

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel

By Father Stephen

St Luke stresses at the beginning of the gospel today that Jesus is 'filled with the Holy Spirit.' So, the Holy Spirit is there for Jesus throughout the time of testing. The devil challenges Jesus to follow a path that is different from the one willed by his Father. Jesus is first tested to use his power to provide food for himself. However, quoting Deuteronomy, Jesus says, 'Man does not live on bread alone.' Jesus is then shown all the kingdoms of the world, which the devil will give him 'if you worship me.' Jesus replies, 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Finally, on the parapet of the Temple, the devil challenges Jesus to another miraculous demonstration of his power, to which Jesus responds, 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Because of their idolatry and the tyranny of their rulers, the kingdoms of the world were seen as being under the power of the devil. With Jesus' overcoming the devil, the ultimate victory of goodness over evil is assured but the struggle against evil by Jesus followers goes on throughout history.



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 **Beryl West** who has recently died.

Beryl's Funeral Mass will take place on **Friday 15th March at 12:30pm** at Holy Family.

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

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*



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.



A huge thank you to all the parishioners who donated money at Sunday Refreshments during February at OLSJ. £116.19 was raised and will be sent to the charity **Mary's Meals** for their **Double the Love Campaign**. All donations received during this campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. www.marysmeals.org.uk

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Irish Evening - a great time had by one and all. In the night a total of £620 was raised for Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund. An amazing amount. Thank you - Joan Larkin.

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

MISSIO **Red Mission Boxes** Would all boxholders at both Holy Family and Our Lady & St. John please bring boxes to church for emptying/ counting. Would everyone please make sure that their name and address is on the box (label is situated on bottom of box). Boxes can be left in the sacristy at either church or handed to Mary/John Wrigley at Holy Family or Ian Butler at OLSJ. Donations also gratefully received.

Treasurer Needed: The treasurer of a local scout group is wanting to retire after 15 years' service. Basic book-keeping skills and familiarity with online banking is desirable. If you are interested in this volunteer position with 4th Heswall Sea Scout Group, please contact Tony Hailwood at tonyhailwood@btinternet.com

Holy Family 200 Club: The new session will start on Sunday 7th April 2019 and envelopes will be available from 17th March 2019 at all Masses as Holy Family.

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.



Lenten Lunches 2019

This year the Lenten Lunches will be held on **Friday 22nd & 29th March** and on **Friday 5th & 12th April** at 12:15 to 13:30. As before they are being hosted by the United Reformed Church (next to Tescos in Heswall). Please consider joining us for lunch. The proceeds will be divided between Christian Aid and CAFOD. If you can help at one of the lunches, please let me know, Suzy Smallwood (suzy.smallwood1963@gmail.com or 07875 404128) or come to the first lunch for 11:45am.

Our Journey through Lent

This year the Justice & Peace group are inviting Holy Family parishioners to join them in a series of suggested weekly forms of self-sacrifice beginning this Sunday. This exercise will continue throughout Lent and is an extended form of support for **Cafod whose Family Fast Day campaign is on Friday 15th March. Our Journey Through Lent**

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent.....

Instead, discover simple ways to transform your life in forty days. Join our parish for **BEST LENT EVER**, a **free** email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive a short inspirational video that will help you . . .

- Find areas for growth
- Build better habits
- Spark lasting change

Sign up at www.DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent

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

Free Chi Gong Classes for Lent!

Parishioner, Marian Jones, is offering all parishioners free Chi Gong classes every Thursday during Lent 2019. The classes will take place **every Thursday** in the Meeting Room at OLSJ from **10:30am** for ½ hour of gentle exercise ending with a short relaxation, followed by tea and biscuits.

What is Chi Gong?

Chi Gong is gentle flowing exercise and is simple to perform. It aids circulation and improves balance. Suits any age group. Many exercises can be performed sitting down or standing up.

About Marian

She is a trained Nurse with a certificate in Adult Education Certificate. She has completed a Chi Gong Course and is insured to teach Chi Gong.

No need to book, just come along and give it a try. Wear comfortable clothing. Everyone welcome.



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 you church could collect for us, some items we really need. These are Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Carrots and Soap Powder Tablets.

Total for the last two week's collection, Our Lady & St John, 21.24 kg and Holy Family, 17.21 kg.

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.



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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

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

Sat 9 th March	St Francis of Rome	6:00 pm	Mass – Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan	OUR LADY & ST. JOHN
Sun 10 th March	First Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	Mass – Sabina Mulhearn R.I.P.	
Mon 11 th March	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Maureen Mutch Birthday Anniversary	
Tues 12 th March	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Hodgson Family	
Wed 13 th March	Ferial	9:00 am	Celebration of Word and Communion	
		9:30 am to 5:30 pm	Adoration - Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 14 th March	Ferial	<u>9:00 am</u>	Mass – Barbara Forshaw	
		<u>6:00 pm</u>	Celebration of First Forgiveness	
Fri 15 th March	Ferial		No Mass	
Sat 16 th March	Ferial	6:00 pm	Mass – Beryl West R.I.P.	
Sun 17 th March	Second Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week II)	11:15 am	Mass – David Morley Birthday	
		12:30 pm	William Morley Baptism	

HOLY FAMILY	Sun 10 th March	First Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Mass – Intentions of Stephanie Orr & Family
			5:00 pm	Mass – Melissa Callaghan R.I.P (Recently Died)
	Mon 11 th March	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Tues 12 th March	Ferial		No Mass (Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Wed 13 th March	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass – Intentions of Lisa & Paul Barsby
	Thurs 14 th March	Ferial	9:00 am	Service of Word & Sacrament
	Fri 15 th March	Ferial	<u>12:30pm</u>	Requiem Mass – Beryl West R.I.P.
	Sat 16 th March	Ferial	12 noon	Mass – Gordon Orr R.I.P.
	Sun 17 th March	Second Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Mass – Doris Christian R.I.P.
			5:00 pm	Mass – Holy Souls (November List)

Legion of Mary Meetings

Every Monday morning at 10:45am in the meeting room at OLSJ.

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.

Confessions

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

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

Mothers' Prayers

Every Monday morning at 9:30am in the meeting room at OLSJ.