

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
Margaret Duncan & Theresa (Tess) Gribbin
who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

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.*

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
- Moira Griffiths-Parr
- Ian Butler
- Pat Lord
- Victoria Interi
- Ann Parsons
- Peter Davies
- Frances O'Boyle
- Mary Reilly
- Margaret Heery



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

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
Monday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Bob Hizen Birthday
Tuesday 8th October	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - John Briggs R.I.P.
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 9th October	St John Henry Newman	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Eamon McCabe 2nd Anniversary
Thursday 10th October	St Paulinus of York	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Intentions of Steve Burke
Friday 11th October	St John VIII	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - John Wrigley (Birthday Thanks)
Saturday 12th October	Carlo Acutis	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Jake McHugh
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Roy Butler R.I.P.
Sunday 13th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week IV</i> Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs R. Jones Special Intention
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Helen Teahan (Birthday)

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

The gospel begins with the Pharisees testing Jesus by asking whether it is against the law for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus responds by asking them about the Law and they quote Deuteronomy 4:1 which allows a man to divorce his wife by simply drawing up a writ of dismissal. Jesus responds by quoting two texts from the creation accounts of Genesis: "male and female he created them" and "the two of them become one flesh." These texts attribute two essential qualities to marriage: unity and complementarity. Neither man nor woman alone embodies the fullness of God's design, but man and woman in union mirror the mystery of God. While Jesus presents a vision of what marriage should be, he utters no word of condemnation of the divorced and the Gospel of John shows Jesus defending a woman about to be stoned for adultery and giving a special mission to an often-married woman, the Samaritan woman he meets at the well. Jesus then welcomes children to him and says they represent both non-domination and the need for care that should characterise our relationships. Jesus then puts his arms round the children and blesses them, an enduring image that should haunt our consciences as we see the horrors of malnourished and diseased children both at home and abroad.



Holy Family Parish Open Meeting

Holy Family are holding a Parish Open Meeting on **Saturday 19th October** starting promptly at 10am. Come along to the Meeting and hear what has been going on in the background running of the parish. It is an opportunity to ask questions, raise any issues, volunteer to help and play an active part in the future running of the Church. Refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please place them in the box at the back of church to enable the meeting to cover as many issues as possible.

Refreshments will be provided, please arrive a few minutes early to get your refreshments and get seated as we have to finish promptly at 11:30 for confessions and Mass.



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.

Holy Family Harvest Festival - 13th October

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 prayers at the Offertory.



THANK YOU to everyone who participated in last Sunday's

International Harvest Festival at Our Lady and St John. It was a resounding success and so lovely to see the diversity of our parish community celebrated in such a wonderful way.

Dates for the Diary

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

Saturday 19th October - Holy Family Parish Meeting at 10 am at Holy Family

Sunday 10th November - 11:15 am Mass at OLSJ
Remembrance Sunday with 3rd Heswall Scouts, Beavers, Cubs & 7th Heswall Rainbows

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

WIRRAL FOODBANK HARVEST

Please support us by donating

- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- CEREAL
- TINNED MEAT
- JAM
- DEODORANT

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Charity number 1167967

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).



**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.



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.



Tuesday Games Club

*** * NEW GROUP * ***

Every Tuesday in the Meeting Room from 2pm - 4pm starting Tuesday 15th October.

Come and join us for a cuppa, play some games and a chat. Bring a friend along too, everyone welcome.



The Order of Secular Franciscans

The Order of Secular Franciscans is an 800-year-old religious order which is approved by Rome. The order was founded by St Francis for lay people (married or single) who are seeking to live a more committed Christian life. Our members are drawn from all walks of life and take inspiration from St Francis; trying to live Gospel to life and life to Gospel.

Is God calling you to follow St Francis?

If so, for more information contact: osfnwregion@gmail.com

OR visit our website OFSGB.org

Ridgewood Court Sunday Church

A group of parishioners have been going to Ridgewood Court in Pensby to provide a Sunday Service for the residents.

We go on Sunday @ 11.00 am and the service lasts about half an hour. This is much appreciated by the residents, who enjoy singing and playing the tambourine etc and interacting with the group.

Future dates are
October 6th and 20th
November 3rd and 17th
December 1st and 15th

If you can come along to support any of these dates it would be much appreciated.

Many Thanks

Jean

07966295388 for further information



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**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.



**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 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk)



**A message of thanks
from the
Charles Thompson
Mission**

"Dear Friends at Our Lady & St John,

Charles Thompson Mission would like to thank you on behalf of those people who will benefit from the donation of your Harvest gifts.

Sadly, there are still many in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, be assured the gift of your Harvest goods will go some way to help with the challenges some of the poorest in our area face.

Some of your donation will go towards emergency food parcels and Christmas hampers for struggling family's or a hot meal for those who are homeless.

Yours Gratefully,

Bernie Frost (Centre Manager) & all the team"

Red Missio Boxes

Would all box holders bring them to church for emptying/counting? Boxes can be left in Sacristy or handed to

- Ian Butler (Our Lady and St. John)
 - John Wrigley (Holy Family)
- Donations also gratefully received.

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.

RNIB Used Stamps**R N I B**

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.

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.

**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.

**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.




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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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw)



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anyone that doesn't
have access to the
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