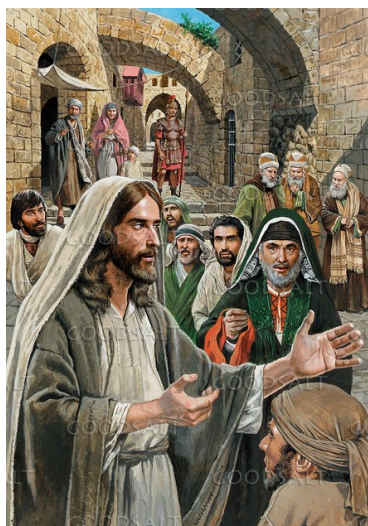
Please remember in your prayers all those in both parishes who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

- 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
- 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 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.
Monday 2nd September	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Sue Massie Anniversary of Passing
Tuesday 3rd September	St Gregory the Great	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Deidre Romaniuk Birthday Thanksgiving
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 4th September	St Cuthbert	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs P Lapsley
Thursday 5th September	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Stephen Spark R.I.P.
Friday 6th September	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Maureen Barton
		2:30 pm	OLSJ	Hour of Prayer for Peace
Saturday 7th September	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Rev. Gianni Interi
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - James & Johanna Burns R.I.P.
Sunday 8th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week III</i> World Day of Special Prayer for Education	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs Linda Worthington & Family
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Max McCormack R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today's gospel presents the ever-present danger of contrasting Christianity as a religion of love and interior conversion to 'legalistic' Judaism. What it recounts is clearly an inner-Jewish dispute. The Pharisees were primarily a lay group dedicated to strict observance of the Temple regulations for purity in their daily lives as a sign that every aspect of life can be holy. They developed a series of traditions to build a fence around the Law so that the Law itself can never be violated. In response Jesus stands in the prophetic tradition by quoting Isaiah 29:13 where the prophet castigates the tendency to disregard God's commandment but cling to human traditions. Tradition is essential not only to human life but to all religion as the narratives, rituals and beliefs are handed on and adapted to new situations. But the gospel warns against the tendency inherent in every religion to equate traditional human precepts with God's will. The Letter of James captures the spirit of traditional Jewish piety in which love of God is to be translated into deeds of loving kindness towards the vulnerable members of the community. Against this there can be no law.



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.



network for a
better world

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your kind donations to Mission appeal, **Network for a Better World**, that we held the other weekend.

We were able to send off a cheque for **£1257.70** to them charity from both our parish churches. The monies raised will go a long way to help carry out the missionary work that they do in Malawi.

For more information please visit their website:

[N4BW - Network for A Better World - help fight poverty in Malawi.](https://www.networkforabetterworld.org/)



Refreshments after Sunday Mass

Refreshments will be served after Sunday Mass at both Holy Family and Our Lady and St John. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.

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



Monthly Assam Collection Reminder

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



News from Assam - Greetings from Fr. Purty

"Hope all of you are keeping well. We are keeping well. The Boniface Apostolic Boys have returned after the summer vacation. Classes are going well. The situation in the country has become better due to the improvement in the political situation. The present regime could not get absolute majority and so the political situation has become better. The unrest that we were experiencing has improved. The religious intolerance has subsided for now. Hopefully things will become better soon. The Church played a significant role in animating the people to choose proper leadership.

Thanks for your prayerful support."



International Harvest Festival

29th September at Our Lady and St. John

We are planning to hold another International Harvest at the 11.15 mass on Sunday 29th September. This event has been run this successfully a couple of times in recent years.

The idea is to embrace the diversity of our parish by inviting parishioners from around the globe to take part. This could include doing a mass reading or bidding prayer in your language, suggesting a song or hymn from your country or simply coming along in your country's national dress or colours.

And of course, no celebration would be complete without a feast of national dishes to be shared in the Parish Room after mass.

If you would like to take part then send a message via the church email address, give your name to Victoria Hanlon, Joan Larkin, Bernie Hailwood, Kevin Lloyd, Irene Mitchell, Anne Rowlands, Bernard Larkin or ask Father Stephen to direct you to someone who can help.



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Season of Creation
1st September - 4th October



This weekend marks the start of the *Season of Creation* which runs from 1st September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and runs until 4th October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is when the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. All followers of Christ from around the globes have a common call to care for Creation as we are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

This year, the theme for the season is "To hope and act with Creation", with the symbol "The first fruits of hope" inspired by Romans 8:19-25. Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety. As people of faith we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is not a hope without action but one embodied in concrete actions of prayer and preaching, service and solidarity.

