

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel

by

Father Stephen

Jesus begins his public ministry as a young couple begin their married life together. When the wine begins to run out, Jesus' mother notes this and receives a seeming rebuke from her Son, "Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." In John's gospel Jesus is "from above" and no human being, not even those closest to him, understands him fully. Yet, Mary remains a stirring model of faith in the presence of this mystery. She immediately says, "Do whatever he tells you." And the sign is accomplished. Mary is a symbol of many people who have great faith in Jesus but do not really understand who he is.

Yet, Mary's faith will lead to the true manifestation of the glory of her Son, since the reference to the hour points to his lifting up on the cross when he will draw all people to himself and to that moment when Mary will embody discipleship in its fullness. Mary's birth pangs in John occur at the cross when she becomes the mother of all those whose love leads them to Jesus, epitomized by the presence of the disciple Jesus loved.



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.



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 **William Henry Griffiths, Elizabeth Roberts, Denis 'Din' Lambe and Agnes Jenkins** who have recently died.

- Williams's Requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 11:30am** at OLSJ.
- Elizabeth's Requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday 30th January 2019 at 11am** at Holy Family.
- Denis's Funeral Mass will take place on **Friday 1st February at 1:15pm** at OLSJ.
- Agnes's Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 4th February at 11am** at Holy Family.

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



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, Daily Prayers will be said at OLSJ at **12.30pm** with a light lunch served at 1pm in the Meeting Room. **EXCEPT for Wednesday 23rd January** * when the Daily Prayers will be at **1pm** and lunch will be served at 1:30pm. This is due to a funeral being held at OLSJ that morning.

Everyone is welcome to come along. Each day the Daily Prayers will be led by a different congregation.

Monday 21st January @12:30pm - CofE

Tuesday 22nd January @12:30pm - URC

* Wednesday 23rd January @ **1pm** - Methodists

Thursday 24th January @ 12:30pm - OLSJ

Friday 25th January @ 12:30pm - 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.

♫ ♪ ♪ Sierra Leone Immersion Trip ♪ ♪ ♪ Fundraising Concert

St Anselm's College, Manor Hill, CH43 1UQ

Chester Big Band + support MRWB

Wednesday 23rd January at 7.30pm

£4 & £2 concs. Tickets available after 11.15am

Mass or pay on the door.

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>

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



Wirral Food Bank: Thank you to both parishes for all your donations over the Christmas period. The contributions are as follows: Holy Family 31.35 kgs and OLSJ 11.72kgs.

Urgently needed items include:

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

They have plenty of beans and cereal thank you.

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.



**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 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/>

THANK YOU! Thanks to all who supported our Christmas raffle we raised over £200 and I know the winners were very appreciative of their prizes. Special thanks to Gusto, The Fox and Hounds and Tesco for their generous donations.

SPUC Collection: There will be a retiring collection for SPUC after all Masses this weekend.

**Catenian Schools Public Speaking Competition**

for our local Sixth form students on

Friday 25th January at PRENTON Golf Club

7 pm start, free entrance with light refreshments



IRISH EVENING - Forthcoming event with *Cream of the Barley* will take place on **Friday 1st March 2019** in our Meeting Room. This is a fundraising event for *Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund* and tickets will go on sale the weekend of **26th January**. Tickets will be £10 each and includes a light supper. More information next weekend.

**CAN WE HELP?**

On **Friday 1st February**, staff and pupils at St. Anselms college are being asked to engage in outreach work on behalf of others. This could involve helping out at a homeless mission or charity shop, hosting asylum seekers, visiting the elderly, participating in an environmental clean-up project, coaching sport or reading or ICT at a primary or special school or inviting local senior citizens to a tea party at the College. We have 80 staff and 900 students so if you know of any charity or schools that has any jobs or initiatives or worthy causes that they could help with, we are available to serve you.

Please contact Miss Louise Baines on lbaines@st-anselms.com or info@st-anselms.com if you would like to pursue such an activity or another idea with us on 1st February.

Holy Family 200 Club**Week 12**

1 st Prize	£25	No. 102	C Thurston
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 122	M Doolan
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 49	L Skinner

Week 13

1 st Prize	£25	No. 95	D Ireland
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 38	S Orr
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 42	K Metcalf

LOST PROPERTY: There are a number of items that have been found either in the Meeting Room or the Church at Our Lady and St John that are waiting to be reunited with their owners! All the items are on the table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Sat 19 th January	Ferial	6:00 pm	Mass – Helen Teahan Thanksgiving	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 20 th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	11:15 am	Mass – Valerie Kelly R.I.P.	
Mon 21 st January	St. Agnes	9:00 am	Mass – Barbara Forshaw R.I.P.	
		12:30 pm	Daily Prayers for Christian Unity	
Tues 22 nd January	St. Vincent	9:00 am	Mass – Fiona McDonagh Anniversary	
		12:30 pm	Daily Prayers for Christian Unity	
Wed 23 rd January	Ferial	11:30 am	Funeral Mass for Henry William Griffiths	
		<u>1:00 pm</u>	Daily Prayers for Christian Unity	
		9:30am - 11:00pm then 2pm-8pm	Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 24 th January	St. Francis de Sales	7:00 pm	Mass – Val Coonan R.I.P.	
		12:30 pm	Daily Prayers for Christian Unity	
Fri 25 th January	The Conversion of St Paul	12:30 pm	Daily Prayers for Christian Unity	
Sat 26 th January	Ss Timothy & Titus	6:00 pm	Mass – Margaret Buckley R.I.P.	
Sun 27 th January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	11:15 am	Mass – Deacon Dave Morriss R.I.P.	

HOLY FAMILY	Sun 20 th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Mass – Samuel Chadwick R.I.P.
			5:00 pm	Mass - Michael Whelan R.I.P (Lately Dead)
	Mon 21 st January	St. Agnes		No Mass
	Tues 22 nd January	St. Vincent		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Wed 23 rd January	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
	Thurs 24 th January	St. Francis de Sales	9:00 am	Service of Word and Sacrament
	Fri 25 th January	The Conversion of St Paul	9:00 am	Mass – Annie Davies R.I.P.
	Sat 26 th January	Ss Timothy & Titus	12 noon	Mass – Nichola and Ruby Moroney R.I.P (Anniversary)
	Sun 27 th January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Mass – Sarah Davies R.I.P (Birthday Remembrance)
			5:00 pm	Mass - Sean Donnelly R.I.P.

Confessions

Our Lady & St John: Saturday 5:15pm – 5:45pm

Holy Family: Saturday 11:30am -11:50am

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.