

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



## Easter Triduum



### Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**7 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Family

### Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**10 am** Walk of Witness starts at OLSJ

**10 am** Stations of the Cross at Holy Family

**3 pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Holy Family & OLSJ

### Holy Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**7:30 pm** Easter Vigil at OLSJ

### Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**9.30am** Mass at Holy Family

**11.15am** Mass at OLSJ

**But NO evening Mass at Holy Family.**

Mark's Passion narrates vividly Jesus' anguish in the garden and does not flinch from the most brutal aspects of the execution ritual (scourging, mocking, crowning with thorns). Yet he writes from the viewpoint of Easter faith, which is rooted in the mystery of the Cross. The Cross is salvation; the humiliation of Jesus is his exaltation; the way of discipleship is the way of suffering, and while the called disciples flee, women who had followed him in Galilee stand at the cross. The proper confession of Jesus as Son of God is uttered by the pagan centurion. Jesus dies with a cry, "My God, my God, why have you deserted

me?" This is a line from Psalm 22 which leaves us to wonder whether this is truly despair or an unfinished lament that ends in triumphant hope.

### + Stations of the Cross at Holy Family +

Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday during Lent after Morning Mass. If anyone would like to lead the Stations on Friday please sign the sheet in the sacristy corridor. Thank you.

### Lenten Reflections

Do come and join Bob Evans in the Meeting Room at OLSJ **every Tuesday in Lent from 7pm – 8pm** where he will be holding a discussion group on the book **Rediscover Jesus** by Matthew Kelly. If you can't make the group, you can sign up for the daily Lenten Reflections from Matthew Kelly on our Parish Website via the Parish Blog. Just go to the Parish Blog and click on the link under the title 'Best Lent Ever' or alternatively you can go directly to the website at

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/len-reflections-2018>

**Holy Week Children's Liturgy:** There will be a special Children's Liturgy at OLSJ during 3pm Mass on Good Friday. We will be doing lots of activities to explore the Easter story and make it meaningful for the children.

**IMPORTANT Please Take Note** that no children should be left unattended in the children's area at the back of OLSJ church during or after Mass. This area is not supervised and all children playing there should be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Confirmation 2018:** This year confirmation will take place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** at Our Lady and St John's Church. Young people in Year 8 and above are eligible to be confirmed. If you wish for your child to enrol, please give your child's name, date of birth and your email address to Fr. Stephen as soon as possible.



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

**&**

**Saturday after 12 noon Mass at Holy Family**

We would like to thank God for the great Grace He has given us, that we have had Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish since February 2013.

We would also like to thank the people of Holy Family and Our Lady & St. John's parishes who have been so faithful to their Hour and for the many graces and blessings we have received.

We would not have been able to do this without the help of those on our reserve list who have covered for holidays, doctors' appointments etc.

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?**

Please come and share with us this great opportunity.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> April 6-8pm** "The Eucharist and prayer" by Bp Brian Noble;
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 6-8pm** "The Eucharist and charity" by Dr Catherine Hollum;
- **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 6-8pm** "The Eucharist and Shakespeare" by Fr Nick Kern
- **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 6-8pm** "The Eucharist and human rights" by Canon David Roberts.

Just turn up, no booking required. Everyone welcome.

**Over 55's Afternoon Tea:** We will **not** meet this month because the last Tuesday falls within Holy Week. Our next Afternoon Tea will be on **24<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Susan Hickson, Eileen Adams and Kathy Margerison** who have died recently.

- **Susan Hickson's** Funeral Mass takes place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9am** at Our Lady and St John.
- **Eileen Adam's** Funeral Service takes place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30pm** at Landican.
- **Kathy Margerison's** Funeral Mass takes place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon** at Our lady and St John.

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

#### **Red Mission Boxes**

**Holy Family:** Would all box holders in Holy Family Parish Church bring them to church for emptying/counting. Boxes can be handed to Mary/John Wrigley or left in the sacristy. Donations also gratefully accepted.

**OLSJ:** It is once again time for a collection. Would any OLSJ Red Box Holders please leave them in the sacristy over the next two weeks? Thank you, they will be returned with magazines in the normal way.

**Gift Aid:** The end of the tax year is drawing ever closer. If you Gift Aid your offertory donation it is important that you check you are paying sufficient tax to cover the amount we will reclaim under Gift Aid. If you are no longer paying tax or not enough tax to cover the claim you should contact us urgently:

**Holy Family:** Fred Taylor 342 5922

**OLSJ:** Bernard Larkin 342 5517

#### **Planned Giving - New Envelopes (Holy Family):**

The boxes for next year's envelopes will be available at the back of church from Sunday 25th March onwards. Please take your box as soon as you can and pass on theirs's to your friend or neighbour. The boxes are arranged in alphabetical order and there are a few spare boxes for those who wish to join the scheme. The first Sunday to use the new envelopes will be **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**. Please contact Fred Taylor at 342-5922 if you are a taxpayer and have any questions about Gift Aid or any other questions about the scheme of planned giving.

