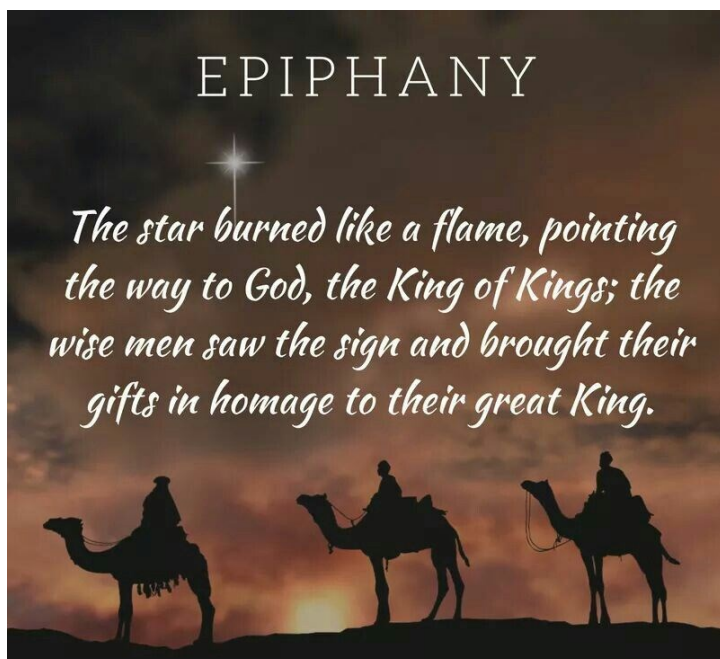


News from the Parishes of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St. John, Heswall



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

The next LEGO CHURCH will take place on
Sunday 12th January.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☜

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Kevin Kerrigan and Peter Le Gros
who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

Kevin Kerrigan's Funeral Service will be held at
Landican Cemetery on
Friday 3rd January 2025 at 12:30 pm

Peter Le Gros' Funeral Service will be held at
Our Lady and St John on
Friday 10th January 2025 at 12:30 pm

*Please remember to pray for their families at this difficult
time and for all those who have lost loved ones recently and
whose anniversaries occur this month.*

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
- 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
- Ann Parsons
- Peter Davies
- Frances O'Boyle
- Mary Reilly
- Margaret Heery
- Steve Burke
- Carol Braden
- Mark
- Anne Davidson



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

Sunday 5th January	The Epiphany of the Lord <i>Psalter Week II</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr D. J. O'Brien & Family
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Maureen Birch and deceased Birch Family Members
Monday 6th January	Monday after Epiphany	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Pat & Marco Miserotti & Bill Holt
Tuesday 7th January	St Raymond of Penyafort	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - The Walker Family Special Intention
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 8th January	Wednesday after Epiphany	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr B. May on loss of Mother
Thursday 9th January	Thursday after Epiphany	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Mother Immaculata of Jesus
Friday 10th January	Friday after Epiphany	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - D. Bessant R.I.P.
		12:30 pm	OLSJ	Peter Le Gros Funeral Service
Saturday 11th January	Saturday after Epiphany	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Mr D. Johnston
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Sheila McDonagh R.I.P.
Sunday 12th January	The Baptism of the Lord <i>Psalter Week I</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Lilian & George Candlish Anniversary
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - William & Patricia Rowlands R.I.P.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Epiphany means 'manifestation' or 'showing forth.' The Epiphany of the Lord is the showing forth of Jesus. The message is clear in Matthew's Gospel: Christ is for all people.

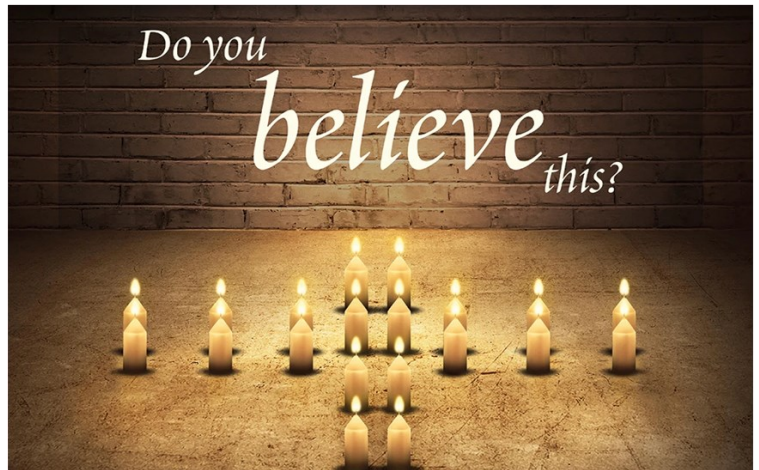
As an old man was walking down the beach he noticed a young girl ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. He asked her why she was doing this. The little girl explained that a starfish stranded on the beach when the tide went out would die in the morning sun. "But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of starfish," said the old man. "How can your efforts make any difference?" The little girl looked down the stretch of beach at all the stranded starfish and then stared at the one in her hand. As she threw it back into the waves she answered, "It makes a difference to this one!" Jesus values each person infinitely and each person can make a difference. Do we value the uniqueness and infinite value of others?



For 2025, materials were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy.

As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the worship service

has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"



Churches Together Heswall invite you to an Ecumenical Service at Our Lady & St John's at 4pm on 19th January 2025

Guest Preacher: Revd Tom Woolford, Lecturer in Church History & Doctrine
"The Nicene Creed: Faith for Today's Church"

Daily Prayer Meetings at Our Lady & St John's

From Monday 20th to Friday 24th January 2025

Between 11am and midday with refreshments afterwards.

Each day will be led by a person from a Heswall Church.

Monday: Church of England

Tuesday: Methodist Church

Wednesday: Quakers

Thursday: United Reformed Church

Friday: Roman Catholic Church



Christmas Lunch for the local clergy

A huge thank you to parishioners, Ite Rafferty and Joan Larkin for serving up a delicious Christmas Lunch for the local clergy. A good time was had by all.



Monthly Assam Collection

This is a reminder that the usual monthly Assam collection will take place after Sunday Mass at Holy Family, **THIS SUNDAY, 5th January 2025**

News from Assam

Fr Philip has sent us this greeting:

I wish you all a very happy Christmas. May the new born babe Jesus bless you all abundantly and keep you in good health.

Special remembrances from Bishop emeritus Joseph Aind and Bishop Albert Hemrom.

*Praying for you all.
Fr. Philip Purty*

Ridgewood Court Sunday Church



Sunday Services at Ridgewood Court in Pensby will recommence on **Sunday 12th January at 11 am**. The next session will take place on Sunday 19th January. The service lasts about half an hour and is much appreciated by the residents, who enjoy singing and playing the tambourine etc and interacting with the group. If you can come along to support us it would be much appreciated. Contact Jean Jenkins on 07966295388

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

A 3 day pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from **Monday 12th May returning 15th May 2025**. Full details will be announced in January.

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Holy Family FaceBook Page: www.facebook.com/holyfamily.pensby/

OLSJ FaceBook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Our-Lady-St-John-Heswall/61558135247607/>

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First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion 2025

If you have a child who is in Year 3 or above, he or she will be eligible to celebrate these important sacraments in 2025. For children who don't attend a Catholic primary school, there will be a parish programme of preparation taking place in the parish room at Our Lady and St John starting **Thursday 9th January**.

If you wish your child to take part in the parish programme, please contact Father Stephen on 342 6581 or email stephen.coonan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org