

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

## Reflection on Today's Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today's gospel joins the first words of St Luke's Gospel to Jesus' proclamation of his mission in the synagogue in Nazareth, "where he had been brought up."

Luke describes the beginnings of Jesus' ministry differently to the other evangelists who begin with his calling the first disciples. Jesus teaches "in the power of the Spirit" and in his first homily roots his ministry in the written word of Isaiah, where the Spirit sends the prophet "to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." This is the jubilee year, which occurred every fiftieth year when people were released from debt and property was returned to its original owners. Jesus' sense of mission is an overture to his teaching and actions throughout the Gospel and to the mission of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. The jubilee year reminds us that we as Church must continually renew our concern and compassion for those left out and those oppressed in any way.

### First Holy Communion Group

The next meeting for the children preparing for their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion with the catechists at OLSJ, is on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 6pm-7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.



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  
**Elizabeth Roberts, Denis 'Din' Lambe**  
**Agnes Jenkins, Deacon Dave Morriss and**  
**Susan Bean** who have recently died.

- 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.**
- Dave's Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 11th February at 12 noon at St Joseph & St Alban, Wallasey.**
- Susan's Funeral Mass will take place on **Tuesday 12th February at 12 noon at Holy Family.**

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



**Wirral Food Bank:** Thank you to both parishes for all your donations over the Christmas period. The contributions are as follows: Holy Family 19.05 kgs and OLSJ 15.24 kgs.

## 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 [lynneccl@outlook.com](mailto:lynneccl@outlook.com) or phone on 07506 727821."

**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.



## Ladies and Gents Over 55's Afternoon Tea

The next afternoon tea will be on **Tuesday 30th January 2-4pm** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ. Do come and enjoy a nice cup of tea and friendly conversation. Everyone welcome.



## 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 next **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## S.P.U.C. Rosary for the Unborn:

S.P.U.C. is privileged to be partnering with the Knights of St Columba in their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. In OLSJ we are marking this special year by saying the Rosary for the Unborn before the Blessed Sacrament next **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** at the beginning of Exposition **and at the last Wednesday in each month.** There will be special prayer cards at the back of church and also in Holy Family. Due to lack of time, I have not yet contacted the parishioners of Holy Family, for which I apologise, but please contact me if you need more details. Rowena Wright 336-2484.



**Thank you for your generous donations to the White Flower Appeal 2019, taken last weekend.**





## 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](http://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.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.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.

**IRISH EVENING** - Forthcoming event with *Cream of the Barley* will take place on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **26<sup>th</sup> January**. Tickets will be £10 each and includes a light supper. Please contact Joan Larkin (342 5517) if you would like a ticket. 



## CAN WE HELP?

On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:lbaines@st-anselms.com) or [info@st-anselms.com](mailto:info@st-anselms.com) if you would like to pursue such an activity or another idea with us on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### Holy Family 200 Club

#### Week 14

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 20	E. McGetterick
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 92	M. Fidderman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 34	S. Rowe

#### Week 15

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 44	S. Cantillion
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 158	C. Webster
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 169	V. Taylor

Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Timothy & Titus	6:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> – Margaret Buckley R.I.P.	<b>OUR LADY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>
<b>Sun</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)</b>	11:15 am	<b>Mass</b> – Deacon Dave Morriss R.I.P.	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Thomas Aquinas	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> – Tim Dwyer R.I.P.	
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> – Mr & Mrs C.R. Jones	
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Ferial	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 31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> – Patrick Dunning R.I.P.	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Ferial	<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>Funeral Mass – Denis Lambe</b>	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	The Presentation of the Lord	6:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> – Germaine Overton R.I.P.	
<b>Sun</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)</b>	11:15 am	<b>Mass</b> – Margaret Harrison	

<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	<b>Sun</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> – Sarah Davies R.I.P (Birthday Remembrance)
			5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - Sean Donnelly R.I.P.
	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Thomas Aquinas		<b>No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)</b>
	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Ferial		<b>No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)</b>
	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Intentions of Barbara Walker
			<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Funeral Mass – Elizabeth Roberts</b>
	Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco	9:00 am	<b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b>
	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Intentions of Pauline Marshall SFO (Speedy Recovery)
	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	The Presentation of the Lord	12 noon	<b>Mass</b> – In Thanksgiving Philomena & Joe
<b>Sun</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> – Lilian & George Candlish R.I.P.	
		5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - 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.