

# 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  
**Patrick 'Paudie' Grumley**  
who has recently died. May his soul rest in peace.



**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 his family at this difficult time  
and for all those who have lost loved ones recently and whose  
anniversaries occur this month.*

## 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.

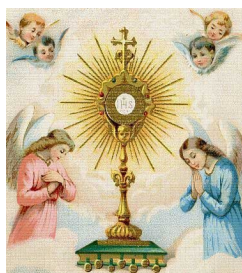
## Confession Times

**Holy Family:** 11:30am - 11:50am on Saturdays

**Our Lady & St John:** 5:15pm - 5:45pm on Saturdays

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration

Every Tuesday morning from  
9:30am - 10:30am after Mass at  
9:00am at Our Lady and St John.  
*Everyone welcome.*



## 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.



## 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.*

<b>Sunday</b> 26th January	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Week III</i> <b>Sunday of the Word of God</b>	9:30 am	Holy Family	<b>Christian Unity Pulpit Swap</b>
		11:15 am	OLSJ	<b>Mass</b> - Helen Williams (Friendship)
Monday 27th January	St Angela Merici	9:00 am	OLSJ	<b>Mass</b> - Rosaleen Walsh R.I.P.
Tuesday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas	9:00 am	OLSJ	<b>Mass</b> - Dan Miller R.I.P.
		9:30 am	OLSJ	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
		12:15 pm	Holy Family	Patrick Grumley Funeral Mass
Wednesday 29th January	Ferial	9:00 am	Holy Family	<b>Mass</b> - Mrs M Burrow & Family
Thursday 30th January	Ferial	7:00 pm	OLSJ	<b>Mass</b> - Mrs Elizabeth Hicks
Friday 31st January	St John Bosco	9:00 am	Holy Family	<b>Mass</b> - Carol Braden R.I.P.
Saturday 1st February	BVM on Saturday	9:30 am	OLSJ	<b>Come Pray the Rosary</b>
		12 noon	Holy Family	<b>Mass</b> - Wilf McManus & Family
		6:00 pm	OLSJ	<b>Mass</b> - Hilary Anne Clarke
<b>Sunday</b> 2nd February	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> <i>Psalter Week IV</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	<b>Mass</b> - Holy Souls
		11:15 am	OLSJ	<b>Mass</b> - Baby Lennie, Lucy & Paul

## Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

*By Father Stephen*



Today Jesus proclaims his mission in the synagogue in Nazareth, “where he had been brought up.” Luke states that his reason for writing is to produce an ordered account based on traditions handed down by “eyewitnesses and ministers of the word.”

Luke describes the beginnings of Jesus’ ministry differently to the other evangelists who begin with his calling of the first disciples. Jesus teaches “in the power of the Spirit” and in his first homily roots his ministry in the written word of Isaiah, where the Spirit sends the prophet “to proclaim good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and the recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” This is the jubilee year, which occurred every fiftieth year when people were released from debt and property was returned to its original owners. Jesus’ sense of mission is an overture to his teaching and actions throughout the Gospel and to the mission of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus’ words remind us too that we as Church must continually renew our concern and compassion for those left out and those oppressed in any way.

### Diocesan Roadshow - Lourdes Pilgrimage

In this Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop Mark has asked that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage. To help raise the profile of the pilgrimage and to answer any questions your parishioners might have, we have organised two roadshows for those who are interested in joining our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our first roadshow will be on **1<sup>st</sup> February 2pm-4pm at Our Lady & St John's, Heswall, Wirral**, and our second roadshow will be on **15<sup>th</sup> February 2pm-4pm St Anthony's, Wythenshawe**. Information and register of interest cards will be available, and members of the Lourdes Management Team will be present to answer any questions.



### Assam Latest News

Following the recent letter from Fr Philip, came the disturbing news of the burning down of a 75 year old Chapel in a neighbouring Diocese in Assam. The Chapel, in Tezpur, two weeks ago celebrated the ordination there of two young priests. Arson is suspected. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Monthly Assam Collection

This is a reminder that the usual monthly Assam collection will take place after Sunday Mass at Holy Family, **NEXT SUNDAY, 2nd February 2025**



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

### Call for Debt Justice in the Jubilee Year

The world is currently facing the most acute debt crisis in history. 54 countries – from Kenya to Sri Lanka – are facing debt distress. It's the world's poorest countries who are the worst affected, with many forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or tackling the climate crisis. Often, countries have already re-paid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and extortionate interest rates, they are often left paying for the original debt many times over. This injustice must end. We need to cancel unfair debts, build better financial systems and implement fairer laws to prevent future debt crises.

And the time to act is now! 2025 is a Jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on to the debt crisis. Pope Francis says, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice."

Join us, and sign the global Church petition.

[Add my name to the petition](#)

### Assisted Suicide

Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide [Bill](#) is now at what is known as Committee Stage, where a group of 23 MPs will scrutinise the Bill in detail.

The House of Commons Public Bill Committee that is considering this Bill has recently initiated a [call for written evidence](#), inviting people with appropriate expertise or personal experience to submit evidence concerning the Bill and its proposals.

It is very important that the many problems with the Bill are brought to the attention of the Committee so MPs understand the major problems with introducing assisted suicide and that they must vote against the Bill when it comes to Third Reading later in the year. If you have any appropriate expertise or experience in this matter then please write to the committee and copy to our MP, Mathew Patrick.

### Another Way to Donate



Scan this QR code if you wish to make a payment or donation to Our Lady and St John church. Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR code, click on the link and it will take you to the same screen as the Dona machine in church.



**Pilgrimage to Walsingham**  
**The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady**  
**Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.**



**Parish Recycling**

Don't forget that at Our Lady and St John we collect used printer cartridges for CAFOD and used stamps for the RNIB. Both boxes are at the back of church. Not only does this

help our mission to recycle as much as we can but it also helps benefit some great charities.



**DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY**

**Diocesan Vacancy**

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Diocese with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website

[Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#) Completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch

[recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

Closing date 21 February 2025.

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**Introduction to the Holy Year 2025**

A special day will be held at Saint Joseph's Stockport on **Saturday 1st February** to introduce the Jubilee Year 2025.

The day will begin with Mass at 10 am and include presentations by our catechetical, marriage and family life, CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury teams. All welcome.

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**Parish Mass YouTube Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw>

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[www.facebook.com/holyfamily.pensby/](https://www.facebook.com/holyfamily.pensby/)

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