

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel by Father Stephen

Mark offers a vision of hope to a persecuted community: Wars, natural disasters, betrayal by family members will be overcome when the Son of Man returns to gather in his chosen ones. This is not simply a palliative for human suffering. It is a way of stating that those who suffer and die are not forgotten in God's eyes. The last 104 years have witnessed unprecedented evil and suffering in the two World Wars and in massive slaughters of whole populations, as well as the spread of famine and disease.

The view of history from the end presents a counter-vision. This vision includes images of abundant food, vindication of innocent sufferers and a reign of peace. The reigning of God, that Jesus hopes for, as his own ministry draws to a close, points back to his very first words in Mark's Gospel, "Repent, change your hearts for the Kingdom of God is close at hand." The apocalyptic readings we have today are a sign that our lives can be formed by the kind of world we envision, while we face a world we grieve over. Our hopes should shape our lives as powerfully as our faith and our love.



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



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.

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
- ❖ Carol Ross



Please get in touch if there are any a



SEAFARERS' CENTRE

We are collecting items for the Seafarer Centre to give to our men and women who sail the sea and spend many months away from home. Over the last few years, we ask for your donations which will be wrapped in Christmas Paper and given to our visiting Seafarers. There will be a box in the meeting room at OLSJ, where you can place any of the following items

- Toiletries such as shower gel, toothpaste, deodorant
- Confectionery such as chocolate bars, boiled sweets
- Woolley hat, scarf, fingerless gloves, socks, baseball cap
- Christmas card or festive note with handwritten message signed with your Christian name only
- Pocket bible, rosary beads, playing cards

We are asking for help on **Thursday 29th November** after 7pm Mass, to come along and help wrap these gifts. Please bring some Christmas wrapping paper, Sellotape and scissors! Refreshments available. Thank you.



Wirral Food Bank: Thank you to both parishes for all your Harvest donations over the past week. The contributions are as follows: Holy Family 21.34 kgs and OLSJ 7.94 kgs.

Christmas Cards to Palestine Message of Hope

The Justice and Peace Group invite you to join them again in sending Christmas Cards with our messages of support to the beleaguered Christians in the Holy Family parishes of Gaza and Ramallah. Last year some of our children sent their own cards to the children in the two parish schools which helped to brighten their lives and it would be lovely if they did so again this year.

So, if you could bring one or two cards to church - signed and with a short greeting - we will post the cards for you. Just write either *Gaza* or *Ramallah* on the envelope. Stamps are not needed. There will be a collection box for them at the back of both our churches. **The last collection will be on Sunday 9th December.**

Your response last year was magnificent, and we thank you again in anticipation.

COME TO LUNCH IN NOVEMBER: As promised we are returning with a lunch on **Tuesday 20th November at 1pm** 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.

OLSJ Saturday Evening Readers' Rota: As always, we're looking for more readers for the Saturday evening Mass. I will be putting the new 2019 rota together within the next couple of weeks and so, if you think it is something you would like to try, please contact Frankie Wise on 07828 820569.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is advertising a position of **Lay Chaplain for Wythenshawe Catholic Academy Trust (WCAT)**. The trust consists of one High and three Primary Schools. The role is to work full-time across the four schools. Closing date is the 3rd Dec. Please see the notice at the back of Church for further information or visit the Diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies

St Peter's Singers Advent Concert, Saturday 1st December at 7.30pm at United Reform Church, Heswall (please note change of venue) Tickets £12 available at Lingham's.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Harry Morriarty and Jessica Griffiths** who have recently died.

- Harry's Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady and St John on **Tuesday 27th November at 10am.**
- Jessica's Funeral Service will take place at the South Chapel at Landican Cemetery at **11:30am on Tuesday 4th December.**

May their souls Rest in Peace. Please remember to pray for their 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.**

News from Assam: Fr Andreas writes to tell us that the boys are studying hard. He asks for our prayers for them. The boys have taken the English Essay competition and he hopes to give us the results shortly. He also reports that Edlina is still considering her future but that Phulwanti hopes to get her LLB after next semester and then to proceed to a master's degree.

Asia Bibi: We should all be aware of the plight of this poor woman and her family in Pakistan. She is a typical example of the level of hatred and persecution of Christians all over the world. Please say a special prayer for her and her family.

Holy Family 200 Club**Week 5**

1 st Prize	£25	No.	38	S. Orr
2 nd Prize	£10	No.	149	E. Doolan
3 rd Prize	£5	No.	80	T. Otto

Cake Sale at Holy Family on 25th November after 9.30am Mass. Proceeds are to support Niamh O'Keeffe (a parishioner at Holy Family) to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree representing 3rd Heswall Scout Group and West Wirral in July 2019.

