

## 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 soul of

**Theresa (Tess) Gribbin**

who has recently died. May her soul rest in peace.

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

*Please remember to pray for her family at this difficult time  
and all those who have lost loved ones recently.*

### 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.

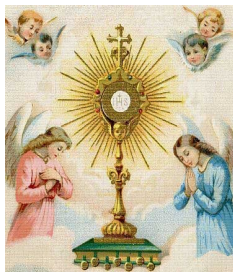
Please do come and join us.



### 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 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
- 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
- Steve Burke



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

<b>Sunday</b> 13th October	<b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week IV</i> <b>Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents</b>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mrs R. Jones Special Intention
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Helen Teahan (Birthday)
Monday 14th October	St Callistus	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Christopher Henry Tickle Anniversary
Tuesday 15th October	St Teresa of Avila	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Mr A.V.M. Joseph 1st Anniversary
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 16th October	Ss Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Maureen Cruise R.I.P.
Thursday 17th October	St Ignatius of Antioch	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Andrew & Amie
Friday 18th October	St Luke	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Philip Griffiths R.I.P.
Saturday 19th October	St Peter of Alcantara	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - McHugh Family
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Desmond Moorhead R.I.P.
<b>Sunday</b> 20th October	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week I</i> <b>Day of Special Prayer for World Missions</b>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Nicholas Murphy R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Sue Fitzpatrick R.I.P.



*It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.*

Mark 10:25

## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*

In today's gospel a young man runs up eager to inherit eternal life. Jesus asks him how well he knows and applies the commandments. The man replies that he has kept them all from his earliest days. Jesus looks steadily at him, loves him and says: "Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor... then come, follow me." The man's face falls at this and he goes away sad, for he is very wealthy. Jesus says, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of God." The disciples themselves seek power and prestige, so they are astounded, since they regard riches as a sign of God's favour. But Jesus insists: "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." More astonished than ever the disciples say: "In that case who can be saved?" Jesus gazes at them: "For men it is impossible, but not for God, because everything is possible for God." The gospel is challenging for us following Jesus today. We have hardly got rid of our possessions. The Church also depends on the generosity of people with money



**Holy Family Parish Open Meeting**

Holy Family are holding a Parish Open Meeting on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



**CAFOD Family Fast Day Envelopes**



Don't forget to return your CAFOD Family Fast envelopes to church. Simply put them in the offertory baskets at Mass or pass them on to Father or one of the deacons. Alternatively, you can donate digitally you can give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://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)

**Dates for the Diary**

- 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 20th October - AFTER 11:15 am Mass at OLSJ**  
Altar server training session for any children or adults who would like to serve on the Altar at either parish church.
- 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**

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

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Charity number 1167967

**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 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



**The Synod  
Second Session  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Altar Servers at Our Lady & St. John**

There will be a training session and meeting for altar servers on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 soon - **date to be confirmed**.

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](mailto:osfnwregion@gmail.com)

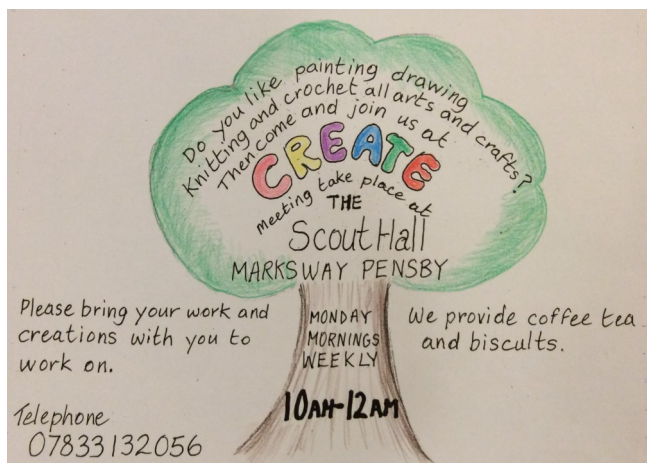
OR visit our website [OFSGB.org](http://OFSGB.org)

### 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.



### OLSJ Stitchcraft Group - Every Tuesday

10am-12 noon in OLSJ Meeting Room

The Stitchcraft Group have been involved in many projects over the years the latest being pencil cases for Ukraine a selection shown in the photograph the pencil cases will be going to Ukraine at the end of the month.

This has been one of many projects the group has completed collectively for a variety of charities as well as doing individual projects. We continue to meet each Tuesday morning and have lots of chat, laughter and creativity .



### 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



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. 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.

### 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.





Wisdom 7:7-11  
Psalm 89  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30

# Speak, Lord



SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year B — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## A RICH MAN WANTED TO FOLLOW JESUS



Fill in all the spaces with an  
**E** to find out what Jesus  
said.

Jesus said:

Can the CAM \_ L

pass through the \_ Y \_

of the N \_ \_ DL \_ ?

It is V \_ RY hard for a rich

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### **My prayer**

**Lord Jesus, you are more important than everything else I've got; help me to put YOU first and always follow you.**

## 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 Blesseds and the Saints in Your Church.

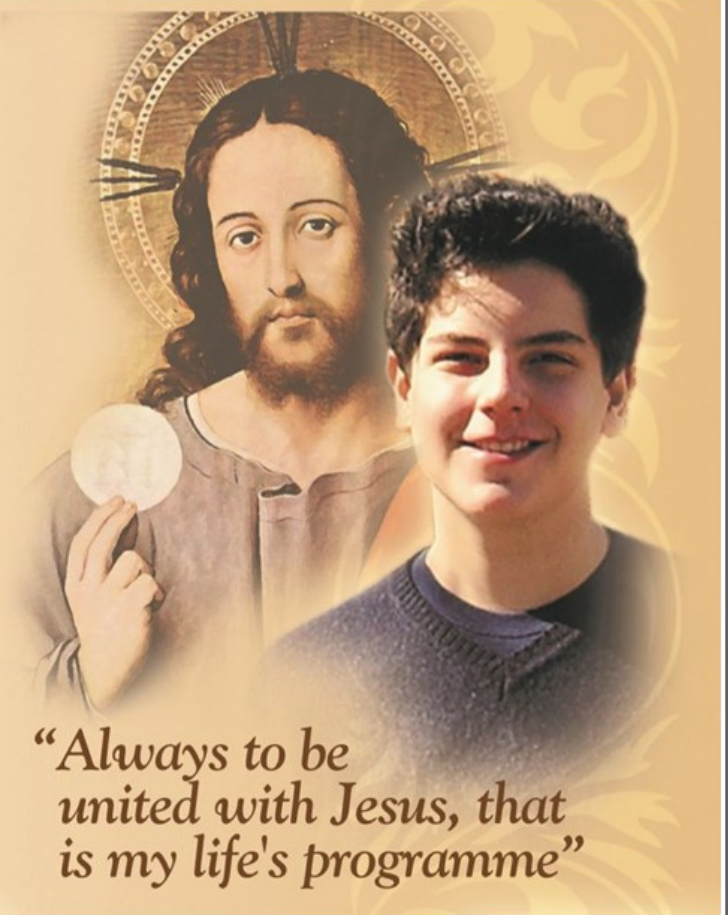
Confirm my Faith,  
nurture my Hope,  
strengthen my Charity,  
in the image of young Carlo,  
who, growing in these virtues,  
now lives with You.

Grant me the grace I really need....

I trust in You, Father, and your Beloved Son Jesus,  
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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*“Always to be  
united with Jesus, that  
is my life's programme”*

### Blessed Carlo Acutis - Feast Day 12th October *‘The first millennium saint’*

#### The Life of Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was born in London on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.”*

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

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