

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel by Father Stephen

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar is sitting at the side of the road begging. He hears Jesus coming and cries out for mercy: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.". Many tell him to keep quiet, but Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus replies: "Master, let me see again!" Jesus said, "Go; your faith has saved you." And immediately his sight returns, and he follows Jesus along the road.

Bartimaeus is one of the "little ones" of faith in the Gospel according to Mark who embody true discipleship unlike the blundering apostles. The story also reflects stages in the journey of faith for many in the Church. A person is in dire need, blind and begging. He or she hears the voice of Jesus, utters a prayer for help, meets opposition, but persists in prayer ("shouts all the louder"); others in the community help the person and speak of the call of Jesus. Bartimaeus throws aside his cloak. In the early church, you undressed for baptism as it was by total immersion. A meeting with Jesus leads to restoration of sight and the person becomes a disciple.



**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**

S.O.S. – only one person responded so far!!

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 7pm**. 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.



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**



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.

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.



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.

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.



Pilgrimage to Walsingham 29th April to 2nd May 2019. If you are interested and would like some more information, please contact Ann Parsons on 342-7229.



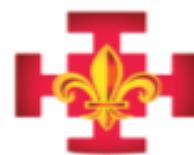
Last Chance for Cafod Family Fast Envelopes

Don't Forget to return your Cafod THIS WEEKEND.

Envelopes are available in both church porches.

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!!



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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

World Faiths', Climate Change & Community Influence Event - 15th November 2018

This is an **Interfaith Week 2018** event on 15th November with a focus on Faith & Climate Change: Sharing Actions, Advice and Practical Support on Energy. The event will be held 10am - 2pm, on the Wirral (venue TBC) and will include refreshments and lunch, it's free to attend. Please reply by email by 1st November to register and we'll be in touch

annie@faiths4change.org.uk

or 0151 705 2162 / 07976 205 629

The event is supported by Merseyside Council of Faiths, Energy Projects Plus, Wirral Council, Wirral VCA, Planet Heswall and many other partners and individual faith communities from across our city region.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☜

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Tony Butcher** who has recently died. Tony's Memorial Service will take place at Our Lady and St John on **Monday 12th November at 11am**.

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

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.

At Our Lady and St John, a Mass to remember the Deceased of the Parish of the previous year will take place on **Thursday 15th November at 7pm**.

Caritas (Catholic Children Society): The recent collection in Holy Family parish raised an amount of £120. Many thanks to all who contributed.

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.



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.

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.



Monday Coffee Mornings at OLSJ after Monday morning Mass every week, 9:30am-11am). A welcome start to each week for all who would like to come.



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.

REMINDER! Holy Family Assam Collection will take place after all Masses next **Sunday, 4th November**.

Latest Update on the Remedial Building Work at Holy Family

Work continues on the outstanding remedial work at HF. There have been unavoidable delays on the work and it is expected to take another week. 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.

The OLSJ Parish Support Group will be next meeting on **Wednesday 7th November**. 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.



The next **Monthly Prayer Breakfast** will take place on **Saturday 10th November @ 8:30am** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ.

No need to book, just come along.



OLSJ Piety Stall: Do come and have a look at the lovely selection of Christmas cards, advent calendars, diaries, candles and other gifts for sale at the back of Church. All items individually priced. Please put money for any Piety Stall items, in the wall box by the defibrillator.

Sat 27 th October	Ferial or BVM	6:00 pm	Mass – Alan Peter Bailey Anniversary <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
Mon 29 th October	The Douai Martyrs	9:00 am	Mass – Arnold McNab
Tues 30 th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Mim Rodgers R.I.P.
Wed 31 st 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 1 st November	Feast of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation)	7:00 pm	Mass – Roseanne Walker
Fri 2 nd November	All Souls Day		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)
Sat 3 rd November	St Winefride	6:00 pm	Mass – Brian Kearney R.I.P. <i>(Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm)</i>
Sun 4 th November	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	11:15 am	Mass – Derek Jones R.I.P.

OUR LADY & ST. JOHN

HOLY FAMILY	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)
	Mon 29 th October	The Douai Martyrs		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Tues 30 th October	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Wed 31 st October	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – In Thanksgiving
	Thurs 1 st November	Feast of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation)	9:00 am	Mass – For the Parish
	Fri 2 nd November	All Souls Day	9:00 am	Mass – Holy Souls
	Sat 3 rd November	St Winefride	12 noon	Mass – Eileen Finn R.I.P (Anniversary) <i>(Confessions 11.30am-11.55am)</i>
Sun 4 th November	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Mass - Tom Lacey R.I.P (Anniversary)	
		5:00 pm	Mass – Special Intention	

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.