

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel

by Father Stephen

Jesus returns to his home town, is rejected by his relatives and says, "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house." A prophet speaks on behalf of God, as God's messenger and on behalf of those who have no one to speak for them, giving a voice to the voiceless, for example the widow, the orphan, the stranger. A prophet is not a fore-teller but a forth-teller, who proclaims with insight the evils that afflict society and can ultimately spell its downfall. Jesus proclaims the nearness of God's reign, urges people to take a second look at their lives and embodies God's mercy by



associating with the marginal and suspect people of his day. Jesus' rejection by his family is mentioned by all the gospels. None of his named relatives are among his first disciples. Only John

mentions that Jesus' mother is at the cross. Jesus did not fulfil their desire for a nationalistic messiah who would drive out the Roman occupiers but proclaimed instead forgiveness of enemies and acceptance of non-Jews. Because their minds are closed he could work no miracle there.

Canon Stephen Coonan's Ruby Anniversary 1978 – 2018



Celebration Mass on Sunday 29th July
at 11:15am at Our Lady & St. John

Everyone Welcome

There will be envelopes available from this weekend for parishioners who would like to give something towards a collection for Canon Stephen Coonan, on the occasion of his Ruby Anniversary. The collection will be presented to him at his Celebration Mass on Sunday 29th July at 11:15am at Our Lady and St John.

Please note that on that day there will be no 5pm Mass at Holy Family.

Book Group – Rediscover Jesus: We continue to read and discuss the book Rediscover Jesus. If you are free on any Tuesday evenings, please come and join us from **7pm-8pm** in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John's.



Wednesday 10:00am-8:30pm at OLSJ
&
Saturday after 12 noon Mass at Holy Family

The Eucharistic

God's Mercy
Mankind's Lifeline
Come Worship Him

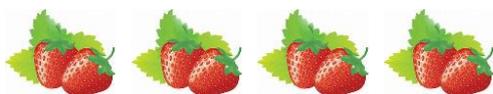
Wirral Food Bank

Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last week. The contributions are as follows:

- Holy Family 13.22 kgs
- OLSJ 7.66 kgs.



For more information about the Wirral Food Bank visit their website at wirral.foodbank.org.uk

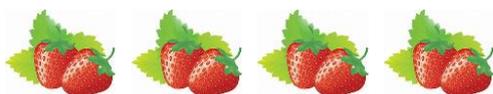


Holy Family Strawberry Tea



Our ever-popular annual Strawberry Tea takes place on **Saturday July 14th from 2- 4pm at Holy Family**, tickets £2.50. Hopefully we will have a lovely sunny day, but the weather will not put us off.

Tickets will be available from the Box Office or ring Jean 648 0988 We need an idea of numbers for catering. This is always a lovely afternoon and a chance to meet friends old and new so do join us.



Deadline for National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress, Adoremus, 7 – 9 September 2018:

Bookings to hear the inspirational Bishop Robert Barron (www.wordonfire.org) from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on Saturday (08/9) and for the 9:30 am Pilgrimage Mass on Sunday (09/9) will be taken until **Tuesday 31 July**. Please book and pay for your Congress tickets through your parish. Sunday Mass tickets can be booked online at www.jumpdp.com/adoremus2018. Tickets and delegate packs will be posted to delegates in mid-August. All details: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org – follow the Adoremus link.



OLSJ Parish Support Group

invite all parishioners to a

Parish Open Meeting

On

Tuesday 17th July in the Meeting Room at 7pm. Come along and find out who we are and what we do!

In case you are not sure who we are, photos of the OLSJ Parish Support Group can be found on the noticeboard in the church porch.

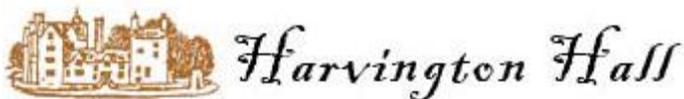
Everyone welcome.

✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patricia Wright** who has died recently.

Patricia's Funeral Service takes place at Our Lady and St John on **Wednesday 11th July at 9:00 am**.

May her soul Rest in Peace. Please remember to pray for her family at this difficult time.



Harvington Hall

LPA pilgrimage: Harvington Hall: September

The three parishes in our LPA (St Winefride's, Holy Family and OLSJ) propose a day trip visit to Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, which contains a number of priest holes from the Reformation (see www.harvingtonhall.com). The trip is planned for the week commencing 17th September and will cost £10-£15 depending on numbers. This will cover entrance to the Hall and Afternoon Tea. The cost of the coach will be subsidised by the three parishes. The trip will only run if we get sufficient numbers so please indicate your interest as soon as possible to: Jean Jenkins (HF) 648-0988; Derek Pover (St W's) 336-8426; Bernard Larkin (OLSJ) 342-5517.

