

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel

By Father Stephen

One of the ways in which we can use words for the great benefit of others is in giving advice, when asked. Most of us seek guidance when we have difficult decisions to make, even if it is hard to accept the advice. Jesus warns us in the gospel today about blind guides. "Can one man guide another? Surely both will fall into the same pit!" It is possible to notice a tiny splinter of wood in another person's eye while being unaware of the plank in our own. It is a fact that we can be unaware of certain facts about ourselves that are perfectly clear to anyone who has ever lived in the same house with us or worked in the same office. In so far as we have any blind spots in our lives, we cannot offer advice in those areas. The best thing we can do is not to guide simply by correcting but by example: by walking the right road ourselves and being a true friend. Our words then will flow from what we are and have a genuine ring about them which will lead people to take notice of them.



Please join us on **Saturday mornings** to pray the rosary for parishioner, Mary Brownrigg and for all in the parish who are sick and all who need prayers. **All are welcome to join us each Saturday at 9.30am.**



During 2019, on the last Wednesday of each month at OLSJ, we will be saying the Rosary for the Unborn before the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration. Please do join us if you can.



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.

✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Doris Christian** who has recently died.

Doris's Funeral Mass will take place on **Monday 4th March at 12:30pm** at Holy Family.

May her soul Rest in Peace. Please remember to pray for her family at this difficult time.



Please note that there are a number of Mass time changes this coming week. Please check the Mass times at the back of the newsletter.

**Dates for you Diary 2019
from the Holy Family Social
Committee**



- ❖ Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea: *19th May*
- ❖ Parish BBQ: *9th June*
- ❖ Strawberry Tea: *13th July*
- ❖ Parish Meal: *Mid-September*

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."

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.

Don't forget the next **Assam collection** at Holy Family will take place **THIS Sunday 3rd March**.

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.



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

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



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 20

1 st Prize	£25	No. 99	C. P. Braden
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 184	J. Lucas
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 174	J. Wrigley

That now concludes this session new session will start on Sunday 7th April 2019 and envelopes will be available from 17th March 2019 at all Masses as Holy Family.

Details of income and expenditure as follows:

Members in Group 121

Subscriptions received	£1210.00
Prizes	- £ 800.00
Profit	£ 410.00
Unclaimed Prize	+£ 5.00
Amount Passed to Cannon Stephen	£ 415.00

Many thanks to all members of the 200 club for your support new members always very welcome.

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.

Third Heswall Scout Group are holding a **quiz and fish and chip supper** (vegetarian option available on request)

at the scout hut on **22nd March at 7.30pm**. £10 per ticket to include food and drink on arrival. There will be a licensed bar. Come and join a team or bring a team. If you would like to come along, please ring Jean on 07966295388 by Thursday 14th March.



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



We thank those who are so loyal to their
 "Holy Hour" with Jesus on a Wednesday.
 We URGENTLY need more people prepared
 to give an hour of their time, on a regular
 basis or at least for a few weeks at a time,
 Jesus will welcome you.

Please Come

**** Please note that Adoration will finish at
 the earlier time of 5:30pm next Wednesday,
 Ash Wednesday. ****

**DON'T FEED EXPLOITATION.
 CHOOSE FAIRTRADE.**



Fairtrade Fortnight

25th February to 10th March 2019

Over the next two weeks there is the opportunity to show support for the exploited farmers in the poorer countries. Our local supermarkets Sainsbury's Tesco and the Co-op stock a wide range of Fairtrade goods and have given us some free samples of these. To help raise awareness of Fairtrade Fortnight, the Justice & Peace Group are **holding a free raffle after the 9.30 am and 5pm masses at The Holy Family church.**

Wirral Orchestra and Chorus with Cantorion Rhos Concert on **Saturday 16th March at 7:30pm** at St. Hildeburgh's Church in Hoylake. In aid of the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity. Tickets £8 on sale from Lingham's Booksellers, Heswall or 645 5547 or pay on the door.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation for children from either Parish, will take place mid-June at Holy Family. If you are in Year 8 or above and wish to receive the Sacrament, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Stephen.



Wirral Foodbank We know that many churches also like to have a collection for us during the Easter

period. This year, we are not asking for chocolate or Easter Eggs, as our need for ordinary food products is so great. We are asking that if your church could collect for us, some items we really need. These are:

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Carrots
- Soap Powder Tablets

Total for the last two week's collection, Our Lady & St John, 6.34 kg and Holy Family, 25.58 kg.

There are No Ordinary People

An evening with Jeff Lucas & the Searchlight Theatre Company – Comedy, Story Telling, Theatre and Music..... **Monday 1st April** at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Heswall. Begins at 7:30pm, tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door, suitable for ages 12+. Tickets can be bought in advance online at www.searchlighttheatre.org



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Two important opportunities have arisen for a Deputy Director of Schools and a Diocesan Religious Coordinator to implement sector leading support and advice within the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The roles will require individuals who demonstrate absolute commitment to delivering the highest standards of support to schools. The individuals will demonstrate a significant track record in education across geographically dispersed schools. Working in partnership with the Director of Schools, these are key roles ensuring the highest standards are upheld and will require a practising Catholic.

Working in the office of the Diocese of Shrewsbury, 2 Park Road South, Birkenhead, Wirral CH43 4UX the successful candidates will join a committed professional team. Further details of the role including an application form can be found at <http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

Please send completed applications to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date Friday 16th March 2019

Sat 2 nd March	BVM	6:00 pm	Mass – Kathleen O’Farrell R.I.P.	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 3 rd March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)	11:15 am	Mass – Intentions of Hilary Clark	
Mon 4 th March	St Casimir	9:00 am	Mass – Catherine Lampard R.I.P.	
Tues 5 th March	Ferial		No Mass	
Wed 6 th March	ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)	9:30 am to 5:30 pm	Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
		7:00 pm	Mass – Peggy Walker R.I.P.	
Thurs 7 th March	Ss Perpetua & Felicity	9:00 am	Mass – Father Thomas Woods	
Fri 8 th March	St John of God		No Mass (Mass at Holy Family at 9am)	
Sat 9 th March	St Francis of Rome	6:00 pm	Mass – Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan	
Sun 10 th March	First Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	Mass – Sabina Mulhearn R.I.P.	

HOLY FAMILY	Sun 3 rd March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)	9:30 am	Mass – Gordon Orr R.I.P.
			5:00 pm	Mass – Melissa Callaghan R.I.P (Recently Died)
	Mon 4 th March	St Casimir	12:30pm	Requiem Mass - Doris Christian R.I.P.
	Tues 5 th March	Ferial		No Mass
	Wed 6 th March	ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)	9:00 am	Mass – Special Intention
	Thurs 7 th March	Ss Perpetua & Felicity	9:00 am	Service of Word & Sacrament
	Fri 8 th March	St John of God	9:00 am	Mass – Holy Souls (November List)
	Sat 9 th March	St Francis of Rome	12 noon	Mass – Pam Checkland
	Sun 10 th March	First Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Mass – Intentions of Stephanie Orr & Family
			5:00 pm	Mass – For the Parish

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.