

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



Reflection on Today's Gospel

by

Father Stephen

Epiphany means 'manifestation' or 'showing forth.' The Epiphany of the Lord is the showing forth of Jesus. The message is clear in Matthew's Gospel: Christ is for all people.

As an old man was walking down the beach he noticed a young girl ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. He asked her why she was doing this. The little girl explained that a starfish stranded on the beach when the tide went out would die in the morning sun. "But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of starfish," said the old man. "How can your efforts make any difference?" The little girl looked down the stretch of beach at all the stranded starfish and then stared at the one in her hand. As she threw it back into the waves she answered, "It makes a difference to this one!" Jesus values each person infinitely and each person can make a difference. Do we value the uniqueness and infinite value of others?

On this feast let us reflect on ways in which God's light has guided us to new encounters with him.

Happy New Year
2019



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



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

Each new year brings us new opportunities
to know Him more, to walk in faith,
and grow by His grace.

May your year be
blessed in the Lord.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

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

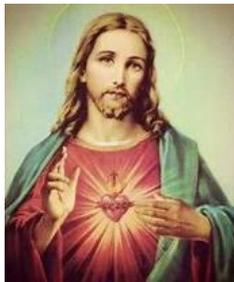
- Francis's Requiem Mass is on **Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 12.30pm** at Holy Family.
- Margaret's Funeral Mass is on **Monday 14th January 2019 at 10am** at OLSJ.

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

Help Needed! We are looking for people to join a rota to give lifts to parishioners for Mass on a Saturday night. If you could help out, please give Joan Larkin a ring on 342 5517. Also, if you know someone who can't get to Mass at the weekend and needs a lift, do let Joan know.

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



The Stitch Craft Group that meet in the Meeting Room at OLSJ, will restart on **Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 10am.**



The group meet each **Tuesday from 10am - 12.30pm.** New members always welcome.

The OLSJ Parish Support Committee will be next meeting on **Wednesday 23rd January.** 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.



Wirral Food Bank: Thank you to both parishes for all your donations over the Christmas period. The contributions are as follows: Holy Family 15.96 kgs and OLSJ 13.01 kgs.

Holy Family 200 Club

Week 8

1 st Prize	£25	No. 131	S. Burke
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 79	K. Metcalfe
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 192	Mrs Mitchell

Week 9

1 st Prize	£25	No. 37	A. Everett
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 99	C. P. Braden
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 46	L. Herbert

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.

Important Notice for all parishioners currently on a rota at either Parish Church Parish GDPR Data Consent Form

On 25th May 2018, a new EU Regulation came into force, called the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**. If you are on a rota at either parish church, we are now required by this new law to have your written consent to keep hold of your personal details (name, telephone number and email address). To comply with these new regulations, if you are on a rota, please could you ensure that you complete a GDPR Data Consent Form and return it to either Father Stephen, Jeff Telford, Brian Sharp or Victoria Hanlon at your earliest convenience. Blank forms are available at the back of church for you to complete and return. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Next Justice & Peace Group Meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 14th January** at Holy Family Church at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to everyone from both parishes - so why not come along and see what we try to do.

Assam Collection at Holy Family: Please note that the next Assam collection will be taken after all masses **today, Sunday 6th January 2018.**

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 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.

SPUC White Flower Appeal 2019: There will be a retiring collection for the SPUC White Flower Appeal after all weekend Masses next weekend (Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th January). Please give generously to SPUC to help us oppose decriminalising abortion.



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 **YAY HOORAY!**
..... our shiny
NEW SITE IS LIVE! *right this way*

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



Calling all parents with children participating in the Holy Communion Preparation Programme at OLSJ this year.

There will be an initial meeting for all First Communion Children and their parents on **Thursday 17th January from 6-7pm** in the parish meeting room at OLSJ. If you have not yet signed up to the programme, please speak to Father Stephen.



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.

**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 and above.

When: March 2nd 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

Cost: Ticket and transport £50 per person.

See the SYMT website for more information.

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

Sat 5 th January	Saturday of the Christmas Season	6:00 pm	Mass – Intentions of Anne Parsons <i>(Confessions 5.15pm-5.45pm)</i>	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 6 th January	Epiphany of the Lord (Psalter Week II)	11:15 am	Mass – For the Parish	
Mon 7 th January	Monday after Epiphany		No Mass	
Tues 8 th January	Tuesday after Epiphany		No Mass	
Wed 9 th January	Wednesday after Epiphany	9:00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
		9:30 am to 8:30 pm	Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 10 th January	Thursday after Epiphany		No Mass	
Fri 11 th January	Friday after Epiphany		No Mass	
Sat 12 th January	Saturday after Epiphany	6:00 pm	Mass – Aileen Pocock	
Sun 13 th January	Feast of the Baptism of The Lord (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	Mass – Tony Murphy R.I.P.	

	Sun 6 th January	Epiphany of the Lord (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Mass – Norah & Lawrence Chadwick R.I.P.
			5:00 pm	Mass – Intentions of Mary & John Wrigley
	Mon 7 th January	Monday after Epiphany		No Mass
	Tues 8 th January	Tuesday after Epiphany	12:30 pm	Requiem Mass – Francis Edward Dean
	Wed 9 th January	Wednesday after Epiphany		No Mass
	Thurs 10 th January	Thursday after Epiphany	9:00 am	Service of Word and Sacrament
	Fri 11 th January	Friday after Epiphany		No Mass
	Sat 12 th January	Saturday after Epiphany	12 noon	Mass – Deceased Members of The Legion of Mary
Sun 13 th January	Feast of the Baptism of The Lord (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Mass – Intentions of Margaret Robson	
		5:00 pm	Mass - In Thanksgiving	

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 1st 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.