

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

## Reflection on Today's Gospel by Father Stephen

In today's gospel we have a dispute between Jesus, the Pharisees and some scribes over rules to assure purity while eating. The Pharisees were primarily a group of laypeople dedicated to strict observance of the temple regulations for purity in their daily lives as a sign that every aspect of life could be holy. They developed a series of traditions to build a fence around the Law, so that the Law itself would never be violated. In response Jesus stands in the prophetic tradition by quoting Isaiah 29:13 where the prophet castigates the tendency to put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

Tradition is essential not only to human life but to all religion as the narratives, rituals and beliefs of a community are handed on and adapted to new situations. But the gospel warns against the tendency inherent in all religions to equate traditional human precepts with God's will. Jesus then speaks to his followers, warning them of the evils that can pollute the human heart and destroy social relationships. We need to look into our own hearts and perhaps make a list of those destructive attitudes that can infect even those closest to Jesus.



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



## Baptisms in August

We warmly welcome the following children, who were baptised during August in our Parish:

- Caleb George Banh (OLSJ)
- Daphne Sloane Douglas (OLSJ)
- Cillian Gaynor (OLSJ)
- Owen Eaton (HF)



## Weddings in August

Our congratulations to:

- ❖ **Bella Peters and Mark** who were married at Our Lady and St John on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August**.
- ❖ **Catherine Logan and Chris Gaskin** who were married at Our Lady and St John on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August**.

May the Lord Bless them and their families as they begin their new life together.

## ☞ May They Rest in Peace ☜

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Arnold McNab** who recently died.

His Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady and St John on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**, followed by cremation at Landican South Chapel at 3.30pm. May his soul Rest in Peace. Please remember to pray for his family at this difficult time.

## Parishioners who need our Prayers

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
- ❖ Ken Davies
- ❖ Mary Brownrigg
- ❖ Madge McGrath



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.



**S.V.P. - We need your help!** We rely on members of the parish to let us know of anyone who would like a visit. Maybe they are in a home or at home and are lonely and would like a bit of company. Please do let us know. Contact Peter Ryan on 648-6704.



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

## The Eucharistic

God's Mercy  
Mankind's Lifeline  
Come Worship Him



## Harvington Hall

### LPA pilgrimage to Harvington Hall

This day trip will now be taking place on **Thursday, the 20th of September**. Final timings to be confirmed but provisionally leaving at 9am and returning at around 6pm. Cost is £15 which will cover the entrance fee and afternoon tea. Please make payment to your parish representative (Jean Jenkins: Holy Family; Derek Pover: St Winefride's; Bernard Larkin: OLSJ) **by the 9th of September**. Cheques payable to "Our Lady and St John", please. Any queries to Bernard Larkin on 342-5517.

### Cake Sale to Raise Funds for CHRI – Next Weekend

Lydia Nsutebu and her daughters Emma and Sidi will be having a Cake Sale in the Meeting Room after 6pm Mass on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** and after 11:15am Mass on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September** for a charity called **Cameroon Humanitarian Relief Initiatives (CHRI)**. Visit [www.chrelief.org/](http://www.chrelief.org/) for more information.



Many thanks for the generous donations already raised in the two previous collections:

22.07.2018	-	£915.37
05.08.2018	-	£846.01

**Next Justice & Peace Meeting** will be on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, at the Presbytery at 7.30pm. Any parishioner from either parish is welcome to come along and see what we do.

### News from Assam

#### **Request for Financial Sponsorship from Fr. Andreas for Edlina Kerketta**

*Greetings to you!*

*I am pleased to inform you that Edlina Kerketta, one of the beneficiaries of the Peace & Justice Group, has just completed her M. Phil in Psychiatric Social Work. She has a great desire to complete her PhD too if she finds financial support for the course. My humble request is to see if someone is willing to sponsor her scholarship? Right now, she is in Dibrugarh looking for admissions & scholarship possibilities.*

*Fr. Andreas, Assam*

If you think that you would be in a position to help Edlina, please contact one of the members of the Justice and Peace Group at Holy Family.

Don't forget, the **next Assam Collection** will take place this **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

Assam collection on the **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August** amounted to **£222**. Thank you.

