

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

## Reflection on Today's Gospel

By Father Stephen

The gospel recounts the enthusiastic reception of Jesus' inaugural sermon by the people of his home town. They are astonished by the gracious words that come from his lips. But then the mood darkens. The people seem surprised that one of their own can speak so eloquently. "This is Joseph's son, surely?" The rejection escalates as Jesus realizes what they are really thinking. The people want him to do for them the kind of mighty works he carried out in Capernaum down the road. Jesus answers that by quoting a well-known parable, "No prophet is ever accepted in his own country." In the Gospels Jesus's mission is not accepted by his own family, with the exception of Mary, and no disciple was a member of his family. The citizens of Nazareth want a Jesus they can manipulate at their disposal.

Jesus then rubs salt into their wounds by telling them that were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when a famine raged for three and a half years but Elijah is not sent to help any of these. Like them Jesus will be a rejected prophet.

**S.P.U.C. Rosary for the Unborn:** In OLSJ we will be saying the Rosary for the Unborn before the Blessed Sacrament **on the last Wednesday of each month.** Please do join us.



Several people have been coming to church on Saturday mornings to pray the rosary. In the past few months we have been praying for Mary Brownrigg, Our Blessed Lady is listening because Mary is making good progress thanks to our prayers, although there is still a long way to go. We do also pray for all in the parish who are sick and all who need prayers. **All are welcome to join us each Saturday at 9.30am.**

*"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
- ❖ Carol Ross
- ❖ Harry Rylance
- ❖ Veronica (Ronnie) McAllister
- ❖ David Fagan



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



**Holy Family Music Group:** The Music Group at Holy Family parish are looking for any musicians who would like to join our group. At present our small group consists of 3 guitars and a clarinet but we would love to welcome anyone who plays an instrument with confidence, to support the music and hymn singing at our 9:30am Sunday Masses. The group plays once a fortnight. If you are interested, please contact Pauline Eaton on 0151 648 5243.

## ☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Agnes Jenkins, Deacon Dave Morriss, Susan Bean and Harry Rylance** who have recently died.

- Agnes's Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 4th February at 11am at Holy Family.**
- Dave's Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 11th February at 12 noon at St Alban, Wallasey.**
- Susan's Funeral Mass will take place on **Tuesday 12th February at 12 noon at Holy Family.**
- Harry's Funeral Mass will take place on **Wednesday 13th February at 12 noon at Holy Family.**

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

## News from Assam

Fr Andreas has written to thank us for the latest money sent for the Education Project. This year we sent a total of £3,000 pounds to support the school along with a further £700 pounds to support some young women with their higher education. This has been a great effort by our parish. Thank you.

Fr Andreas also gives us advance notice of the appointment of an auxiliary bishop, for the Dibrugarh Diocese, who will gradually take over from Bishop Joseph.

### Assam Collection Amounts:

November 2018:	£183.55
December 2018:	£224.99
January 2019:	£170.46

Thank you for your continued generous support.

Don't forget the next **Assam collection** at Holy Family will take place **TODAY Sunday 3rd February.**

## Adoration

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



**Wirral Food Bank:** Thank you to both parishes for your donations. Items that the Food Bank urgently need include, Sponge Puddings, Fruit Squash, Tinned Potatoes, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Tinned Tomatoes, Sugar, UHT Milk, Shampoo, Tinned Fruit. Thank you.

## CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFELINE WIRRAL Can you help?

Lynne McGonigle, the local organizer, has appealed for help in finding host families. She says:

"We are looking for people who live on Wirral with a spare bedroom who could look after 2 children age between 9 and 11. It would be for 2 weeks either 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June or 15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June. Contact me for more information by email [lynneccll@outlook.com](mailto:lynneccll@outlook.com) or phone on 07506 727821."

**Legion of Mary Stall in Birkenhead Market:** Phyllis would like to thank everyone who has donated items for the Legion of Mary stall that she helps to run on a monthly basis. If you have any spare medals, rosary beads, prayer books or other Holy items, please donate them to Phyllis for the stall. Thank you.



Heswall  
Disabled Children's  
Holiday Fund

**IRISH  
FUNDRAISING  
EVENING**



**TICKETS NOW ON SALE** - Our Irish Night is happening on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm**. All proceeds to *Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund*. Tickets are £10 each including a light supper. Bring your own drinks. On Sale after Masses on Saturday and Sunday or phone Joan on 342 5517.



