

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 &
Theresa (Tess) Gribbin**
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.

Tess Gribbin's Funeral Mass will be held at
Holy Family on
Monday 21st October at 11 am.

*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
- Molly Turner
- Joe Hemington
- Gary & Alan
- Phyllis Driscoll & Family
- Moira Griffiths-Parr
- Ian Butler
- Pat Lord
- Victoria Interi
- Ann Parsons
- Peter Davies
- Frances O'Boyle
- Mary Reilly
- Margaret Heery



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



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

Sunday 29th September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week II</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - John Herbert R.I.P. Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	International Harvest Festival Mass - Intentions of Deidre Romaniuk
Monday 30th September	St Jerome	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Annie Ferns R.I.P. Birthday Remembrance
		12 noon	OLSJ	Roy Butler Funeral Mass
Tuesday 1st October	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Kevin & Gerard Jones Special Intentions
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 2nd October	Guardian Angels	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Elaine & Paul Special Intentions
		11:30 am	OLSJ	Michael Wright Funeral Mass
Thursday 3rd October	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Fred & Janine Overton R.I.P.
Friday 4th October	St Francis of Assisi Day of Special Prayer for the Needy & Hungry of the World ** Family Fast Day **	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Jill Pendlebury R.I.P.
		2:30 pm	OLSJ	Hour of Prayer for Peace
Saturday 5th October	St Maria Faustina (Helena) Kowalska	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Agnes Lynch R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Tom Lacey Anniversary
Sunday 6th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week III</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Bernadette (recovery)
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Colette Astill & Family



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today's gospel begins with John asking how to silence someone who is not one of us casting out devils or demons in Jesus' name. Jesus says, 'You must not stop him... Anyone who is not against us is for us.' Then Jesus adds: 'Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will surely not lose his reward.' Jesus goes on to say that if anyone causes a young or vulnerable person to fall or puts an obstacle in their way, the consequences are so grave that it is better to be thrown into the sea with a great millstone round your neck or enter life without limbs or organs than harm a young person, and be thrown whole into hell. So today's readings are both good and bad news. The good news is that those who do the work of Jesus, even without being his followers are 'for him.' The bad is that affluent people sometimes not only resent the physical presence of children but also the benefits given to families with children. And yet children not only have a special place in Jesus' heart but will provide a future for us all. So it is distressing that so many children underachieve in school and suffer poverty and poor health.

Harvest Festival

13th October at Holy Family

As usual, at this time of the year, we are reminded not to take for granted but to give thanks for the bounties we receive. Please join in with the prayer at the Offertory.



**pray
for
peace**



Aysenur Ezgi Eygi

This is the name of a 26 year old young woman, a victim of the senseless violence in the Middle East. She was an American-Turkish citizen shot in the head while protesting, non-violently, against the occupation of the West Bank. Her whole life ahead of her gone and her name, difficult for us even to pronounce, already forgotten. For a brief moment, let us remember her and increase our own prayers for peace and an end to this conflict.

Altar Servers at Our Lady & St. John



There will be a training session and meeting for altar servers on **Sunday 20th October**, after the 11:15 Mass. Any children (Year 4 and above who have made their First Holy Communion) who might like to join the altar servers team, are also very welcome to come along and see what it is like.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality AGM planned for next

Saturday, 28th September has been postponed until mid-November. Further details will be circulated once a date, time and venue have been confirmed.

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.

Dates for the Diary

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

International Harvest Festival

Friday 4th October - CAFOD Family Fast Day

Sunday 6th October - 11:15 am Mass at OLSJ

Lego Church at Children's Liturgy

Sunday 13th October - 9:30 am Mass Holy Family

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

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ASSISTED SUICIDE - Should the law be changed?

You are invited to a lecture on the issue of assisted suicide. The Prime Minister has pledged to have a vote on assisted suicide and Lord Falconer has already tabled a Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords.

