

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

Margaret Tinsley, Pauline Hewit

&

Marie Murphy

**(former head of Infants at Ladymount
School)**

who have recently died. May their souls rest in peace. Please remember to pray for their families at this difficult time.



Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion over the past two weeks at Our Lady and St John and Holy Family.

Thank you to all the parents, catechists and teachers, who helped to prepare the candidates for their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion.



Baptism Congratulations

We warmly welcome **Hayden Williams** to our Parish.

Hayden was baptised at Our Lady & St John last Sunday, 3rd October.

Parishioners who need our Prayers

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

Catherine Maschke,

Gerry Smith,

Joe Lucas,

John Moroney,

Ken Davies,

Madge McGrath,

David Gorman,

Carol Ross,

Imelda Atherton,

Pauline Pritchard,

Sara Bull,

Lil Skinner,

William Kerin,

David Johnston,

Phil Shaw,

Eileen Roberts,

Irene Fitzpatrick,

Frances Ford,

Maureen Jones,

Moira Griffiths-Parr,

John McNulty,

Samantha Stevens,

John Charles Smith,

Father Paul O'Grady,

John Gibbings,

Peter Ryan,

Jane Hynes,

Bernard Davies

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



Masses for the Week Commencing Sunday 10th October 2021

Sun 10th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV) <i>Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners</i>	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Mr F. Carter
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Parishioners
Mon 11th October	St John XIII	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Marie Murphy R.I.P.
Tues 12th October	St Wilfrid	9:00 am	OLSJ	Mass - Talbot Smith R.I.P.
Wed 13th October	St Edward The Confessor	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Harry Doolan Anniversary
Thurs 14th October	St Callistus	7:00 pm	OLSJ	Mass - Irene O'Neill Anniversary
Fri 15th October	St Teresa of Avila	9:00 am	Holy Family	Mass - Helen Teahan (Birthday)
		1:00 pm	OLSJ	Rachel Byrne & Alexander Fenton Wedding Service
Sat 16th October	Ss Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque	12 noon	Holy Family	Mass - Michael McDonagh R.I.P.
Sun 17th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Mass - Parishioners
		11:15 am	OLSJ	Mass - Michael McGurk (Birthday)

✠ Lives of the Saints of the Week ✠

St Edward the Confessor

King (1003 - 1066)

He became king of England in 1042 and, as the last of the Anglo-Saxon line, his death precipitated the Norman invasion of 1066. He was regarded as a saint, renowned for generosity to the Church, the poor and readiness to listen to his subjects' grievances.

St Hedwig

Married Woman, Religious (c. 1174 - 1243)

Hedwig was born in Bavaria (Germany) and died at Trebnitz (Poland). Married at a young age to Henry, Duke of Silensia, she was the mother of seven children. She is remembered for founding religious houses and hospitals, for her charity to the poor and for her effort at peace making. After the death of her husband, she retired to live in a Cistercian convent which she had founded.

St Teresa of Avila

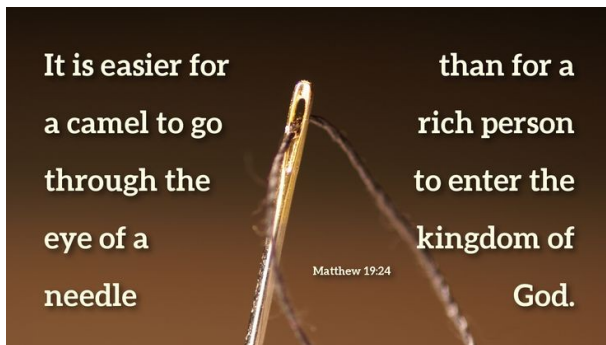
Virgin, Doctor of the Church (1551 - 1582)

Born in Avila (Spain), Teresa died in Alba de Torres. She left her aristocratic family for the Carmelite monastery in Avila at the age of 20, but it was after two decades of dryness in prayer that she felt an inner conversion to Christ. She is honoured as a spiritual writer and mystic who experienced and comprehensively described prayer life.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Virgin, Religious (1647 - 1690)

Born in Burgundy (France), Margaret Mary died in Paray-le-Monial. After an unhappy childhood, she entered a Visitation convent, where she experienced several visions of Christ's love. She patiently bore the rejection and contempt of her superiors and others, and she persevered in promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

By Father Stephen

Jesus tells the rich man he lacks one thing: “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. Jesus comments, “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 taken aback, 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. Catholics lay and clerical have hardly got rid of their possessions. The Church also depends on the generosity of people with money to run parishes and reach out to those in need. Hospitality, care for the poor and the dispossessed and mutual love were hallmarks of early Christianity and have to be today too. But what does Jesus think **we** lack?



2nd October - 16th October

It is still not too late to join in the **Wirral Arts Festival 2021!**

Be inspired to participate in some of our workshops, try something different, make new friends, visit places on your doorstep, bring family and friends and encourage tourists and visitors to discover what Wirral has to offer.

For a full list of what’s on, visit the website www.wirralartsfestival.co.uk or pick up a leaflet at the back of church.

The patron of the festival, Stephen Hough writes

“There has never been a more important time to support and encourage the creative industries in our communities. Many artists have been devastated by the pandemic and all have had their lives disrupted. This festival is a marvellous opportunity for those from Heswall and beyond to return to live performances and to celebrate the beauty of public cultural life once more.”



