

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
Roy Butler, Michael Wright & Margaret Duncan
who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

Roy Butler's Funeral Mass will be held at
Our Lady & St John on
Monday 30th September at 12 noon.

Michael Wright's Funeral Mass will be held at
Our Lady & St John on
Wednesday 2nd October at 12 noon.

Margaret Duncan's Funeral Service will be held
at **Landican Cemetery** on
Wednesday 9th October at 11 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 Cel-
ebration of Word and Com-
munion at 9:00am at Our Lady
and St John.
Everyone welcome.



Confession

Holy Family: 11:30am - 11:50am on Saturdays

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



Parishioners who need our Prayers

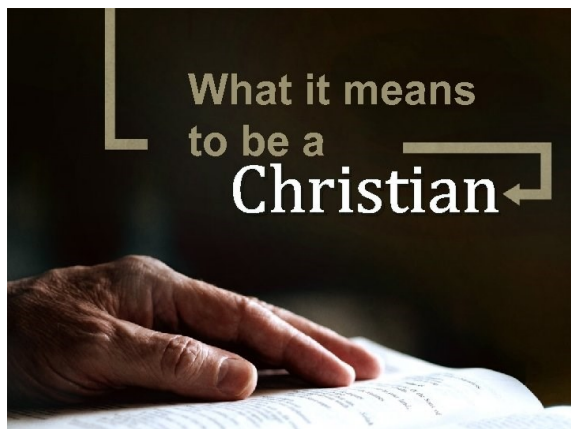
Please remember in your prayers all those in
both parishes who are sick at home or in hos-
pital, including:

- David Gorman
- Imelda Atherton
- Ken & Sara Bull
- David Johnston
- Phil Shaw
- Frances Ford
- John McNulty
- John Charles Smith
- Peter Ryan
- Bernard Davies
- Gerald Sanderson
- Molly Turner
- Joe Hemington
- Gary & Alan
- Phyllis Driscoll & Family
- Claire Roddick
- Moira Griffiths-Parr
- Ian Butler
- Pat Lord
- Mike Robb
- Victoria Interi
- Ann Parsons
- Peter Davies
- Clare Brown
- Frances O'Boyle
- Mary Reilly
- Tess Gribbin
- Margaret Heery



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

Sunday 15th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week IV</i> Evangelii Gaudium Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr J Lapsley & Family
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Eileen Finn Anniversary
Monday 16th September	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word & Communion
Tuesday 17th September	St Robert Bellarmine	9:00 am	OLSJ	Celebration of Word & Communion
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 18th September	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Celebration of Word & Communion
Thursday 19th September	Ss Theodore of Canterbury & Janarius	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Celebration of Word & Communion
Friday 20th September	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	9:00 am	Holy Family	Celebration of Word & Communion
Saturday 21st September	St Matthew	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	NO Mass or Service
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Mother' Prayers Group
Sunday 22nd September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week I</i> Special Day of Prayer for the Harvest	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Tess Gribbin ill
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Kumar Ray R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Who do people say Jesus is? What does it mean to be a Christian? These questions are always important. Even in the lifetime of Jesus here on earth, people asked all sorts of questions about him. 'Where does he get his authoritative way of speaking and acting from? Some saw him as a rebel, a troublemaker, a blasphemer, even as being possessed by a demon. Others saw him as a prophet. For Peter,

however, Jesus is the Christ, God's Anointed, the Saviour of Israel who will bring freedom to God's people. Peter expects military deliverance and political freedom for God's people, but Jesus says that he will have to suffer and die in order to rise again and gather together the scattered children of God. Peter is indignant at the very thought and remonstrates with him. For his pains he gets a severe telling off from Jesus: 'Your idea of how the Christ operates is not God's way but man's.' The only way to find the real Jesus is to share in his life every day, to lose ourselves with him and to encounter the cross of suffering with him. To share his life of love and self-renunciation is to accept Jesus call to friendship. This is what it means to be a Christian.



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.

