

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel

by Father Stephen

Moses who had experienced the mystery of God at the burning bush states the foundation of all thinking about the Trinity: There is one God, who is both transcendent and deeply involved in the life of the people. The final words of Matthew's Gospel commission the disciples to make disciples of all the nations by baptising people "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." "In the name of" suggests sharing in the very life of God and Paul makes the extraordinary statement that those who are moved by the Spirit become sons and daughters of God and joint heirs with Christ. We become by grace what God is by nature.

The Trinity is a God for us, who lives as a blessing for the poor and those who mourn, confronts the power of evil, enters with compassion into the world of human suffering, breaks down the barriers between human sin and divine holiness and reconciles enemies. The pattern of Jesus' life shows forth the triune God who is with us till the end of time.



**Wednesday 9:30am-8:30pm at OLSJ
&
Saturday after 12 noon Mass at Holy Family**

URGENT HELP NEEDED!

Would you consider covering for the Regular People whilst they go for doctor's appointments or holidays? This would involve **one hour on a Wednesday** on an OCCASIONAL BASIS. Please be generous with your time.

"It is the LORD"

If the answer is "Yes" please speak to Ann Parsons at Church or on phone number 342 7229. A BIG THANK YOU.

REMINDER Assam Collection: Please note that the next Assam collection will take place next **Sunday 3rd June.**

Chernobyl Children Lifeline

The annual visit of these poor children to Wirral takes place again in June. It is not too late to ask about hosting but there is also a need for supporters (or Buddies) to help the host families look after the children, when needed. There may be times when family matters take precedence over activities and it might be that a "sitter" is required. These support families provide an integral part of the hosting activity. As last year there is a need for donations of gifts for the children to take home Suggested items are:

- Socks and underpants for ages 8 to 11
- Calpol or any other child paracetamol in sachets,
- Vegetable seeds.

There will be a collection box at the back of church.

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.

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.

Caritas (formerly Catholic Children Society): 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.



Ian Butler will be taking part in the **Wirral Coastal Sponsored Walk on 24th June** on behalf of the CAFOD Syria, Yemen and Rohingya Appeals. Sponsor forms can be found at the back of Church. Thank you.



Over 55's Afternoon Tea

Our next Afternoon Tea for ladies and gents will be **THIS Tuesday 29th May at 2pm-4pm** in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John. Everyone welcome.

Holy Family 200 Club

Week 7 – 20th May

1 st Prize	£25	No. 8	J. Murphy
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 67	Mrs Mitchell
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 54	C. Keenan

Many thanks to all who have paid their subs for this session

New members are always very welcome to join.



Wirral Food Bank

Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last week. The contributions are as follows, Holy Family 22.23kgs and OLSJ 12.77kgs.

The Food Bank are quite short of several items in their warehouse at present and have requested donations of the following items in particular:

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Potatoes
- Washing-up Liquid
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Instant Mash
- Packet Soup
- Sponge Puddings
- Hot Chocolate
- Washing Powder Tablets
- Cereal (small if possible)
- Tinned Fruit

We have plenty of BEANS & PASTA thank you. Many thanks for your continued generous support.



OLSJ Piety Stall: There is a large selection of Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts available at the Piety Stall at the back of Our Lady and St John's Church.

VISIT TO THE SEAFARERS CENTRE

As you know each year we send various items to the Seafarers Centre in Crosby for which they are very thankful as are all the Seafarers who visit during their stay in Liverpool. John Wilson from the centre has given us the opportunity to pay a visit to the centre and see for ourselves what happens there.

This will take place on **Thursday 21st June 2018**. The evening will begin at 7.00pm in Crosby and light refreshments will be served during our visit. We will leave from Our Lady and St John in cars (car share) at 6.00pm.

If you are interested please call Joan Larkin - 0151 342 5517 on or before **Thursday 31st May 2018**.



The Murphy family together with George and Colette, would like to thank Canon Coonan, Deacon Jeff, Peter and all parishioners for their love and prayers. The kindness and support we experienced when Betty died – and still feel now – will be with us always. Thank you very much. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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.

