

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



## Reflection on Today's Gospel by Father Stephen

St Luke's infancy gospels have shaped our Catholic imagination as we contemplate the mystery of the Word becoming flesh. The visitation of Mary to Elizabeth is often depicted in art with these two women in a wordless embrace, sharing like all mothers-to-be, the mystery of new life growing within them and a sense of awe about what God has done for them.

Carrying Jesus within herself, Mary sets out on a journey from Nazareth to the hill country of Judah, anticipating that final journey that Jesus will make from Nazareth to his passion and death in Jerusalem. As soon as Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting the child in her womb leaps for joy, John the son of Elizabeth will be the first to recognize Jesus as he begins his public ministry. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaims the word of God with a loud cry: "Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary is the mother of all who believe in God's word and follow that word on all their journeys.

On behalf of Deacon Jeff and myself, may I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year 2019. Thank you for all your cards and gifts and for all you do throughout the year.

*Father Stephen*

## 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
- ❖ Harry Rylance
- ❖ Veronica (Ronnie) McAllister



*Please get in touch if there are any alterations.*

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*





Week 1

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## OUR LADY & ST JOHN, HESWALL

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Ferial	6:00 pm	Mass – Maureen Mutch R.I.P. (Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Psalter Week IV)	11:15 am	Mass – Kathleen Dohm 106 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Caroline & Paul Hogan
	Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass	6:00 pm	Mass – Christmas Eve Mass
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day	11:15 am	Mass – Parishioners
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> December	St. Stephen		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 10am) & No Adoration This Week
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> December	St. John	9:00 am	Mass – In Thanksgiving
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Innocents		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 10am)
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> December	St Thomas Beckett	2:00 pm	Nuptial Mass - Katherine Lamers & Robert Goodin
		6:00 pm	Mass – Roy Reilly (Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast of The Holy Family (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	Mass – John O'Hanlon R.I.P.

## HOLY FAMILY, PENSBY

Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Psalter Week IV)	9:30 am	Mass – Helen Ryan R.I.P. Anniversary
		5:00 pm	Mass – Intentions of Pauline & Steve Burke & Family
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass	11:30 pm	Service of Readings & Carols
		Midnight	Mass of the Nativity – For the Parish
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day	9:30 am	Mass – Intentions of Dave Gorman (No Evening Mass Today)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> December	St. Stephen	10:00 am	Mass - John Webster R.I.P.
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> December	St. John	9:00 am	Service of Word and Sacrament
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Innocents	9:00 am	Mass - Intentions of David Johnston
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> December	St Thomas Beckett	12 noon	Mass - Holy Souls (November List) (Confessions 11.30am-11.55am)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast of The Holy Family (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Mass - Intentions of Lisa & Paul Barsby
		5:00 pm	Mass – Intentions of Judith Brent & Family



## Week 2

30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## OUR LADY & ST JOHN, HESWALL

<b>Sun</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Feast of The Holy Family (Psalter Week I)</b>	11:15 am	<b>Mass</b> – John O'Hanlon R.I.P.
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Mary the Mother of God	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> – Derek Jones R.I.P.
<b>Tues</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> – Intentions of Maria & Pat
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Wednesday of the Christmas Season		<b>No Mass &amp; No Adoration This Week</b>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Thursday of the Christmas Season		<b>No Mass</b>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday of the Christmas Season	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b> – Eileen Davies
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday of the Christmas Season	6:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> – Intentions of Anne Parsons <i>(Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm)</i>
<b>Sun</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Epiphany of the Lord (Psalter Week II)</b>	11:15 am	<b>Mass</b> – For the Parish

## HOLY FAMILY, PENSBY

<b>Sun</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Feast of The Holy Family (Psalter Week I)</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> - Intentions of Lisa & Paul Barsby
		5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> – Intentions of Judith Brent & Family
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Mary the Mother of God		<b>No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)</b>
<b>Tues</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b>		<b>No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 10am)</b>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Wednesday of the Christmas Season		<b>No Mass</b>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Thursday of the Christmas Season	9:00 am	<b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday of the Christmas Season	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> – Pat Wheldon R.I.P.
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday of the Christmas Season	12 noon	<b>Mass</b> – Intentions of Theresa Coonan & Father Stephen <i>(Confessions 11.30am-11.55am)</i>
<b>Sun</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Epiphany of the Lord (Psalter Week II)</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> – Norah & Lawrence Chadwick R.I.P.
		5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> – Intentions of Mary & John Wrigley



The next Monthly Prayer Breakfast will take place on

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ 8:30am**

in the Meeting Room at OLSJ.

No need to book, just turn up. Everyone welcome.

### ☞ May They Rest in Peace ☜

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Eileen Davies and Francis Deane** who have recently died.

- Eileen's Funeral Mass is on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 1pm** at OLSJ.
- Francis's Funeral Mass is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 12.30pm** at Holy Family.

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

**Food Bank Donations:** Thank you to both parishes for all your donations over the past week. The contributions are as follows; Holy Family 25.16 kgs and OLSJ 14.57 kgs.



**Many thanks** to everyone for the generous donations towards Christmas Flowers at Holy Family. The Christmas flower collection raised £195.45. The church will look spectacular.

**Assam Collection at Holy Family:** Please note that the next Assam collection will be taken after all masses on **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

**Wednesday Word:** To keep costs down, we are no longer printing copies of the Wednesday Word. If you would still like to read it, it can be viewed at <http://wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

### Newsletter Items

If you have an item that you would like to appear in this weekly newsletter, please either e-mail it to [contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk) or you can leave a handwritten note in the blue box at the back of OLSJ church or alternatively leave a message on 07748831317.

The newsletter is usually printed on a Thursday, so please ensure that all items for inclusion are submitted before then.

### Holy Family 200 Club

#### Week 10

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 112	M. Wrigley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 74	A. Hamilton
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 138	P. Marley

#### Week 11

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 11	M. Melling
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 81	P. Ryan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 96	B. Toolan

**Visiting Ministers 2019 Rota at OLSJ:** The new rota for the first six months of 2019 for Ministers visiting those in a nursing home or the housebound, is now available at the back of church. Perhaps you would be good enough to collect your copy.

**New Website:** We have been working hard on creating a new website for our Parish. We are pleased to announce that the new website is up and running. Please do take a look:

[www.rcchp.org.uk](http://www.rcchp.org.uk)

They knelt down and paid him homage. *Matthew 2.11*