#### **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.

### News from Assam

Fr Cyprian writes to say that the boys are all doing well. Five of the boys who passed the final exams have been chosen to go on to the minor seminary. Fr Cyprian has also sent us the results of the English Essay Prize Competition. This is £50 donated by a parishioner and shared among three winners. Photos of the winners and a copy of the winning essay by Zackarias Lakra are on the Assam noticeboard. All the winning essays can be found on our website. In a few words Zacharias describes how it is to live in a village without any electricity and why education is the key to a better future. We should take the time to read this. ***We are looking for a new donor for this year's Essay Competition prize. Any takers? Ring Fred Taylor at 342-5922.***

### Collection Amounts

OLSJ	18.03.2018	£709.20
HF	11.03.2018	£637.78
HF	18.03.2018	£471.37



**Assam Collection:** Please note that the next Assam collection will take place on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April, not next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April** which is Easter Sunday.

**Holy Family Easter Flower Appeal:** Thanks for your generous support for the Easter flower collection. We raised £104.20p.



**OLSJ Flower Group** - please meet at **4.30pm on Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018** to do the Easter arrangements and bring any suitable greenery. Newcomers welcome.

**Wirral Food Bank:** Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last week. The contributions are as follows, Holy Family 18.88 kgs and OLSJ 12.51 kgs. At the moment the Food Bank is running really short of the following items:

- Tinned Custard
- Sugar (small if possible)
- Washing-up Liquid
- Tea
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Small Cereal
- Sponge Puddings.

Many thanks for your continued generous support.



**Holy Family Easter Egg Raffle** Our annual Easter egg raffle will start this Sunday. Monies raised will be shared between Lucy's fundraising for Lourdes and funding our senior citizens afternoon tea. Tickets available from the Box Office. As ever we are grateful for your support and generosity.



### 'Feed the Hungry'- Self-Denial in Lent - Bring back your bowls.

Please remember to bring back your bowls/ Cafod envelopes to support of Cafod's work in helping to feed those poor people in the world whose share in the basic necessities of life are far less than our own.

***'This is what God asks of you - only this'.***

A collection box will be available at the back of Holy Family church for you to return the result of your self-denial in the bowls and/or Cafod envelopes.

**Carmelite Collection:** It is a custom at Our Lady and St John's to bring gifts for the Carmelite Monastery in Birkenhead, on Maundy Thursday. Dry goods are always welcome (e.g. lentils, cereals, tinned fish) or anything useful for normal household use (e.g. hand wash, toilet rolls etc). Many thanks to everyone.

### Ladymount PTA

- **Quiz Night** with nibbles, £5 per ticket, on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** in Ladymount's school hall, from 7.30pm for 8pm start.
- **Summer Fair** 11am - 2pm on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 **9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ladymountpta@gmail.com) or phone Lisa on 07886620462.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** This year marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette in Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August overland and 27<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August by air. Brochures and booking forms can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or from the Pilgrimage Office: St Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey, CH44 5UD. This year flight seats are limited so early booking is recommended.

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Ferial	6:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> – Richard Darby R.I.P.	<b>OUR LADY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>
<b>Sun</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Passion (Palm) Sunday</b>	11:15 am	<b>Mass</b> – John Harrison Ogg R.I.P.	
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday of Holy Week	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> – Maureen Birch	
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday of Holy Week	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> – William Macaulay Anniversary	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday of Holy Week	9:00 am	<b>Celebration of Word and Communion</b>	
		9:00 am to 8:30 pm	<b>Adoration</b> - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Thursday		<b>No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 7pm)</b>	
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday	10:00 am	<b>Walk of Witness starting at OLSJ</b>	
		3:00 pm	<b>Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>	
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Holy Saturday	7:30 pm	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> – Parishioners	
<b>Sun</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	11:15 am	<b>Easter Sunday Mass</b> – Holy Souls	

<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Ferial	12 noon	<b>Mass</b> – Betty Walker R.I.P (Lately Dead)
	<b>Sun</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Passion (Palm) Sunday</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> - Douglas Thompson (Anniversary)
			5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the Parish
	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday of Holy Week		<b>No Mass (Mass at Our Lady &amp; St John at 9am)</b>
	Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday of Holy Week		<b>No Mass (Mass at Our Lady &amp; St John at 9am)</b>
	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday of Holy Week	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Kenneth Stanton R.I.P (Anniversary)
	Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Thursday	7.00pm	<b>Mass of The Lord's Supper</b> - John & Olive Telford R.I.P (Anniversaries)
	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday	10:00 am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
			3:00 pm	<b>Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Holy Saturday		<b>No Mass</b> <b>Confessions 11:30 am - 12 noon</b>	
<b>Sun</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> - Thurston Family Intentions	
			<b>No 5pm Mass Today</b>	

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and Ken Davies.

*Please get in touch if there are any alterations.*