

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel by Father Stephen

Today's gospel has James and John seeking positions of power and arousing jealousy among the other disciples, leading Jesus to adopt the role of Isaiah's suffering servant, "the Son of Man, who has come not to be served but serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

We share in Christ's priesthood. Whether we exercise the priesthood of the baptized or the ordained priesthood, it is to be a priesthood of service in a servant Church. The service is not just about being available but a service that actively brings liberation to people. A ransom is the price paid to free someone from slavery which can involve substituting yourself for the slave.

What God has done for us does call for a response of gratitude and loving service. Many people in authority or positions of responsibility throw their weight around, but Jesus states categorically: "This is not to happen among you!"

Loving service is displayed in parents at the bedside of a sick child, a spouse caring for another with dementia, giving lifts to people who have no transport, visiting the housebound and so on. How can we all live lives of better service?



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



☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anthony McConnell and John Adams** who have recently died.

Anthony's Memorial Service will take place at Our Lady and St John on **Tuesday 23rd October at 11:30am.**

His Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady and St John on **Thursday 25th October at 12:30pm.**

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



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS ** THIS AFTERNOON **

In honour of Our Lady and to pray for all our needs, the **October Devotions** will take place at Our Lady & St. John's **THIS Sunday 21st 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.

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
- ❖ David Gorman
- ❖ Norman Corish



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

Wirral Trade Justice presents the film "**Seed: The Untold Story**". Seeds are vital for life on earth. Who controls the supply of seeds today? This documentary is concerned with the future of our food. On **Thursday 25th October at 7:30pm** at St. Michael and All Angels Church Hall in Pensby. All welcome. There will be refreshments and a Fairtrade stall.



**He is King of Kings
Mighty GOD
HEAD of Our
CHURCH**

**Our GOD humbly awaits YOU in the monstrance
under the form of Bread every
Wednesday 9:30am-8:30pm at OLSJ
AND
Saturday after 12 noon Mass at Holy Family**

First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion

2019: 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 2019. 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.

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic?

Father Stephen will shortly be starting a program of preparation. If you are interested in joining the program, please contact Father Stephen on 342 6581 or email father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk.

Father Stephen is also looking for parishioners who would be willing to help him run this and future programs.

Wirral Food Bank: Thank you to both parishes for all your donations last week. The contributions are as follows: Holy Family 29.10 kgs and OLSJ 8.26 kgs.



Upton Hall School Mass at Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool

On Saturday 3rd November at 11.00am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King there is a Mass to celebrate Catholic Education and pray for members of our present school community. In particular this year, we are dedicating the Mass to Mrs Young and celebrating all that she achieved during her 21 years as Headmistress of Upton Hall School. Everyone associated with Upton Hall School and Holt Hill Convent is warmly invited.

Remedial Building Work at Holy Family

Work continues on the outstanding remedial work at Holy Family. We have been assured that as little disruption as possible will occur to our weekday Masses or Services and they should take place as usual, however with builders, nothing is certain, and changes **may** occur at very short notice! We can only offer our apologies should this happen. During this period, please take extra care when moving around the Church as materials or equipment may be present.

Parish Website Update: We are putting the final touches on our new Parish website and hope to have it up and running soon. Watch this space!

Cafod Family Fast Day 2018

Don't Forget to return your Cafod during October. Envelopes are available in both church porches.



Over 55's Afternoon Tea: The next afternoon tea will be on **Tuesday 30th October 2-4pm** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ. Do come and enjoy a nice cup of tea, cakes and friendly conversation. Everyone welcome.



HCPT Fundraiser – Sunday 4th November

At Easter time 2019, the HCPT group will once again be taking a small group of vulnerable and disadvantaged children on a pilgrimage to Lourdes. We will be holding an Irish Dancing Afternoon Tea fundraiser at St Anne's Parish Centre, Rock Ferry on **Sunday 4th November, 12-4pm**. Tickets will be available @ £8 for adults and £5 for accompanying children. Please contact Erin McCulloch on 07473311235 or by email erinmcculloch6@hotmail.co.uk Join us for a fun afternoon of Ceili dancing, Afternoon Tea, Irish Bingo, a raffle and traditional Irish dancing!!



Music Events in the Community

A concert by the **Deeside Singers** with a musical mixture from Madrigals to Mermaids. On Monday **22nd October** at 1pm at St Peter's

Centre, Heswall. Tickets £5 available from Lingham's Bookshop.

St Peter's Singers Advent Concert, Saturday 1st December at 7.30pm at United Reform Church, Heswall (please note change of venue) Gounod St Cecilia Mass & Bizet Te Deum, Soloists - Barbara Ruzsics; Peter Bates; Jonne Quint; Piano Stephen Hargreaves, Musical Director - Adrian Griffiths Tickets £12 available from Lingham's Bookshop.