The next one will take place on **Sunday 27th May 6-8pm** "The Eucharist and human rights" by Canon David Roberts. Just turn up, no booking required. Everyone welcome.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **George Lacey** who has died recently.

George's Funeral Service takes place on **Thursday 31st May at 9:30am** at Landican.

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

A massive **THANK YOU** to the Social Committee at Holy Family for a fantastic afternoon last Sunday. They worked tirelessly to entertain us, feed us and to ensure we had a great time. It was lovely to meet up with friends old and new. We look forward to the next one.

Charles Thompson Mission: This is a local Charity in Birkenhead that has been going since the 1880's. They distribute food and clothing to those in need who call in at their Birkenhead centre. If you have any old [or new] clothing that you want to discard then please take it to the centre at Hemingford Street, Birkenhead Tel: [647 7303](tel:6477303). The building is open every day from 7am- 1pm.



Plea for Help



The Scout Group are having a big clean and fix from **9am on Saturday 23rd June**. This will involve painting, gardening, cleaning, repairs and a big tidy up. If anyone is available to help even for an hour or so we would be very grateful. Help us get prepared for the next year of adventure. Speak to Jean (07966295388) or sign up at the Box Office. Thank you.

S.P.U.C. MID-SUMMER CONCERT with the West Wirral Musical Society, will be singing songs from the shows and Gilbert and Sullivan, on **Friday 15th June at 7:30pm** in St Winefrides School Hall, Mellock Lane, Neston. Tickets only £5 which includes a light supper. Bring your own drink and glass and there will be a raffle and Irish Bingo. For Tickets Please contact Rowena Wright on 336 2684 or Margaret Unsworth on 336 2050.

Ministry Rotas at Holy Family: The new ministry rotas for the coming 6 months are now ready. Please access them in the usual way. Thank you.



The next Monthly Prayer Breakfast will take place on

Saturday 12th June @ 8:30am

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

Everyone welcome.

Christian Aid Week: My thanks to everyone who gave during Christian Aid week. We raised £320.84 at Holy Family and £401.18 at OLSJ. If you have still got an envelope, please do bring it into church or drop it off at my house, 134 Kylemore Drive, Pensby. I will let you know the final figure once all the Holy Family street collections are counted. Thanks again, Suzy Smallwood.

Sat 26 th May	St Philip Neri	6:00 pm	Mass – Anthony Birch Anniversary	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 27 th May	The Most Holy Trinity	11:15 am	Mass – Henry Bernard McGurk R.I.P. Anniversary	
Mon 28 th May	Ferial	10:00 am	Mass – Karen Kiama Birthday Thanksgiving	
Tues 29 th May	Ferial		No Mass	
Wed 30 th May	Ferial	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 31 st May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 pm	Mass – Frank Ford R.I.P.	
Fri 1 st June	St Justin		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)	
Sat 2 nd June	Ss Marcellinus & Peter	6:00 pm	Mass – Bernard Wright Anniversary	
Sun 3 rd June	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	11:15 am	Mass – Special Intention for Mary Brownrigg	

HOLY FAMILY	Sat 26 th May	St Philip Neri	12 noon	Mass – Alan Woods R.I.P.
	Sun 27 th May	The Most Holy Trinity	9:30 am	Mass - Helen Ryan R.I.P (50 th Birthday Remembrance)
			5:00 pm	Mass - Barbara Hughes
	Mon 28 th May	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at Our Lady & St John at 10am)
	Tues 29 th May	Ferial		No Mass
	Wed 30 th May	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Betty Murphy R.I.P.
	Thurs 31 st May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 am	Service of Word and Sacrament
	Fri 1 st June	St Justin	9:00 am	Mass – Father Stephen’s Intentions
	Sat 2 nd June	Ss Marcellinus & Peter	12 noon	Mass - Anne & Jeff’s Intentions (No Adoration or Holy Hour today- Baptism of Sophie Dawson)
Sun 3 rd June	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	9:30 am	Mass - Douglas Thompson R.I.P (Anniversary)	
		5:00 pm	Mass – Holy Souls	

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, Iris Christian, John Moroney, Father Peter Kelly, Ken Davies and Mary Brownrigg. *Please get in touch if there are any alterations.*