Ministry Rotas at Holy Family

The New Ministry Rotas for the coming 6 months are now available. Please note that we can't publish a list of "Useful Telephone Numbers" at the present time due to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that have recently come into force. All those on the Ministry Rotas will be contacted shortly as regard permissions to share details among those on the rotas ONLY. Thank you for your cooperation.

Adoremus Revisited

By popular demand, there will be the possibility to revisit Bishop Robert Barron's first talk on the Mass from the recent Adoremus Eucharistic Congress. Open to everyone, all Catechists are invited to attend. Our local event will take place at **St Anne's, Rock Ferry on Saturday 8th December**, starting at 9:15am and ending with 12:15 Mass. For information and to register for the session:

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration

*Dario, the young clarinettist playing at Holy Family, is part of the Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and they will perform on **Sunday 25th November at 2:30pm** at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, with a program including Brahms (Academic Festival Overture), Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending) and Sibelius (Symphony No.2), directed by Vasily Petrenko and Simon Every. Come and show your support for our local young talented musicians! Tickets £10 (£7 concession) at the door. For further details: floriana@liverpool.ac.uk*

The Cenacolo Community invites you to an Open Day and Cenacolo Living Nativity on **Saturday 1st December** in Kendal, Cumbria. The day begins at 10:30am with Rosary and Adoration and finishes with the Nativity at 5pm. For further information please contact Margaret 342-1043 or Mary 342-4166.

**Ladymount Open Day**

Ladymount Catholic Primary School is hosting an open day on Thursday 22nd November, 9:30-10:30am and 5:30-7:30pm.

Our open day is an opportunity for families to find out more about all the amazing experiences and opportunities our school has to offer. There will be the chance to tour the school, join in with classroom experiences and meet the staff. For more details please contact the school office on 0151 648 4326 or schooloffice@ladymount.wirral.sch.uk

Dates for your diary:

- **20th November, Tuesday** – Pensioners Lunch at 1pm at OLSJ
- **25th November, Sunday after 9:30am Mass** – Cake Sale
- **27th November, Tuesday** – Over 55's Afternoon Tea 2pm-4pm at OLSJ
- **8th December, Saturday** – Prayer Breakfast at 8:30am at OLSJ
- **9th December, Sunday after 9:30am Mass** – Holy Family Christmas Bazar
- **12th December, Wednesday** – LPA Reconciliation Service at 7pm at OLSJ
- **16th December, Sunday** - Carol Service at 6pm at OLSJ

PROGRAMME BEGINNING SOON - 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. For children who do not attend our parish school Ladymount, there will be a Parish Programme of Preparation beginning shortly 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.

Arc Christmas Cards: These popular cards will be available for sale at The Holy Family Church after Mass. Please take this opportunity to help our local Charity and its wonderful work for the poor and homeless in our region.

Christmas Raffle: The raffle will start on **Sunday 2nd December**. Lots of prizes to be won, including M&S voucher, chocolates, wine, Christmas cake plus vouchers from local shops. Tickets available from the Box Office.

Holy Family Christmas Bazar Sunday 9th December in church after 9.30 Mass. There will be a number of stalls and refreshments. please stay and support this event and take time to have a chat and socialise with each other. All profits to help buy new kitchen equipment.



Sat 17 th November	BVM	6:00 pm	Mass – Damian Mills Anniversary <i>(Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm)</i>
Sun 18 th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	Mass – Stefan Plotnicki R.I.P. Anniversary
Mon 19 th November	St Josaphat	9:00 am	Mass – Holy Souls
Tues 20 th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Patrick Dunning
Wed 21 st November	Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary	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 22 nd November	St Cecilia	7:00 pm	Mass – Holy Souls
Fri 23 rd November	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)
Sat 24 th November	St Andrew	6:00 pm	Mass – Pamela & Thomas Johnson & Sons <i>(Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm)</i>
Sun 25 th November	34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of Christ the King (Psalter Week II)	11:15 am	Mass – Matt O'Keefe

OUR LADY & ST. JOHN

HOLY FAMILY	Sun 18 th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Mass - Pat McLeod R.I.P. (Anniversary)
			5:00 pm	Mass – Dora Noonan R.I.P. (Birthday Remembrance)
	Mon 19 th November	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Tues 20 th November	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Wed 21 st November	Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary		No Mass or Service
	Thurs 22 nd November	St Cecilia	9:00 am	Service of Word and Sacrament
	Fri 23 rd November	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Holy Souls (November List)
	Sat 24 th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp.	12 noon	Mass – Intentions of Dave Gorman <i>(Confessions 11.30am-11.55am)</i>
Sun 25 th November	34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of Christ the King (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Mass - John Pritchard R.I.P (Anniversary)	
		5:00 pm	Mass – For the Youth of the Parish	

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.