

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
Theresa (Tess) Gribbin & Mary Bryant (McNeil)
who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

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

Former parishioner, **Mary Bryant** died in Spain
after a long battle with cancer. Her funeral will
take place in Spain this weekend.

Altar Servers at Our Lady & St. John



REMINDER - There will be a training session
and meeting for altar servers on **Sunday**
20th October, after the 11:15 Mass.

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.



World Mission Sunday

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. As we
recently held a collection for the mission charity
Network4BetterWorld (August 2024) we won't be
holding an official collection for World Mission Sunday.
There are however envelopes and leaflets at the back of
church, should you still wish to donate.

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
- Steve Burke



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

Sunday 20th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week I</i> Day of Special Prayer for World Missions	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Nicholas Murphy R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Sue Fitzpatrick R.I.P.
Monday 21st October	Ferial	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Elaine Patton (Birthday Thanksgiving)
		11:00 am	Holy Family	Tess Gribbin Funeral Mass
Tuesday 22nd October	St John Paul II	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Rabet David & Kaye Jacqueline R.I.P.
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 23rd October	St John of Capestrano	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Anne Evans-Tunncliffe R.I.P.
Thursday 24th October	St Anthony Mary Claret	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Geraldine Chitty R.I.P. 10th Anniversary
Friday 25th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Helen Lloyd R.I.P.
Saturday 26th October	Ss Chad & Cedd	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come pray the rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - John Riley R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Anne McManus R.I.P.
British Summer Time Ends Tonight - Clocks GO BACK one hour				
Sunday 27th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week II</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Dora Noonan Anniversary & Birthday
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Orla & Phil Walker Wedding Anniversary

The greatest example of love is service to others.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today's gospel has James and John seeking positions of power and arousing jealousy among the other disciples, leading Jesus to adopt the role of Isaiah's suffering servant, "the Son of Man, who has come not to be served but serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

We share in Christ's priesthood. Whether we exercise the priesthood of the baptized or the ordained priesthood, it is to be a priesthood of service in a servant Church. The service is not just about being available but a service that actively brings liberation to people. A ransom is the price paid to free someone from slavery which can involve substituting yourself for the slave.

What God has done for us does call for a response of gratitude and loving service. Many people in authority or positions of responsibility throw their weight around, but Jesus states categorically: "This is not to happen among you!"

Loving service is displayed in parents at the bedside of a sick child, a spouse caring for another with dementia, giving lifts to people who have no transport, visiting the housebound and so on. How can we all live lives of better service?



**The Synod
Second Session
October 2nd-27th 2024**

Pope Francis launched the Synod on Synodality in October 2021. Now, in October 2024, we have reached its final stage

On 1st October, the evening before the Synod opened, the Margaret Beaufort Institute (MBI) organized the webinar: 'The Synod on Synodality, 2024: How Did We Get Here? Where Are We Going?'

The first part provided a broad historical and theological framework to consider the significance and potential of this three-year synodal process. The second part consisted of an open discussion in which participants reflected on their actual experiences of the process. In the first part, Last Stage of The Synod on Synodality, Dr Peter Coughlan delivered a talk that is now accessible on the MBI YouTube Channel. The second part, moderated by Dr Liam Hayes of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics, featured a lively exchange of views in which participants expressed their concerns and hopes for the coming years.

From what was said, it is evident that participants were very aware that what Pope Francis has been seeking during these three years is not so much to focus on specific aspects of the Church's life and mission but to initiate a process that engages all members of the Church together on a synodal path. His repeated insistence on a wide consultation in the synods held during his pontificate is evidence of this. It is equally clear from the imaginative and creative way in which the present Synod on Synodality has been organized, with its emphasis on honest speaking, careful listening, and above all, prayer, reflection, and discernment, that Pope Francis sees the Holy Spirit as the principal protagonist in the synodal process.

In 2013, his first year as pope, Francis stated in The Joy of the Gospel: "I dream of a missionary option, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything ... so that everything can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for its self-preservation." In those words, we find the central focus of Pope Francis' pontificate. Now, eleven years later, he invites the entire Church to remain focused on that same missionary impulse. The challenge he has presented to the current Synod expresses this clearly: "How to be a synodal Church in mission?" This is a question the Church must always keep in mind. It is a permanent and ongoing question, a criterion for everything that the Church, in response to the command of Christ and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sets out to be and to do.



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. 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)



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EMERGENCY
Middle East Humanitarian Appeal



CAFOD DEC Middle East Humanitarian appeal

Our local experts are providing practical help right now to families in Lebanon and Gaza – and we need your help too. Despite the risks, our local aid workers are already in these areas, working tirelessly to provide water, food, shelter and other essential services to families impacted by the conflict.

In Gaza, people are dying of hunger and disease, as well as injuries caused by the conflict. Food and clean water are desperately scarce. Ninety percent of the population are displaced, and more than 42,000 people have been killed. There is no safe place for people in Gaza to go.

In Lebanon, almost 700,000 people have had to leave their homes in recent weeks due to the conflict. Shelters are overwhelmed, and hospitals are struggling to treat the thousands of people injured.

