

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



Reflection on Today's Gospel by Father Stephen

Jesus is baptized only after all the other people have been baptized and, while he is at prayer, heaven opens, and the Holy Spirit descends on him in bodily shape, like a dove, and a voice comes from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." Jesus at prayer foreshadows the importance of prayer throughout the Gospel. Major events in salvation history occur in the context of prayer, for example the annunciation of John the Baptist's birth to his father, the priest Zechariah, the Transfiguration, the death of Jesus. The major figures of the Gospel are people who proclaim God in prayer: Mary, Zechariah, Simeon and Anna. Only Luke has the parables about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. Jesus' life and ministry arise from prayer inspired by the Holy Spirit, as will the lives and ministries of his followers.

Luke also sees Jesus as the fulfilment of Isaiah's "servant, whom I (the Lord,) uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights." This servant "will bring true justice to the nations." He will establish justice by his teaching. Jesus is appointed as 'Covenant of the people and light of the nations.'



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.



Christian Unity Week:
The Churches Together in Heswall will be celebrating Christian Unity Week by saying

Daily Prayers for Unity every day from 12:30pm until 1pm followed by lunch.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Margaret Davies and William Henry Griffiths** who have recently died.

- Margaret's Funeral Mass is on **Monday 14th January 2019 at 10am** at OLSJ.
- Williams's Requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 11:30am** at OLSJ.

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



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th – 25th January 2019

Churches Together in Heswall are celebrating the week of prayer for Christian Unity beginning on **Sunday 20th January** with a pulpit swop. Deacon Jeff will be swapping pulpits with Rev. Martin Cannam (from St Peter's) and Rev. Nick Jones from URC is preaching at OLSJ.

During the weekdays, prayers are being hosted at OLSJ at 12.30pm with a light lunch served at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. Each day will be led by one of each congregation.

Monday	-	Church of England
Tuesday	-	URC
Wednesday	-	Methodists
Thursday	-	OLSJ
Friday	-	Friends

There is a final service at the URC (parking is available at Tesco's) on **Sunday 27th at 6.30pm**.

Please do come and support these events.

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.

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.

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>

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



Wirral Food Bank: Thank you to both parishes for all your donations over the Christmas period. The contributions are as follows: Holy Family 31.11 kgs and OLSJ 23.68 kgs.

Urgently needed items include:

- Washing-up Liquid
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Tomatoes
- UHT Milk
- Sponge Puddings

They have plenty of beans and cereal thank you.

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.

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.



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



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.

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/>



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

Sat 12 th January	Saturday after Epiphany	6:00 pm	Mass – Aileen Pocock	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 13 th January	Feast of the Baptism of The Lord (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	Mass – Tony Murphy R.I.P.	
Mon 14 th January	Ferial	10:00 am	Margaret Davies Funeral Mass	
Tues 15 th January	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Pauline Burke	
Wed 16 th January	Ferial	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 17 th January	St. Anthony	7:00 pm	Mass – Moira Birch & Ray Coonan	
Fri 18 th January	Ferial (Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity Starts)		No Mass (Mass at HF at 9am)	
Sat 19 th January	Ferial	6:00 pm	Mass – Helen Teahan Thanksgiving	
Sun 20 th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	11:15 am	Mass – Valerie Kelly R.I.P.	

HOLY FAMILY	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
	Mon 14 th January	Ferial		No Mass
	Tues 15 th January	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Wed 16 th January	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass - Intentions of Colette Thurston
	Thurs 17 th January	St. Anthony	9:00 am	Service of Word and Sacrament
	Fri 18 th January	Ferial (Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity Starts)	9:00 am	Mass - Intentions of Helen Williams
	Sat 19 th January	Ferial	12 noon	Mass – Intentions of Carol Braden
	Sun 20 th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Mass – Norah & Lawrence Chadwick R.I.P.
5:00 pm			Mass - Michael Whelan R.I.P (Lately Dead)	

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.