This lecture will be held at the Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel, Portland Street, Manchester M1 4PH from 7:30pm - 9pm on **Tuesday 22nd October** and the speaker, Dr Dominic Whitehouse, who is a palliative care consultant currently working in a hospice in Sussex, will be explaining why a change in the law would be harmful to patients, doctors and to society.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE REGISTER AT: www.spuc.org.uk/assisted-suicide-lectures (If you are unable to register online you will still be welcome to come along).



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 4th October 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.



CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Friday 4th October

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

Envelopes for donating to CAFOD will be available at the back of church. Simply put them in the offertory baskets at Mass. Alternatively, you can donate digitally using the Electronic Donor Plate at the back of OLSJ or you can give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.



To find out more on how your donation can help, go to [Harvest Family Fast Day Appeal 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Harvest Family Fast Day Appeal 2024 (cafod.org.uk))



Monthly Assam Collection

There will be **no Assam collection** on Sunday 6th October due to the CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal on Friday 4th October.



Children's Liturgy at Our Lady and St John's

LEGO CHURCH - Sunday 6th October

At Lego Church we explore the themes of the Gospel in a child-friendly way by building models from Lego to better understand the message. There is no need to book, to attend, just come along. Note that there will be NO Lego Church in November, as it is school half-term.



The Synod
Second Session
October 2nd-27th 2024

The delegates will gather again shortly to consider, in carrying out its mission in this modern world, how the Church can improve its structures; its inclusiveness; and its ways of consulting and listening. The different roles and greater involvement of the laity, both men and women, are amongst matters to be considered. This is the future of our Church.

The delegates will then pass their conclusions for Pope Francis to consider.

Pope Francis encourages us to pray that The Holy Spirit will give inspiration and guidance to all the delegates.

Jump for Joy - Holy Trinity Church, Spital CH63 9LS

We are a faith based group for people with learning disabilities, their parents and carers. We meet on the second Sunday afternoon each month at Holy Trinity in Spital.

We hang out, enjoy fellowship and fun, learning together with craft, drama, singing, Bible stories and games followed by Afternoon Tea to end the session.

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)

Would all box holders in Holy Family please bring them to church for emptying / counting? Boxes can be left in Sacristy or handed to John Wrigley. Donations also gratefully received.

Printer Cartridge Recycling
THANK YOU

We have already sent off one box of cartridges but 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.



RNIB Used Stamps

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Please donate any stamps to the Royal National Institute for the Blind. There is a collection box at the back of Our Lady and St John. Once the box is full it will be sent to the RNIB, where they are able to use them to raise vital funds for the charity.

See differently



The RNIB raise **£20 for every kilogramme of stamps that they receive** and accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums.

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.



Please ensure stamps are trimmed with approximately one centimetre of paper around the edge, with no large gold Post Office labels or pre-printed postage marks - these have no value to RNIB.


[Our Work](#)[Donate](#)[Get involved](#)


We know it might seem a bit early to be talking about Christmas in September, but we have something truly exciting coming up that you'll want to mark in your calendar...


We are thrilled to invite you to a special celebration this year—the **40th anniversary of the Christmas Fun Run in Liverpool!** 🎉


Over the past four decades, this festive event has brought together thousands of people like you, all united by joy, community, and compassion. This year's Fun Run promises to be the **best yet** as we celebrate this milestone together.

Event Details:

 **Date:** Friday 27 December 2024 from 11am (registration opens at 10am).

 **Location:** Wavertree Athletics Centre, Wavertree Sports Park, Wellington Rd, Grant Ave, L15 4LE.

 **Distance:** 3k or 5k - walk, jog, wheel or run!

 **Tickets:** £10 per adult, £5 per child, £20 per family (Tickets on sale soon. Register your interest today, so you can be notified straight away).

Why Your Participation Matters:

Every step you take helps support CAFOD's vital work with communities around the world. This year, we will be raising funds to support families in Ukraine facing a tough winter.

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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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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