### Kerala Floods

#### An Appeal from the National SVP Headquarters

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write '**Kerala appeal**' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

**Holy Family 200 Club****Week 15 - 15th July 2018**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25.00	No 18	N Hindley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10.00	No 83	C Keenan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£ 5.00	No 33	A Richardson

**Week 16 - 22nd July 2018**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25.00	No 27	M Robson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10.00	No 79	K Metcalf
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£ 5.00	No 129	A Ireland

**Week 17 - 29th July 2018**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25.00	No 122	M Doolan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10.00	No 61	M Close
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£ 5.00	No 162	R Cantillon

**Week 18 - 5th August 2018**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25.00	No 158	C Webster
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10.00	No 26	A Newby
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£ 5.00	No 21	Mrs Emmerson

**Week 19 - 12th August 2018**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25.00	No 181	V Buckley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10.00	No 58	A Doolan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£ 5.00	No 192	N Dosda

**Week 20 - 19th August 2018**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25.00	No 4	K Teague
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10.00	No 17	D Grandy
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£ 5.00	No 167	S Hillyard

**That now concludes this session.**

Subs Received	£1210.00
Prizes given	£ 800.00
<b>Profit</b>	<b>£ 410.00</b>

*Cheque paid to Holy Family on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018*

**For Sale (NO fixed price, by donation only!)**

Holy Family has 2 Ottoman-type Solid Pine (in a natural finish) storage/blanket chests which are no longer required. They are almost new, and we would like them to go to a good home as soon as possible. They would be very suitable for "Upcycling" by an artistic person and can be viewed in the Sacristy. For further details please see Rev Jeff.

The next Monthly Prayer Breakfast will take place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September @ 8:30am** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ. No need to book, just turn up. Everyone welcome.

**Important Parish GDPR Training Day**

On 25th May 2018, a new EU Regulation came into force, called the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**. The purpose of the new Regulation is to strengthen and unify **data protection** for all individuals within the European Union. The Diocese of Shrewsbury has set up a series of training sessions across the Diocese in order to ensure that all Parishioners who volunteer in anyway, are brought up to speed with the new legal requirements. In our area, the Diocesan Solicitor, Sarah Williams will be giving a training session on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 11am in the Meeting Room at OLSJ**. The training session will last about 1-1½ hours. To give an idea of numbers, please sign up at the sheet at the back of church, which will be available after all weekend Masses this weekend or alternatively, email [contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk).

All parishioners who may handle Personal Data for the Parish (collecting sponsorship money, writing rotas, organising trips, running groups etc) are very much encouraged to attend.

If you are unable to attend this session, there are other sessions available locally. See the poster at the back of Church for more details.

**Christian Aid Event - Circle the City 2018**

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
9.00am for registration, 9:45am start

Circle the City is a 10km Sponsored Walk through South Liverpool, raising money for Christian Aid, supporting the world's poorest communities. It is a chance to see and learn about different traditions of Christianity in amongst beautiful and iconic scenery. By walking with us you will be directly helping those who need it most, standing together with our global neighbours to ensure equality, dignity, and justice for all. **Walk with us this September and help us fight poverty step by step!** Visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/events/circle-city-sponsored-walk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/circle-city-sponsored-walk)

**Diary Update!** The Spanish Evening planned to raise funds for **Change a Child's Life** at OLSJ September will now take place Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Further details to follow!

The **OLSJ Parish Support Group** will be next meeting on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. 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.

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Ferial or BVM	6:00 pm	Mass – Joan Lampkin R.I.P.
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)</b>	11:15 am	Mass – Michael Delamere
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	St Gregory the Great	9:00 am	Mass – Roger Walker
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> September	St Cuthbert	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Brenda O’Keefe
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Celebration of Word and Communion</b>
		9:30 am to 8:30 pm	<b>Adoration</b> - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Ferial	7:00 pm	Mass – Josephine Burbridge R.I.P.
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Ferial		<b>No Mass</b>
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary	6:00 pm	Mass – Gerard McDonagh Anniversary
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)</b>	11:15 am	Mass – Patrick Dunning R.I.P.

OUR LADY & ST. JOHN

<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)</b>	9:30 am	Mass - Lisa & Paul Intentions
			5:00 pm	Mass - Desmond Roberts R.I.P (Anniversary)
	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	St Gregory the Great		<b>No Mass or Service (Building Work)</b>
	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> September	St Cuthbert		<b>No Mass or Service (Building Work)</b>
	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Ferial		<b>No Mass or Service (Building Work)</b>
	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Ferial		<b>No Mass or Service (Building Work)</b>
	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Ferial		<b>No Mass or Service (Building Work)</b>
	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon	Mass - Valerie Marshall R.I.P (Anniversary) <i>(Confessions 11.30am-11.55am)</i>
	Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)</b>	9:30 am	Mass - Tom Horton R.I.P (Anniversary)
5:00 pm			Mass - Dave Gorman (Speedy Recovery)	

Legion of Mary Meetings

Every Monday morning at 10:45am in the meeting room at OLSJ.

Mothers' Prayers

Every Monday morning at 9:30am in the meeting room at OLSJ.

Confessions

**Our Lady & St John:** Saturday 5:15pm – 5:45pm  
**Holy Family:** Saturday 11:30am -11:50am

Adoration

**Holy Family:** Every Saturday after 12 noon Mass. On 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month, Divine Mercy devotions, prayers are included.  
**Our Lady & St John:** Every Wednesday 9:30am – 8:30pm after morning Mass.