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

Peter goes up to Jesus and says, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother, if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus counters with a call for forgiveness without limits and then tells him a parable in three acts.

Act 1: The narrative begins somewhat ominously with a king auditing his books, then summoning a man who owes ten thousand talents, a huge sum, which amounts to more than the yearly taxes collected from the Roman province of Asia! When the debt can't be repaid, the king orders him and his family to be sold into slavery. The debtor begs the king to give him time to repay the loan and surprisingly out of compassion the king lets him go and cancels the debt. If the parable ended there it would be a wonderful story of God's limitless compassion and forgiveness.

Act 2: The forgiven debtor rushes out to tell his family the good news, only to run into a "fellow servant" who owes him one hundred denarii, a much smaller amount, roughly a third of a year's wage for a labourer. Recalling Jesus' reply to Peter, you might expect the first servant would cancel the debt and embrace his fellow debtor. Shockingly, he grabs him by the throat and begins to throttle him. His fellow servant asks for more time, but he has him thrown into the debtors' prison.

Act 3: At this point our sympathy shifts from rejoicing with the first servant to seeing him as a moral monster in his treatment of a fellow debtor. The other servants are "deeply distressed" and report the grave injustice to the king. The king who was initially a model of compassion now exercises justice for the sake of the powerless victim: "Were you not bound to have pity on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?"

Important Notice

OLSJ Church Interior Redecoration

The interior redecoration of the main body of Our Lady & St. John's Church is almost complete. The Meeting Room at OLSJ, is due to begin from **Monday 18th September** for one week.

For safety reasons, please do not attempt to gain access to the Church or the Meeting Room on weekdays during the redecoration.

Jesus then applies the parable to Peter's question, saying: "And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart." God summons us to be forgiving because we have experienced forgiveness. Only those who have experienced God's compassionate and undeserved mercy can really learn to forgive a brother or sister from their hearts.

Wirral Trade Justice: The parish is a member of this group and we are invited to attend a talk 'International Trade for the Common Good?' on **6th October** at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Graham Rd (off Meols Drive), West Kirby. The talk is given by Dorothy Guerrero, a National Leader of the 'Global Justice Now' organization with over 30 years' experience of this subject. It should be a rewarding and informative event, well worth going to.

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline: We have received a lovely thank you letter, addressed to both our parishes, for the many gifts of clothing, seeds etc., as well as the £245 in cash donations, given this Summer for the 16 children hosted in Wirral. The organisers are already planning for next year's visit and asked us to inform you they are especially in need of new hosts. To get a flavour of how the children were hosted and entertained this year, please read the Report and the thank you words of the leaders and the children's parents. There is a copy of this on both church noticeboards.

Family Ceilidh

at the British Legion, Heswall
on
Friday 29th September.

This is open to family and friends of Our Lady & St. John and Holy Family. **Tickets are going fast** - please contact Joan Larkin 342 5517 as soon as possible to get your tickets (£5 each) or buy them from the box office at Holy Family.



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS will take place at Our Lady & St. John's on **Sunday 8th October at 3.30pm**. During the service, petitions may be placed before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will end with Benediction. All welcome.

St Anselm's College Open Evening for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 on **Tuesday 19th September** from 5pm to 8pm.

Anselmian Association Dinner will be held at the College on **Friday 29th September**, 7pm for 7:30pm. Tickets cost £30 pp and are available from the Association at anselmianassociation@st-anselms.com

Wirral Food Bank: Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last week. The contributions are as follows, Holy Family 11.76kgs and OLSJ 16.46kgs.

Catechetical Formation

A National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage will be held in Liverpool, in **September 2018**.

As part of our diocesan preparation for this, the theme for the next Catechists' Day will be: 'The Eucharist: Food for our Joy'. We will ask how we, as Catechists, can communicate this great truth of our faith to the many different people with whom we work. The event is open to all Catechists, and to anyone who has a particular interest in this question.

Speakers: Miss Barbara Davies will explore how and where society encourages us to find joy; Deacon Tony Crisp will give the Gospel writers' answer to our search: The Eucharist.

Date: Saturday, 7th Oct 2017.

Times: 10:00-13:00

(9:30 Registration/Refreshments)

Venue: Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, CH65 7AQ.

All Enquiries: Barbara Davies, 07730 526 821

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Registration: Helen Jones, 0151 652 9855

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Wednesday 9:30am-7:30pm
&
Saturday after 12 noon Mass

both at Holy Family during September

*My soul is sad,
My heart is breaking tonight.
Could you not watch and
comfort me until light?
Am I alone,
Surrounded only by night?
Could you not watch one hour with me?*

Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal – School clothing and classroom essentials: If you are buying new school clothes/equipment please consider either recycling your good quality used items or donate some new items for this appeal ball, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, spoon. Remember they don't have to be new...recycle where you can!

[There is a box at the back of church for donations.](#)

** There is a thank you card from Sue Donovan on the notice board at the back of church for the generous cash donations that were given to the charity. **

Lately Dead of the Parish

Your prayers are asked for the Repose of the Soul of **Alan Christian** (Jane Everett's dad) who died suddenly recently.