Holy Family Social Committee: Thanks to all those who took time to fill in the questionnaire for the Social Committee. You have given us lots of food for thought. Once we have had a look at all the responses we will feed back to you.



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Job Vacancies: Caritas Shrewsbury currently have **2 vacancies: Family Support Social Worker and Refugee Project Worker.** Both positions are part-time, and a great opportunity for the right person. For further details and an Application Pack, please contact: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) or Tel: 0151 652 1281 / info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

November is the Month of The Holy Souls

The envelopes for the Remembrance of your Loved Ones and Offerings are now available in the porch at both churches.

- **At Holy Family**, please place your completed envelopes in the basket by the Sacred Heart Statue.
- **At OLSJ**, please place your completed envelopes in the box at the back of the church.
- **Alternatively**, you can post the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

May we take this opportunity to remind you, because we receive so many Intentions during this month that it's simply not possible to say an Individual Mass for each and every intention. The Mass is simply styled as "Holy Souls", please rest assured however that Masses will be said regularly throughout November and in the coming months, and all your intentions are remembered at those Masses.

COME TO LUNCH IN NOVEMBER

As promised we are returning with a lunch on **Tuesday 20th November at 1.00pm** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ. The lunch is open to pensioners both men and women. It is a home cooked lunch and the cost is £4.50. If you would like to come and enjoy good food and company, please give Helen a call on 342 7824 **before** Thursday 15th November 2018

OUR MEETING ROOM:

help is needed for an 'Autumn Clean' to our Meeting Room. This facility has been invaluable to all of us at Our Lady and St John and so that we can keep it looking as good as it did on the first day we had it, we have to do an annual clean. So, please put your name forward and come along on **Tuesday 6th November** at 7.00pm. It is important that a representative from each of the groups who use the room on a weekly/monthly basis are there to sort through the cupboard. Please give Joan a call on 342 5517 ASAP.



Harvest Festival at OLSJ Sunday 4th November

We will be celebrating the Harvest at OLSJ at **11:15am Mass on Sunday 4th November.** We are asking for donations of non-perishable items which will be donated to the Food Bank after Mass. Items that are currently most needed are tinned fish, tinned meat, packet soups, sponge puddings, tinned fruit, sugar and pasta sauce. Donations for the Harvest collection should be brought to church on the day or left at the back of church in the Harvest Collection box. Thank you.

Holy Family 200 Club

Week 1

1 st Prize	£25	No. 96	B. Toolan
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 65	D. Horton
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 192	N. Dosda

Week 2

1 st Prize	£25	No. 158	C. Webster
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 24	A. Smallwood
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 130	C. Moore

Thank you to all who have paid their subs. Please can all outstanding subs be paid ASAP. New members very welcome.

Sat 20 th October	Ferial or BVM	6:00 pm	Mass – Kevin & Irene Blane Golden Jubilee <i>(Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm)</i>	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 21 st October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	Mass – John Walker	
		3:00 pm	October Devotions	
Mon 22 nd October	St John Paul II	9:00 am	Mass – Patrick Dunning	
Tues 23 rd October	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Simon & Sheila Duggan Silver Wedding	
Wed 24 th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Celebration of Word and Communion	
		9:30 am to 8:30 pm	Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 25 th October	Ferial	7:00 pm	Mass – Ernest Pocock Anniversary	
Fri 26 th October	Ss. Chad & Cedd		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)	
Sat 27 th October	Ferial or BVM	6:00 pm	Mass – Alan Peter Bailey Anniversray <i>(Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm)</i>	
Sun 28 th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	11:15 am	Mass – Fiona Huntingford	

HOLY FAMILY	Sun 21 st October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Mass - Hazel Payne R.I.P (Recently Died)
			5:00 pm	Mass – Dorothy Bloom R.I.P (Anniversary)
	Mon 22 nd October	St John Paul II		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Tues 23 rd October	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Wed 24 th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Theresa Coonan
	Thurs 25 th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Service of Word & Sacrament
	Fri 26 th October	Ss. Chad & Cedd	9:00 am	Mass – Sara Bull (Speedy Recovery)
	Sat 27 th October	Ferial or BVM	12 noon	Mass – David Gorman (Speedy Recovery) <i>(Confessions 11.30am-11.55am)</i>
	Sun 28 th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Mass - Ruby Thomas R.I.P.
5:00 pm			Mass – Monica Bennett R.I.P. (Anniversary)	

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 1st Saturday of the Month, Divine Mercy devotions, prayers are included.

Our Lady & St John: Every Wednesday 9:30am – 8:30pm after morning Mass.