

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
Carol Braden & Patrick 'Paudie' Grumley
who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace.

Carol Braden's Funeral Mass will be held at
Holy Family on
Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 1:00 pm



Patrick Grumley's Funeral Mass will be held at
Holy Family on
Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12:15 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.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Jesus begins his public ministry as a young bride and groom begin their married life together. When the wine begins to run out, Jesus' mother notes this and receives a seeming rebuke from her Son, "Woman what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." In John's gospel Jesus is "from above" and no human being, not even those closest to him, understands him fully. Yet, Mary remains a stirring model of faith in the presence of this mystery. She immediately says to those serving, "Do whatever he tells you." And the sign is accomplished. Mary is a symbol of many people who have great faith in Jesus but do not really understand who he is.

Yet, Mary's faith will lead to the true manifestation of the glory of her Son, since the reference to the hour points to his lifting up on the cross when he will draw all people to himself and to that moment when Mary will embody discipleship in its fullness. Mary's birth pangs in John occur at the cross when she becomes the mother of all those whose love leads them to Jesus, epitomized by the presence of the disciple Jesus loved.

Parishioners who need our Prayers

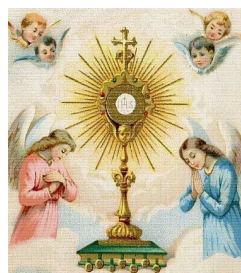
Please remember in your prayers all those in both parishes who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

- 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
- Mark
- Anne Davidson
- Baby Lennie H



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

Sunday 19th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week II</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Miss D. Bessant R.I.P.
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
		4:00 pm	OLSJ	Churches Together in Heswall Unity Service
Monday 20th January	Ss Fabian & Sebastian	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Pat Cushnan R.I.P.
		11:00 am	OLSJ Meeting Room	Christian Unity Prayer Meeting Everyone Welcome
Tuesday 21st January	St Agnes	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Relatives & Friends of the Bailey Family
		9:30 am	OLSJ	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		11:00 am	OLSJ Meeting Room	Christian Unity Prayer Meeting Everyone Welcome
Wednesday 22nd January	St Vincent	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Intentions of Fr. Stephen 10 years at Holy Family
		11:00 am	OLSJ Meeting Room	Christian Unity Prayer Meeting Everyone Welcome
Thursday 23rd January	Ferial	11:00 am	OLSJ Meeting Room	Christian Unity Prayer Meeting Everyone Welcome
		1:00 pm	Holy Family	Carol Braden Funeral Mass
		7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Holy Souls
Friday 24th January	St Francis de Sales	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr D. Johnston (Sick)
		11:00 am	OLSJ Meeting Room	Christian Unity Prayer Meeting Everyone Welcome
Saturday 25th January	The Conversion of St Paul	9:30 am	OLSJ	Come Pray the Rosary
		12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Mary Patten, Brian & Family
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Sheila McDonagh R.I.P.
Sunday 26th January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week III</i> Sunday of the Word of God	9:30 am	Holy Family	Christian Unity Pulpit Swap
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Helen Williams (Friendship)



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration

Every Tuesday morning from 9:30am - 10:30am after the Celebration of Word and Communion at 9:00am at Our Lady and St John.

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.

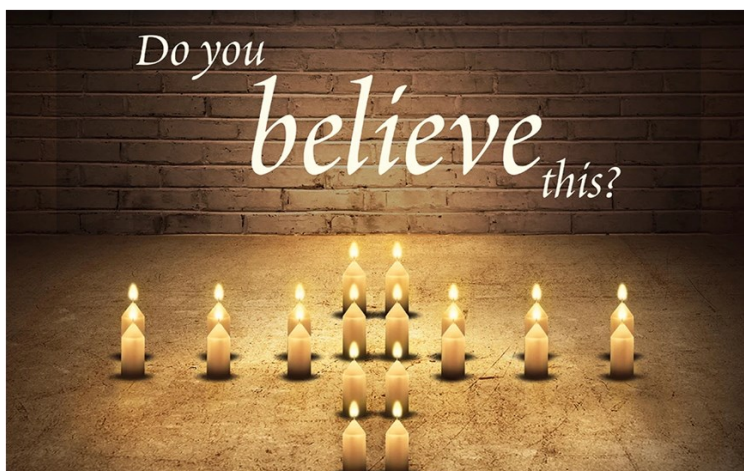




For 2025, materials were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy.

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 Nicæan 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



Pilgrimage to Walsingham
The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady
Monday May 12th - Thursday May 15th 2025

Travelling from Our Lady & St John Church, Heswall, by coach

Prices: Single Room £312 per person Twin Room £369 per person

Single rooms are not en-suite, (separate WCs and showers are plentiful). Twin rooms are en-suite

Prices include dinner, bed and breakfast whilst at Walsingham, coach travel and a day trip out on Wednesday for those wishing to join in. Details of the trip to be advised.

Leaflet and booking forms are available at the back of Our Lady and St John church.

Christmas Offerings Totals:

Holy Family - £625.66

Our Lady & St John - £1618.39

Thank you.



Assam Totals 2024

September: **£289.58**

November: **£166.20**

October: **£65.00**

December: **£208.83**

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Ridgewood Court - Sunday Church

The next Sunday Service 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



Wirral Foodbank
January 2025

These are the items that the Foodbank is particularly short of at the moment. Please help by donating 1 or 2 of the following items:

- **Tinned Fruit**
- **Tinned Vegetables**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Tinned Custard**
- **Cereal**

There are large collection boxes in the porch area of both our Parish churches.



Justice & Peace Meeting

The next J & P meeting will be on **Monday 20th January** at Holy Family Church at 7.30pm.

All parishioners from either parish are welcome to come and see what we do.

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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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