Alan's Requiem Mass takes place at Holy Family on **Monday 25th September at 11am (note change of date from previously advised)**.

Please remember his family in your prayers at this sad time.

May he Rest in Peace.

First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion

2018: If you have a child who will be 8 years old in this Academic Year, he or she will be eligible to celebrate these important sacraments in 2018. Children in Year 3 at our parish school Ladymount will follow a programme of preparation there. For children who are in other schools there will be a Parish Programme of Preparation taking place in the parish room at Our Lady and St John. If you wish your child to take part in the parish programme, please contact Fr Stephen on 342 6581 or email

father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk.

Last Week's Collection Amounts

OLSJ:	10.09.2017	£652.47
HF:	10.09.2017	£530.32



Harvest Festival at Holy Family

The Holy Family parish are giving thanks for the Harvest this year on **Sunday 8th October**. Parishioners are invited on that day to bring fruit and vegetables etc. which will be distributed after mass. Any donations received will go to CAFOD.

As in previous years, **there will be no Assam Collection [on Sunday 1st Oct]**. Instead, parishioners are invited to take part in Cafod's Harvest Fast Day, on Friday 6th October. Cafod envelopes are available at the back of church and will be collected, along with the normal Sunday collection, over the rest of October.

Harvest Festival at Our Lady & St John Date in October to be confirmed.

10th Cursillo Weekend in the Shrewsbury Diocese to be held at Wistaston Hall, Crewe on **12th to 15th October 2017**. See poster at the back of church for further details.

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VACANCIES

Our Lady and St. Edward's Catholic Primary School - Deputy Head Teacher

Due to the successful appointment of our current Deputy Head to Headship the Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, inspirational and committed Catholic to the post of Deputy Head Teacher to join our outstanding school.

The successful candidate will work with the Head Teacher, staff and Governors to lead and develop this National Support School on the next stage of its journey as a Teaching School.

We warmly encourage applicants to visit our school. Visits will be available on the 20th September & 21st September 2017. Please contact school to arrange an appointment.

Application must be made on the CES senior leadership application form. Application packs are available on our school website. Closing Date for applications is 25th September 2017 at 12.00 pm

Date of interview: Friday 29th September 2017

Start Date: January 2018

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - Deputy Head Teacher

Owing to the retirement of our Deputy Headteacher, the Governors are seeking to appoint a committed, enthusiastic practising Catholic teacher to the post of Deputy Headteacher in our successful school.

Visits to the school are strongly encouraged and can be arranged by contacting the school office on 0151 652 8454.

Applications and supporting letters must be submitted using the CES application form on the CES website or by contacting the school directly. All online applications and supporting statements must be followed up by posting signed paper copies to Miss Jane Bradley, Headteacher at the above address.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 29th September 2017

Date of interview: Wednesday 18th October 2017

Start Date: January 2018

Sat 16 th Sept	Ss Cornelian & Cyprian	6:00 pm	Mass – Eileen & Billy Boylan Diamond Anniversary	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 17 th Sept	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:15 am	Mass – Ted Flemming R.I.P.	
Mon 18 th Sept	Ferial		Church redecoration taking place. Masses celebrated at Holy Family instead.	
Tues 19 th Sept	Ferial			
Wed 20 th Sept	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions (The Korean Martyrs)		Adoration at Holy Family	
Thurs 21 st Sept	St Matthew		Church redecoration taking place.	
Fri 22 nd Sept	Ferial		Masses celebrated at Holy Family instead.	
Sat 23 rd Sept	St Pio of Pietrelcina	6:00 pm	Mass – Vin & Mary Williams Joseph & Margaret Hall	
Sun 24 th Sept	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:15 am	Mass – Parishioners	

HOLY FAMILY	Sat 16 th Sept	Ss Cornelian & Cyprian	12 noon	Mass – Eileen Finn R.I.P (Anniversary)
	Sun 17 th Sept	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 am	Mass – Anne Levis R.I.P (Anniversary)
			5:00 pm	Mass – Bernadette Cunningham R.I.P (Anniversary)
	Mon 18 th Sept	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Ray Lonergan R.I.P.
	Tues 19 th Sept	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Nick O’Keefe & Family
	Wed 20 th Sept	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions (The Korean Martyrs)	9:00 am	Mass – Veronica & Thomas Johnston
			9:30 am – 7:30 pm	Adoration Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord
	Thurs 21 st Sept	St Matthew	9:00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion
	Fri 22 nd Sept	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – In Thanksgiving
	Sat 23 rd Sept	St Pio of Pietrelcina	12 noon	Mass – Henry Finn R.I.P (Anniversary)
Sun 24 th Sept	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 am	Mass – Alan Christian R.I.P.	
		5:00 pm	Mass – Dennis Skean 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.

Adoration: Holy Family: Every Wednesday 9:30am until 7:30pm after morning Mass during September and 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:** None during September due to redecoration of the church.

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 and Mary Latimer.
Please get in touch if there are any alterations.