**Refreshments After Sunday Mass at OLSJ:** For the month of February, all donations given at Sunday Refreshments will be donated to the charity **Mary's Meals**. Visit their website to find out more about this charity [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)



## LATEST NEWS FROM THE SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM

### PRESENTING FLAME 2019

**What:** Flame 2019 - a whole day of uplifting music and teaching that is relevant to YOU!!

**Where:** Wembley Arena

**Theme:** Significance

**Who:** Flame is for students in Yr10 +

**When:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019

**How to book:** Bookings are through school and Parish groups. Please ask your Lay Chaplain/Head of RE/Parish Priest to contact us. If you do not attend a Catholic School, please email us at [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Cost:** Ticket and transport £50 per person. See the SYMT website for more information.

<https://www.symt.org.uk/>



### Raising money for Christian Aid by answering difficult questions!

Tickets are available for a Quiz & Supper Night at St Peter's Centre, Lower Heswall on **16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**. Teams can be up to a maximum of six people. So, let's get a team (or two) together to represent OLSJ and Holy Family. Supper is included in the price and a bar will be available. Suzy Smallwood currently has 12 tickets and can be contacted on 07875404128 or [suzy.smallwood1963@gmail.com](mailto:suzy.smallwood1963@gmail.com) Price (including supper) is £8 per person.

**Trade Justice:** Did you know that two UK banks organized \$2 Billion-dollar odious loans to Mozambique, a very poor country? Most of the money did not reach the poor for whom it was intended. America has prosecuted some of the people involved but we have done nothing. There is an online petition and more information about this injustice via [tim@jubileedebt.org.uk](mailto:tim@jubileedebt.org.uk)

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit [www.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or telephone 0161 941 3498



As part of the Darwin Shrewsbury Festival, **Shrewsbury Cathedral** is proudly hosting a lecture by Father Andrew Pinsent entitled **"Darwin and the Invisible Gardener: Perspectives on Science and Faith"** on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**. Entrance is free. The lecture will be 45 minutes long with 15 minutes for a Question and Answer session at the end. Everyone welcome.

### Holy Family 200 Club

#### Week 16

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 47	P. Pritchard
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 40	A. Brandy
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 65	D. Horton



### World Day of Prayer Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**"Come - Everything is Ready!"** has been written by Christian women of Slovenia. The venues are Church of the Good Shepherd, Heswall at 1.45pm and Holy Family Church, Pensby at 7.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided afterwards. Do come along and join us, everyone welcome.

For more information about the World Day of Prayer visit [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

### The Carmelite Monastery of The Annunciation

invites you to

### *The Solemn Profession of Sister Maria Graziella of Jesus Crucified, icd*



On Monday, **March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am**.

Celebrant: The Right Reverend Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury. All are warmly welcome to join with the community in thanking Almighty God, for this grace-filled day. Refreshments will be available after the Ceremony.



**Reminder:** The next **Monthly Prayer Breakfast** will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30 am** in the

Meeting Room at OLSJ. Everyone welcome.



Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	The Presentation of the Lord	6:00 pm	Mass – Germaine Overton R.I.P.	<b>OUR LADY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)</b>	11:15 am	Mass – Margaret Harrison	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Thomas Anthony Parker Anniversary	
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> February	St. Agatha	9:00 am	Mass – Mary Wright R.I.P.	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Ss. Paul Miki & Companions	9:00 am	<b>Celebration of Word &amp; Communion</b>	
		9:30 am to 8:30 pm	<b>Adoration</b> - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Ferial	7:00 pm	Mass – Eric Evans R.I.P.	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Ferial		<b>No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)</b>	
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> February	BVM	6:00 pm	Mass – David & Cathy Marran Golden Wedding Anniversary	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)</b>	11:15 am	Mass – Clem & Frances Fishwick Anniversary	

<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)</b>	9:30 am	Mass – Lilian & George Candlish R.I.P.
			11:30 am	<b>Baptism of Rosemary Miller</b>
			5:00 pm	Mass - Holy Souls (November List)
	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Ferial	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Funeral Mass – Agnes Jenkins</b>
	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> February	St. Agatha		<b>No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)</b>
	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Ss. Paul Miki & Companions	9:00 am	Mass - Intentions of Sara Bull
	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b>
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass - Intentions of Pauline Marshall SFO (Speedy Recovery)
	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> February	BVM	12 noon	Mass – Intentions of Agnes Jenkins Family
	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)</b>	9:30 am	Mass – Intentions of Ann Newby
12 noon			<b>Baptism of Matthew Connolly</b>	
5:00 pm			Mass - Holy Souls (November List)	

### Legion of Mary Meetings

Every Monday morning at 10:45am 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.

### Mothers' Prayers

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