Your donation will get to work straight away, supporting families who are deeply affected by this ongoing crisis. You will also support host families, who have welcomed those forced to flee the conflict, but who are now struggling with the basics themselves.

Getting emergency help to families in need requires all of us – that's why we're partnering with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to make this appeal.

[PLEASE DONATE NOW](#)



PENCIL CASES FOR THE CHILDREN OF UKRAINE

The Stitchcraft Group have been involved in many projects over

the years, the latest being pencil cases for the children of Ukraine (a selection shown in the photo above) 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 .

**OLSJ Stitchcraft Group - Every Tuesday
10am-12 noon in OLSJ Meeting Room**



Tuesday Games Club

**** NEW GROUP ****

Every Tuesday in the Meeting Room from 2pm - 4pm starting **THIS TUESDAY, 22nd October.**

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

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. The next one is taking place **THIS SUNDAY, 20th October.** If you can come along to support us it would be much appreciated. Contact Jean Jenkins on 07966295388 for further information

HELP REQUIRED!



Do we have a parishioner who is in the Armed Forces (or ex-military) who would be willing to lay the wreath at our Remembrance Service Mass at Our Lady and St John on Sunday 10th

November? If you would like to help, please contact Joan Larkin on 342 5517 or email contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk Thank you.



Ladymount Pre-school

Ladymount Pre-School has spaces for January 2025. If you would like your child to learn and thrive in a warm and welcoming setting with highly qualified and experienced staff, please do get in touch for a visit. Telephone number 648 8005 or

email preschool@ladymount.wirral.sch.uk

We are part of the school community and can provide a fantastic transition into main school. All types of funding accepted from age 2 and a half.

Check out our website: ladymountpreschool.com

**ASSIST
US TO
LIVE
NOT DIE**



Further to the Bishop's letter last week please ask our MP, Matthew Patrick, to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.

It only takes 30 seconds using the RightToLife easy-to-use tool, to contact our local MP, Matthew Patrick. Simply enter your postcode to get the details of our local MP and enter your details. It will send Matthew Patrick a generic letter (which you can edit should you wish) asking him to speak and vote in opposition to Kim Leadbetter's assisted suicide Bill. Click on the link below or visit the RightToLife website:

[STOP THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL](#)

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.

Dates for the Diary

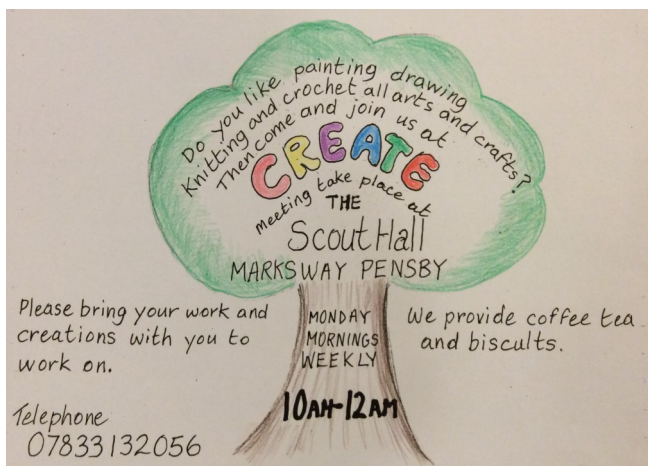
Saturday 19th October - Holy Family Parish Meeting at 10 am at Holy Family

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 20th October - 11am - Ridgewood Court Sunday Church Service

Tuesday 22nd October - 2-4pm - NEW
 Games Afternoon 2-4pm in the Parish Meeting Room

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



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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SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

A great prayer for Life is urgently needed. St. John Paul II



**26th October, the
Vigil of the Vigil of The
Feast of St Jude**

Join us in Prayer and Fasting:

Fasting

Fast from all food except bread and water for the day

Or

Fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV.

Fast from whatever you can given your state of health etc, but make sure it is something that involves a sacrifice to yourself.

Prayer

We are asking people to say a Rosary (or an extra Rosary if you say it daily already).

You could also offer an extra effort such as going to Mass (or an extra Mass) on the day, or going to Adoration. You can even pray before a closed tabernacle if Adoration is not available near you.

And He said to them; This kind (of demon) can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. (Gospel of Mark 9:29)

On Saturday 26th October, **the day before the 57th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion. There have been over **10 million abortions** in this Country since 1967.

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And the people of Ninevah believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it. (Jonah 3:5,10)

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Grief is hard.
Death can impact
all of life.

The Bereavement
Journey
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films
and discussion
for *anyone* bereaved *anytime*

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:

thebereavementjourney.org

Running soon:

Tuesday afternoons
2 - 4pm
The Lighthouse Church
ALL WELCOME!

Starting 7th January and running
weekly until 18th February 2025.

To find out more/book please
contact St. Peter's Parish Office
0151 342 3471 for a booking
form to return by 15th December

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

Visit the Holy Family Pensby Facebook page



 Sign up for the weekly parish newsletter via email. To join send an email to Victoria Hanlon contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

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