

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



Reflection on Today's Gospel

By Father Stephen

Today Luke tells the story of Jesus ordering a reluctant Simon to set out on a fishing trip that results in a huge, net-tearing number of fish. Simon, seeing this, falls at Jesus' feet and says, "Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man." But Jesus replies, "Do not be afraid from now on it is men you will catch."

The disciples follow Jesus after experiencing God's power at work in Jesus, and then they leave their former way of life to follow him. This provides the pattern for the early Church from Pentecost onwards, when the gift of the Holy Spirit fills people with power, enables them to be full of joy even while they are suffering persecution and moves the Church outwards to preach the Good News to different peoples.

With the call to be a follower of Jesus comes a powerful experience of being forgiven by God. The three calls in today's readings of Isaiah, Paul and Simon Peter tell of different ways in which the loving presence of God changed people's lives. It is because we have experienced the surprising, forgiving and overwhelming love of God that *we* can say, "Here I am, send me."

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
- ❖ Veronica (Ronnie) McAllister
- ❖ John Smith



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 **Deacon Dave Morriss, Susan Bean, Harry Rylance, Gordon Orr and Stan Orton** who have recently died.

- 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.**
- Gordon's Funeral Mass will take place on **Thursday 14th February at 10 o'clock at Holy Family.**
- Stan's Funeral Mass will take place on **Thursday 28th February at 11 o'clock at Our Lady and St John.**

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

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 1st to 14th June or 15th to 29th June. Contact me for more information by email lynneccll@outlook.com or phone on 07506 727821."



HCPT Ukulele Fundraising Event

We are the Heswall based HCPT charity and we take children who either have a disability or from underprivileged background on an Easter holiday to Lourdes and this gives either the child and fantastic trip and the family much needed respite. We have a fundraiser on **Saturday 16th February** from 7pm at Claremont Farm. Tickets £8.50 available from Phil 07515689833

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.

Uganda Trip: Josh Campbell, an altar server from OLSJ, is once again going to Uganda with the Heswall based charity Rock of Joy and the Ecumenical Youth Group. He has done most of fundraising himself so far but there is a fabulous fundraising night coming up on 9th March. Wirral Boys and Girls School Big Band and Concert Band. 2 course meal and entertainment £15 a ticket. It would be lovely to get a table from the parish (8 per table). Please contact Monica or Josh Campbell if you are interested.

Racial Justice Sunday: Next **Sunday, 17th February**, is RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY. This year, we are asked to acknowledge and support "DIGNITY FOR ALL WORKERS" in our Country, whatever their ethnic origins may be.

Gift Aid – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The end of the tax year is drawing ever closer. If you Gift Aid your offertory donation it is important that you check you are paying sufficient tax to cover the amount we will reclaim under Gift Aid. If you are no longer paying tax or not enough tax to cover the claim you should contact us urgently:

Holy Family: Fred Taylor 342 5922
OLSJ: Bernard Larkin 342 5517



Heswall
Disabled Children's
Holiday Fund

IRISH FUNDRAISING EVENING



TICKETS NOW ON SALE -

Our Irish Night is happening on **Friday 1st 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

Please note, that the price of The Tablet magazine has increased in 2019 to £3.60. Thank you.

Carols by Candlelight Advent Service HCPT Collection

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Advent Service and contributed in the collection. A total of **£202.31** was raised for the HCPT Holiday Fund. Thank you for your generosity.



**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 **16th 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 Price (including supper) is £8 per person.

Holy Family 200 Club

Week 17

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| 1 st Prize | £25 | No. 80 | T. Otty |
| 2 nd Prize | £10 | No. 113 | T. Hurworth |
| 3 rd Prize | £5 | No. 7 | J. Tirebuck |



**The Carmelite Monastery of The
Annunciation in Birkenhead**

invites you to

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

On Monday, March 25th 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.

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 past two weeks. The contributions are as follows: Holy Family 59.50 kgs and OLSJ 43.24 kgs.

Assam Collection Amounts:

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| January 2019: | £170.46 |
| February 2019: | £204.82 |



World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st 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

A Thank You from Holy Family Parish, Ramallah

Dear Father Stephen and friends at the Holy Family Church,

It is with great joy, that we, at the Holy Family Church in Ramallah (Palestine), received the Christmas wishes from the faithful at the Holy Family Church in the UK. We felt the love and closeness of every one of you to our parish and families.

The letters and Christmas cards sent by you made us live in the spirit of Christmas, to spread the love and compassion of our Saviour to all, especially to those "forgotten" faithful. With your Christmas wishes, we know that we have brothers and sisters, and that we are members of the same Body of Christ, where "if one part suffers, every part suffers with it; and if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it" (1Corth 12, 26).

May God bless you and all the members of your Parish.

With my sincere wishes,

Father Jamal Khader

Parish Priest at Holy Family Church, Ramallah

Retired Priests' Fund – Special Collection

Next weekend, (**17th February**) the special collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

Special envelopes are available for you to use. A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation by cheque. It also explains how to Gift Aid your donation. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing,

+Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

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| Sat 9 th February | BVM | 6:00 pm | Mass – David & Cathy Marran Golden Wedding Anniversary | OUR LADY & ST. JOHN |
| Sun 10 th February | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I) | 11:15 am | Mass – Clem & Frances Fishwick Anniversary | |
| Mon 11 th February | Our Lady of Lourdes | 9:00 am | Mass – Stan Orton R.I.P. | |
| Tues 12 th February | Ferial | 9:00 am | Mass – Gerry & Philomena Topping | |
| Wed 13 th February | 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 14 th February | Ss. Cyril & Methodius | 7:00 pm | Mass – Anna Romaniuk Anniversary | |
| Fri 15 th February | Ferial | | No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am) | |
| Sat 16 th February | BVM | 6:00 pm | Mass – Tim Hetherington Anniversary | |
| Sun 17 th February | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II) Day of Prayer for Racial Justice | 11:15 am | Mass – Holy Souls | |

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| HOLY FAMILY | Sun 10 th February | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I) | 9:30 am | Mass – Intentions of Ann Newby |
| | | | 12 noon | Baptism of Matthew Connolly |
| | | | 5:00 pm | Mass - Holy Souls (November List) |
| | Mon 11 th February | Our Lady of Lourdes | | No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am) |
| | Tues 12 th February | Ferial | 12 noon | Requiem Mass – Susan Bean R.I.P. |
| | Wed 13 th February | Ferial | 12 noon | Requiem Mass – Harry Rylance R.I.P. |
| | Thurs 14 th February | Ss. Cyril & Methodius | 10:00 am | Requiem Mass – Gordon Orr R.I.P. |
| | Fri 15 th February | Ferial | 9:00 am | Mass - Mr & Mrs M Heneghan R.I.P. |
| | Sat 16 th February | BVM | 12 noon | Mass – Mr & Mrs P Green and Mr & Mrs Albert Green |
| | Sun 17 th February | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II) Day of Prayer for Racial Justice | 9:30 am | Mass – Harry Rylance R.I.P. |
| 5:00 pm | | | Mass – Intentions of Helen Henry | |

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.