Coronavirus Update - Latest Wirral Figures

Week ending	Rate per 100,000	Current cases/week
6th October	256	830
29th September	310	1005
22nd September	254	824
16th September	322	1043
9th September	336	1088
3 September	298	967
27 August	300	975
20 August	296	962
13 August	293	951
6 August	273	888
30 July	306	995
23 July	363	1,117
16 July	517	1,709
9 July	507	1,686



Urgent Appeal

The Missio society are getting desperate for funds. As we cannot at the moment bring boxes to church would box holders please contact their church representative who will arrange collection from box holders home. Please contact your representative by telephone leaving your name, number and address and collection will be made accordingly.

Holy Family John Wrigley 648 2389
Our Lady & St. John Ian Butler 342 3100

Donations also gratefully received.



Urgent Appeal

As with Missio, Caritas (Children's Society) are severely short of funding. Would box holders in Holy Family please phone John Wrigley on 648 2389 to arrange collection from box holders home. When calling please leave name, number and address. Donations also gratefully received.



Monthly Assam Collection Totals

Here are the Assam Collection totals from the previous 3 months. Thank you so much for your support. Note that the next Assam collection will take place on **Sunday 7th November**.

June: Standing Order: £50.00: 12/05/21
 Collection: £57.00: 06/06/21
 Standing Order: £50.00: 14/06/21
 Collection: £20.00: 27/06/21
Total: £177.00

July: Collection: £42.00: 04/07/21
 Standing Order: £50.00: 12/07/21
 Collection: £20.00: 25/07/21
Total: £112.00

August: Collection: £25.00: 01/08/21
 Collection: £2.10: 08/08/21
 Standing Order: £50.00: 12/08/21
 Collection: £10.70: 15/08/21
 Collection: £5.00: 22/08/21
Total: £92.80

CAFOD Family Fast Envelopes

Please don't forget to hand in your Cafod Family Fast envelopes before the end of the month.

Either hand them into the collection buckets at the end of Sunday Mass or pass to Reverend Jeff, Father Stephen or one of the stewards on duty.



Thank you for your support.



**Free Local Talk by Dr Brian McCartney* on
Ocean Measurements for Climate Science
("the 30 years are up")**

**United Reformed Church, Heswall
on Friday 22nd October, starting at 7pm**

Thirty years ago there was widespread scepticism in the general public that climate change was happening or caused by human activities. That is not the broad view now, so what convinced the sceptics and persuaded the influential media and politicians to take it so seriously?

The rise of CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere led scientists to predict global warming and to calculate the extra heat, but where does all the heat go? The atmosphere, land masses, and oceans share it, but in what proportions? Forty years ago plans were made by oceanographers and meteorologists world-wide to vastly increase the number of observations of ocean temperatures. After a brief history of how ocean temperatures used to be measured, the modern method will be described and results from the last thirty years are shown that will answer the questions above.

One of the impacts of warmer oceans is rising sea levels and recent data show increasing rates. The oceans influence climate and weather in a very fundamental way, and we need to understand these processes.

*Brian McCartney is a retired engineer/oceanographer who was involved in Marine Science since 1962. At the National Institute of Oceanography, he specialised in underwater acoustics, then was head of a group designing oceanographic instrumentation, before moving in 1987 to Bidston Observatory as Director of the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, retiring in 1998.

Free Entry - Everyone Welcome

Cafod's Climate Crisis Appeal - *'a little something'*



IDEA No. 1

**Do you overfill your kettle when making a brew?
Saving a small amount of water and electricity is 'a little something' we can all easily do.**

As Pope Francis and others have been reminding us over recent year's, we all have a responsibility for caring for our planet. As individuals we are a drop in the ocean. But together we can make a difference. Each one of us should try to do **'a little something'** as our contribution to a world wide effort.

On each Sunday in this month of October there will be a continued collection for Cafod with envelopes available at the back of church. This collection is to help in some way those poorer peoples who are the first victims of our over exploited use of our world's resources.



**PILGRIMAGE of
REPARATION &
PRAYER for the
SANCTITY of LIFE**

SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2021

WALSINGHAM

led by

Bishop Mark Davies

**FR. JEREMY DAVIES, FR DAVID DONOGHUE
FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL**

*commencing at the 12 o'clock Pilgrim Mass
in the Chapel of Reconciliation*

**Theme – ‘The Courage to Proclaim the Gospel
of Life in Post-Pandemic Britain’
(Bishop Mark Davies)**

**For travel information & more details call 01858 571242
or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org**

Children's Liturgy - Page 1

Don't forget that you can follow this week's Children's Liturgy on our YouTube channel.

Write 1 on the back

Write 2 on the back

Write 4 on the back

Write 3 on the back

1	2
4	3



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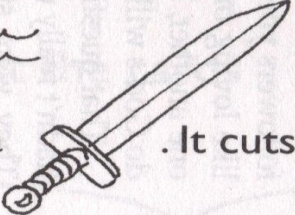
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Q. How can we get into the kingdom of God?


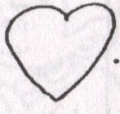
A. Through **1 2 3 4** – that's the only way!

Find Hebrews 4:12-16

God's word is a  and active. 

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all the way  the flesh and judges the

 and feelings of our .

To pray this week

It's so hard to enter the Kingdom of God
but I want so much to do it;
harder than threading a camel through
a needle, but I want so much to be there.
Your Kingdom of love and joy and peace
is the place I want to be,
and I know that only through God my saviour
can I enter it and be free! -Amen-

Watch Masses 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.
contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk