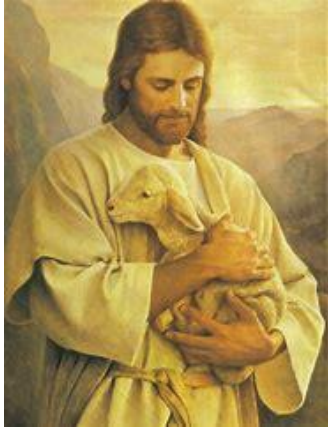


News from the Parishes of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St. John, Heswall



Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows the sheep and gives his life for them in contrast to hired men who neglect the sheep. The translation “good” does not capture the nuance of the Greek, which suggests also an authentic or model shepherd. Behind the rich imagery of this passage are the frequent Old Testament uses of the shepherd image to describe God’s care: for the people, important leaders in salvation history, Moses, David, anointed kings, and the longed-for Messiah. Jesus’ contrast with the hired men evokes God’s polemic against false shepherds (leaders), who neglect the sheep and exploit them for their own gain. It is unique to John that a messianic figure will give his life for his sheep. Though this anticipates Jesus’ passion and death, the Greek expression literally “put my life for the sake of others,” implies that Jesus’ whole life and teaching is a model for good shepherding. During this Eastertide we are reminded of Jesus, who conquered death, who will lead his sheep to paradise and who models pastoral care as knowing and self-emptying service, which extends to sheep who are not of this fold.



The Spiritans
British Province
Congregation of the Holy Spirit

*One Heart
One Spirit*

Spiritans Mission Appeal – 21^s & 22nd April

There will be an Appeal on behalf of the Spiritans Missions at all Masses at both Churches **this weekend.**

Wednesday 9:30am-8:30pm at OLSJ

&

Saturday after 12 noon Mass at Holy Family



ADORATION - Change of Location 9th May

On **Wednesday 9th May**, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **transferred to Holy Family** for ONE WEEK only because of work to be carried out on the organ at Our Lady and St. John.

In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress, Holy Apostles' and Martyrs', Wallasey will be hosting a series of talks entitled "The Eucharist and...". The talks are not intended to be catechesis so much as an attempt to enrich our appreciation of the connection between the Eucharist and our world and our lives outside the doors of the Church. Four dates and speakers have been confirmed as follows:

- **Sunday 29th April 6-8pm** "The Eucharist and charity" by Dr Catherine Hollum;
- **Sunday 13th May 6-8pm** "The Eucharist and Shakespeare" by Father Nick Kern
- **Sunday 27th May 6-8pm** "The Eucharist and human rights" by Canon David Roberts.

Just turn up, no booking required. Everyone welcome.

'The 7 Secrets of Confession' Book Review: We will next meet on **Tuesday 24th April** in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

S.P.U.C. – No to Decriminalising Abortion

Decriminalising abortion will strip the unborn children of any remaining effective legal protection from abortion. Please sign the petition in the church porch to stop this happening. Thank you.

Over 55's Afternoon Tea: Our next Afternoon Tea will be on **Tuesday 24th April at 1pm** in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John. Everyone welcome.



☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Veronica McNutt** and **John Marmion** who have died recently.

- **Veronica McNutt's** Funeral Mass takes place on **Tuesday 8th May at 12:15 pm** at Our Lady and St John.
- **John Marmion's** Funeral Mass takes place on **Tuesday 8th May at 2:15 pm** at Our Lady and St John.

May their souls Rest in Peace. Please remember to pray for their families at this difficult time.



Christian Aid Week 13th - 19th May

Suzy Smallwood is looking for additional people to help with the house to house collections

during Christian Aid Week. We coordinate the streets we cover with other members of Churches Together (Heswall). You can contact Suzy by phone (342 1137) or text (07875 404128) for more details. She will ring you back and is more than happy to give advice and support.

Wirral Food Bank: Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last 3 weeks. The contributions are as follows, Holy Family 56.52 kgs and OLSJ 65.47 kgs. Many thanks for your continued generous support.

Heswall Concert Series presents **Polaris**, saxophone and hap duo on **Friday 27th April at 7:30pm** at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Telegraph Road, Heswall. Tickets £10. 0151 342 7387.



The next Monthly Prayer Breakfast will take place on

Saturday 12th May @ 8:30am

in the Meeting Room at OLSJ. No need to book, just turn up.

Everyone welcome.

Ladymount PTA

- **Quiz Night** with nibbles, £5 per ticket, on **Friday 27th April** in Ladymount's school hall, from 7.30pm for 8pm start.
- **Summer Fair** 11am - 2pm on **Saturday 19th May**, themed around the Royal Wedding.

We are appealing to any family or friends who may be in a position to donate a gift as a raffle or auction prize. This could be a haircut if you are a hairdresser, a facial if you are a beauty therapist, an hour of accountancy, if an accountant, a room painted (if paint supplied) if you are a decorator...and maybe in the process you could gain a new client. Any other prizes/gifts are most welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA is on the **9th May**, at the Anchor Inn from 7.30pm. All parents from Ladymount are invited and we would love all parents to help fulfil this vital work in fundraising for the school and our children. More hands make less work for all.

Please contact the PTA via ladymountpta@gmail.com or phone Lisa on 07886620462.

Collection Amounts

OLSJ	08.04.2018	£612.32
	15.04.2018	£634.32
HF	08.04.2018	£644.56
Assam	08.04.2018	£225.70



Urgent Readers Needed at OLSJ

We need more volunteers to read on Saturday Evenings. Please consider making this small but important contribution to our vigil masses. You can contact me on 342 3338 or speak to me in person on a Saturday evening. Thank you. Jill McKenzie.

Red Mission Boxes: The recent collection in Holy Family Parish Church raised an amount of £160. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**Spanish Evening
at OLSJ**

There will be a Spanish Evening on **Friday 18th May** consisting of a two-course meal and a quiz. The cost will be £12 and tickets will be available soon. This event is to raise funds for **Change a Child's Life**. For further details or to book a place contact either Veronica on 342 5641 or Christine on 07426 166 814.

A date for your diary: Sunday May 13th sees the return of our Senior Citizens afternoon tea, 2-4 pm at Holy Family. This is a popular event and always great fun so put your name down at the Box Office or phone Jean 07966295388 and come along to meet friends old and new.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported my cake sale last Sunday after mass at Our Lady and St John. It raised £174 towards East African playgrounds charity. Many thanks Charlotte Duggan.

Help Required! The Children's Liturgy Team at Our Lady and St John are looking for new volunteers to help out at Children's Liturgy at 11:15am Mass on Sundays. No experience necessary, training and resources will be provided. Please contact Monica Campbell if you are able to join the team.

SPUC - To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the abortion act which came in to force on the 27th April 1968 since when there have been nearly nine million abortions in this country there will be a Pro Life Chain on **Saturday 21st April** in Hoole Road in Chester between 11am and 1pm.

National Rosary on the Coast – Sunday 29th April

There is also a special day of Pilgrimage and Prayer with a National Rosary on the Coast which takes place on **Sunday 29th April at 3pm**. There are two local locations, near Morrisons in New Brighton (which will be attended by Bishop Mark) and Eastham Ferry. All are invited to these events. For more info see notices or phone Margaret on 336 2050 or Rowena on 336 2484.

The OLSJ Parish Support Group will be next meeting on **Wednesday 2nd May**. The wooden suggestion box at the back of the church is available for putting forward suggestions or issues for consideration at the meeting. Thank you.

Congratulations to Andrew Buckley who became a member of the Hospitalite Notre Dame de Lourdes. Andrew having shown 5 years of hard work and commitment to the Lourdes Hospitalite. The commitment he has shown is invaluable not only for our Diocese but for the Lourdes Community.

Holy Family 200 Club**Week 1 – 8th April**

1 st Prize	£25	No. 95	D. Ireland
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 13	C. Roberts
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 160	S. Smallwood

Week 2 – 15th April

1 st Prize	£25	No. 3	R. Morrison
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 60	P. Eaton
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 78	M. Thurston

Can all outstanding subs be paid as soon as possible? Also new members are very welcome.

Sister Mary Joan - Golden Jubilee

An invitation to all parishioners to join in the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Wirral born, Sister Mary Joan, from the Little Sisters of the Poor, on **Monday 7th May** at Our Lady and St John's Church. Canon Coonan will be celebrating Mass at **11am**. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Meeting Room. Everyone welcome. Sister Mary Joan is the sister-in-law of parishioner Phyllis Driscoll.

Fruitful discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and the World

A conference by Sherry Weddell aimed at the Laity and Religious at St Ambrose College, Hale Barns, on **Saturday 12th May 2018** from 9:30/10:00am to 3:30pm. Please do book online at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration or email helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.uk if you're thinking of coming, as that helps prepare the room, refreshments, the number of handouts, etc.

Sat 21 st April	Ferial	6:00 pm	Mass – Valerie Mary Kelly R.I.P.	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 22 nd April	4th Sunday of Easter	11:15 am	Mass – Molly Burke	
Mon 23 rd April	St George	9:00 am	Mass – Laurie Fagan R.I.P.	
Tues 24 th April	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Katherine Margerison	
Wed 25 th April	St Mark	9:00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
		9:00 am to 8:30 pm	Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 26 th April	Ferial		No Mass	
Fri 27 th April	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)	
Sat 28 th April	Ferial	6:00 pm	Mass – Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan	
Sun 29 th April	5th Sunday of Easter	11:15 am	Mass – Intentions of Tom & Mary Brownrigg	

HOLY FAMILY	Sat 21 st April	Ferial	12 noon	Mass - Holy Souls
	Sun 22 nd April	4th Sunday of Easter	9:30 am	Mass - For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
			5:00 pm	Mass - For the Parish
	Mon 23 rd April	St George		No Mass (Mass at Our Lady & St John at 9am)
	Tues 24 th April	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at Our Lady & St John at 9am)
	Wed 25 th April	St Mark	9:00 am	Mass - Elizabeth Bower R.I.P (Lately Dead)
	Thurs 26 th April	Ferial	9:00 am	Service of Word & Sacrament
	Fri 27 th April	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – P. Bessant & Family
	Sat 28 th April	Ferial	12 noon	Mass - Carol Cooper R.I.P.
Sun 29 th April	5th Sunday of Easter	9:30 am	Mass - Special Intention	
		5:00 pm	Mass - Sarah Heery R.I.P. (Anniversary)	

Confessions – Saturdays 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm at OLSJ Saturdays 11:30 am -11:50 am at Holy Family

Legion of Mary Meetings: Every Monday morning at 10:45 am in the meeting room at OLSJ.

Mother's Prayers: Every Monday morning at 9:30 am in the meeting room at OLSJ.

Adoration: Holy Family: Every Saturday after 12 noon Mass. On 1st Saturday of the Month, Divine Mercy devotions, prayers are included. All are welcome. **Our Lady and St John:** Every Wednesday 9:30am until 8pm after morning Mass. All are welcome.

Sick: Please remember in your prayers all those in both parishes who are sick at home or in hospital, including Catherine Maschke, Peter Curtis, Carol Saunders, Gerry Smith, Joe Lucas, Leonora Reilly, John Marmion, Iris Christian, John Moroney, Father Peter Kelly, Frances Firth, Ken Davies and Mary Brownrigg.

Please get in touch if there are any alterations.