In his message for World Day of Prayer for Creation 2024, Pope Francis writes "Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone... I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful". A full copy of Pope Francis' message is enclosed with this Newsletter or via the following link <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/cura-creato/documents/20240627-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

If you get a moment, please join fellow Christians and recite the Season of Creation prayer:

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the First fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

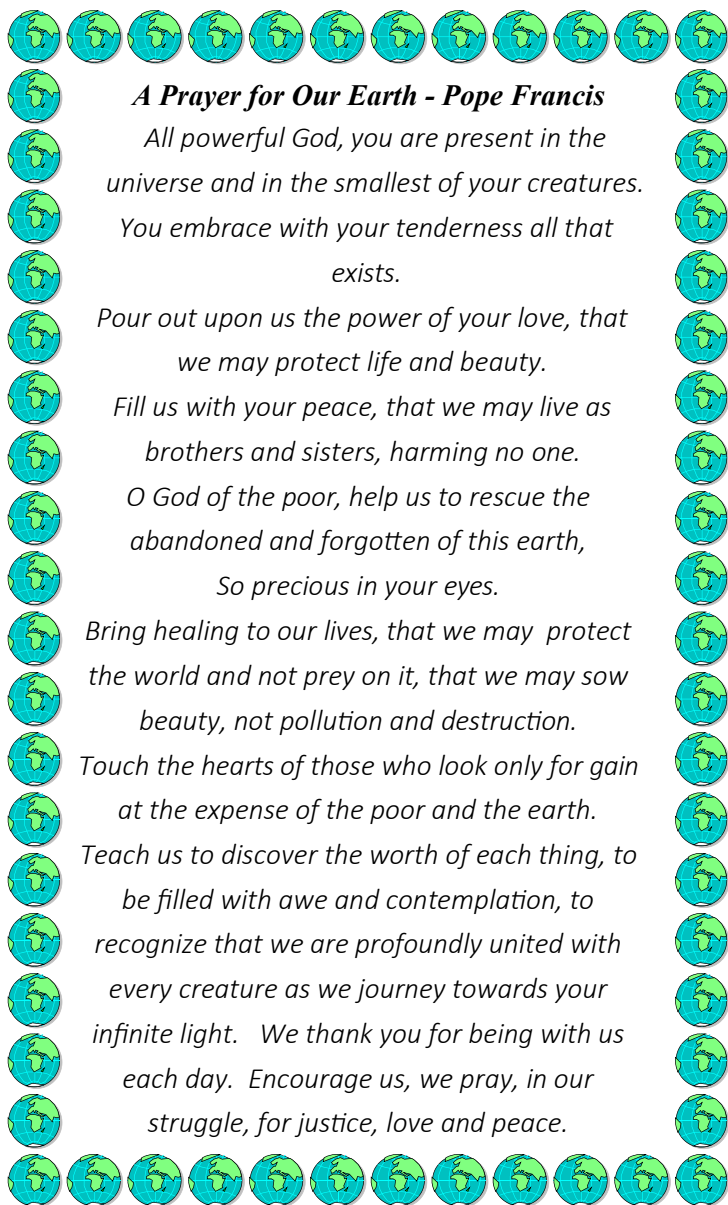
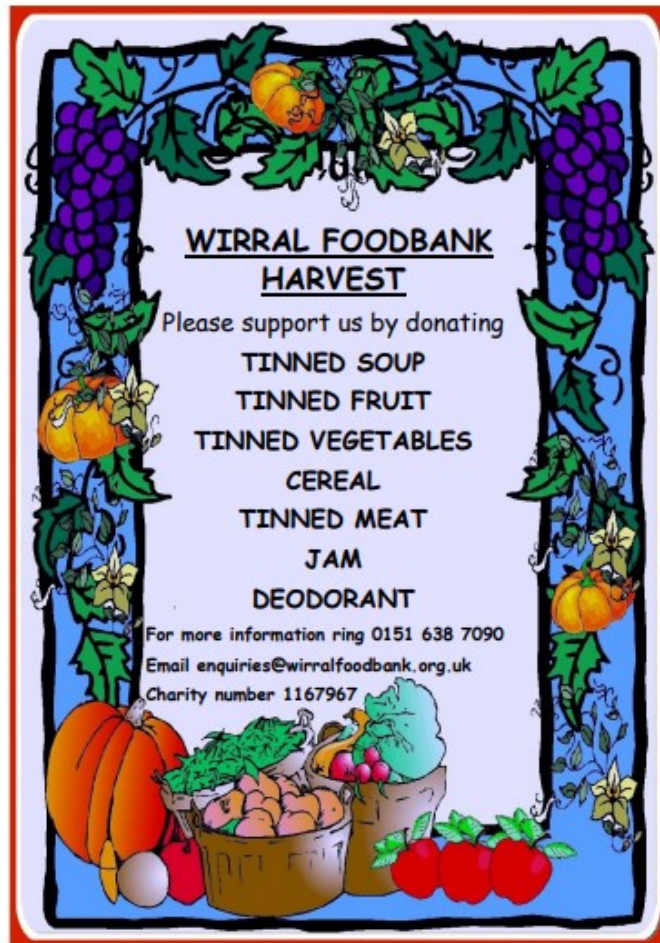
In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen



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,

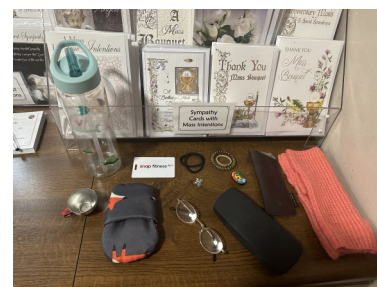
So precious in your eyes.

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

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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

<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

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