Sicily's acclaimed Ten Strings Duo

A music recital in Ss. Catherine & Martina Church, Hoylake on **Saturday 21st July 2018** at 7.30pm. Classical guitar and violin from distinguished guitarist Davide Sciacca and violinist Marianatalia Ruscica, playing a selection by composers such as Andrea Amici, Roberto Cipollina, Maximo Diego Pujol and Laurent Boutros. Open to all. No cost, no ticketing, just turn up and enjoy including a cheese & wine, tea and coffee interval. A donation can be made at the end of the evening.

Crafty Kids: Once again, over the summer holidays Laura (from OLSJ Children's Liturgy) will be running some arts and crafts activities for children. She would be very grateful for any donations of plastic bottles, kitchen roll tubes, glass jars, plastic tubs and boxes, ribbons or wool – anything you'd like to recycle and that could be used for arts and craft! There will be a big box in the OLSJ meeting room from **8th – 22nd July** for any donations to be left in.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the activities. This may be of interest to young people who are working towards a Duke of Edinburgh Award, would like more experience working with children, or generally would like more work experience.

For more information please email craftykidswirral@hotmail.com

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATE!

We are working on updating the parish website. If anyone has any particular thoughts about content, please let us know. Contact Bernie Hailwood or Victoria Hanlon at OLSJ or Brian Sharp at HF or email contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk



Mary Holgate and Margaret Stanley from Our Lady and St. John invite you to come and join them **every Saturday morning at 9:30am** at Our Lady and St John, to say the Rosary and pray for parishioner, Mary Brownrigg who is very poorly at the moment.

“For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20



The Stitch Craft Group at Our Lady and St John will restart on **Tuesday 11th September**.



The next Monthly Prayer Breakfast will take place on **Saturday 14th July @ 8:30am** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ.

The Prayer Breakfast is a friendly gathering where we hold a reflective service from 8.30am - 9am, followed by a friendly simple breakfast. This month our service will be led by St. Peter's Church. All are most welcome.

No need to book, just come along.

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| Sat 7 th July | Ferial | 6:00 pm | Mass – Private Intention | OUR LADY & ST. JOHN |
| Sun 8 th July | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II) | 11:15 am | Mass – Parishioners | |
| Mon 9 th July | Ferial | | No Mass | |
| Tues 10 th July | St Benedict | | No Mass | |
| Wed 11 th July | Ferial | 9:00 am | Funeral Service – Patricia Wright | |
| | | 10:00 am to 8:30 pm | Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord | |
| Thurs 12 th July | Ferial | | No Mass | |
| Fri 13 th July | Ferial | | No Mass | |
| Sat 14 th July | Ferial | 6:00 pm | Mass – Glenyis Jones R.I.P. | |
| Sun 15 th July | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III) | 11:15 am | Mass – Damian Mills Birthday Anniversary | |

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| HOLY FAMILY | Sun 8 th July | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II) | 9:30 am | Mass - Edgar Candlish R.I.P (Anniversary) |
| | | | 5:00 pm | Mass – Barbara Roberts R.I.P (Anniversary) |
| | Mon 9 th July | St Augustine Zhao Rong & Comp | | No Mass or Service |
| | Tues 10 th July | Ferial | | No Mass or Service |
| | Wed 11 th July | St Benedict | | No Mass or Service |
| | Thurs 12 th July | Ferial | 9:00 am | Service of Word and Sacrament |
| | Fri 13 th July | Ferial | | No Mass or Service |
| | Sat 14 th July | Ferial | 12 noon | Mass - Eileen Finn R.I.P (Anniversary) |
| | Sun 15 th July | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III) | 9:30 am | Mass - Intentions of Sheila & Bill (Thanksgiving) |
| | | | 5:00 pm | Mass – Anne Dormer R.I.P. (Recently Dead) |

Confessions – Note that there will be NO confessions during the week as Father Stephen is away on holiday.

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 - 8pm after morning Mass.

Sick: Please remember in your prayers all those in both parishes who are sick at home or in hospital, including Catherine Maschke, Carol Saunders, Gerry Smith, Joe Lucas, Leonora Reilly, Iris Christian, John Moroney, Father Peter Kelly, Ken Davies, Mary Brownrigg and Madge McGrath. *Please get in touch if there are any alterations.*