This year for our offertory collection, we will be collecting donations of food for the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead. They have put together a list of items that they are short of:

- Long Life Milk
- Sugar
- Tea
- Coffee
- Curry Sauce
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Potatoes or packet of Mash
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Meat, Sausages, Meatballs
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Baked Beans
- Cereal
- Porridge Oats
- Pot Noodles or Cup of Soup
- Rice
- Pasta
- Biscuits
- Crisps

These items can be brought along on the day.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 29th September - 11:15 am Mass at OLSJ
International Harvest Festival

Sunday 10th November - 11:15 am Mass at OLSJ
Remembrance Sunday with 3rd Heswall Scouts

Sunday 17th November - 11:15 am Mass at OLSJ
Celebration for Fr. Stephen 10th Anniversary serving in our Parish

Sunday 15th December - 5 - 6pm at OLSJ
Advent Service



Justice & Peace Meeting

The next J & P meeting will be on **Monday 16th September** at Holy Family Church at 7. 30pm.

All parishioners from either parish are welcome to come and see what we do.

**WIRRAL FOODBANK
HARVEST**

Please support us by donating

TINNED SOUP
TINNED FRUIT
TINNED VEGETABLES
CEREAL
TINNED MEAT
JAM
DEODORANT

For more information ring 0151 638 7090
Email enquiries@wirralfoodbank.org.uk
Charity number 1167967

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If you'd like to join us you can call Jude on 07432580636 or Doreen on 334 9364. We'd love to meet you.



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Caritas (Children's Society)

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**Refreshments after Sunday Mass**

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Everyone welcome.

Prayer to the Servant of God Carlo Acutis

Dear Father,
Who has given us the ardent testimony
of the young Servant of God, Carlo Acutis,
who made the Eucharist the core of his life
and the strength of his daily commitments
so that everybody may love You above all else,
let him soon be counted among
the Blessed and the Saints in Your Church.

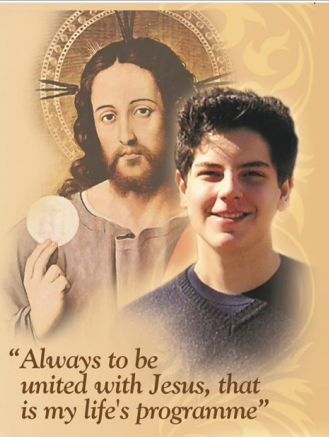
Confirm my Faith,
nurture my Hope,
strengthen my Charity,
in the image of young Carlo,
who, growing in these virtues,
now lives with You.

Grant me the grace I really need...

I trust in You, Father, and your Beloved Son Jesus,
and in the Virgin Mary, our Dearest Mother,
and in the intervention of Your Servant, Carlo Acutis.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

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The Life of Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was born in London on 3rd May 1991 to Italian parents and moved to Milan when he was a few months old. As a child, Carlo was devoted to the Mother of God and prayed the Rosary daily.

He was an Italian website designer who documented Eucharistic miracles and approved Marian apparitions and catalogued both on a website he designed before his death from leukaemia on 12th October 2006. Acutis was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills and devotion to the Eucharist which became a core theme of his life. He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10th October 2020 and in 2024 his canonization was approved. The date for his canonization has yet to be announced.

Because of his interest in computers and his miracles website, Acutis was popularly called "the patron saint of the Internet" once his cause for sainthood was underway. He has also been dubbed "the first millennial saint," because he is the first person of the millennial generation to have become a candidate for sainthood.

Carlo's journey to become a saint.... His first miracle was attributed to him in early 2020, in response to a Brazilian boy born with a malformed pancreas having been healed after praying to Acutis for his intercession and receiving one of his relics.

The second miracle involved the healing of a young woman, 21, from Costa Rica, studying in Florence, Italy, who fell from her bicycle in July 2022. She had incurred a severe head injury.

There is a lot of information about Carlo on the official website <https://carloacutis-en.org/> including the official prayer and novena.

***'To be always close to Jesus, that's my plan'
"The more Eucharist we receive, the more we become
like JESUS so that on this earth we will have
the foretaste of Heaven."***

Carlo

Blessed Carlo Acutis - Feast Day 12th October 'The first millennium saint'

The Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be visiting St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, between 20th and 23rd September 2023. This remarkable teenager was a gamer and computer programmer who loved football, with a gift for empathy, a great devotion to Our Lady and a deep love of the Holy Eucharist which he described as his 'highway to heaven'. The visit to the Diocese is a very special opportunity to spend time in prayer venerating the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Confessions will be available, and Mass will be celebrated on each of the days. There will also be inspirational talks on Saturday and Sunday from Monsignor Anthony Figueirdo, STD, who has followed the life of the soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis.

Registration for veneration is now open and can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010291297467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or through this QR code:



For more information on Blessed Carlo Acutis, please follow this link: <http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/download>



Fairtrade Fortnight - 30th Anniversary
Monday 9th – Sunday 22nd September 2024

This year, we are being asked to **Be the Change**, by picking up Fairtrade products and speaking up for fairer trade. It's 30 years since Fairtrade products first hit the shelves and this year for Fairtrade Fortnight, is spotlighting how YOU can Be the Change, by choosing Fairtrade every time. The goal is more than people just being aware, it's about them encouraging an active choice to support over 2 million Fairtrade farmers and workers across 58 countries, wherever possible, to ensure they can earn a fairer wage.

- When you choose Fairtrade, you contribute to a fairer, more sustainable future for food production.
- When you choose Fairtrade, you help ensure farmers receive a fairer price for what they grow.
- When you choose Fairtrade, you help rebalance power in supply chains.

Fairtrade is launching the **Be the Change challenge to newly elected MPs**. We are urged to ask our MPs to step up and stand with Fairtrade farmers, and supporters like us, who are leading the way in building a fairer future.

This year's campaign will highlight that however big or small a purchase this Fairtrade Fortnight, you have the power to #BeTheChange.

**Be The Change,
Choose Fairtrade**

To find out more or to get involved contact: [fairtrade.org.uk](https://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

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**Printer Cartridge Recycling
THANK YOU**

Thank you so much for donating your used printer cartridges. Another box has just been sent off to the Recycling Factory; this time **£23.25** has been sent to



CAFOD. Please do continue to place your used printer cartridges into the box which is situated in the porch of Our Lady & St. John so that we can keep supporting CAFOD. This 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.



Isaiah 50:5-9
Psalm 114
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Speak, Lord



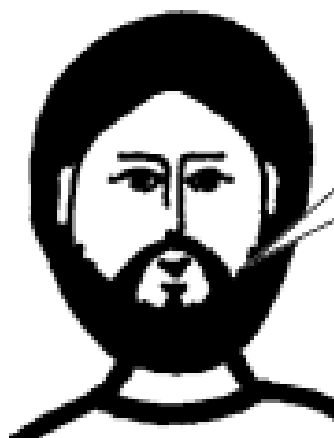
SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year B — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus said:



Who do you say I am?

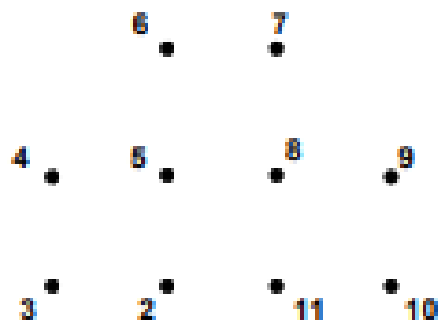
Peter replied:



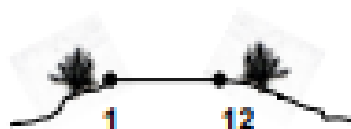
You are the Ch _____
the S _____ of G _____.

Then Jesus spoke about the way he was going to suffer and die.

Join the dots to reveal how Jesus was to be given death.



Then Jesus said: "Those who f _____
me, have to s _____ sometimes. They
have to c _____ their c _____ s too!"



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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>




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at

www.rcchp.org.uk

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