

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel By Father Stephen

The heart of today's parable is the battle between the widow and the judge. She comes alone to the gate where the judge presides and does not take "no" for an answer. She seeks the justice denied her by some opponent, perhaps a member of her late husband's family who makes a claim on his will and the judge refuses at first to intervene and give her the rights, to which she is entitled. However eventually he says to himself, "Because this widow is really giving me a going over, I will recognize her rights, so she doesn't give me a black eye by her unwillingness to let go of this matter." This, by the way, is not a paraphrase of today's gospel but a closer translation of the original Greek of Luke. Like a boxer, the woman is giving a real pummelling to a complacent and fearless judge.

God's justice, however, is very different from human justice. God's justice is on the side of the weak and vulnerable and those who cannot stand up for themselves. God will see justice done to his children who cry to him day and night. But when the Son of Man comes will he find any faith on earth?

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.**



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 50th anniversary year. In OLSJ we are marking this special year by saying the Rosary for the Unborn before the Blessed Sacrament **on the last Wednesday of each month** at the beginning of Exposition (about 9:30am). There will be special prayer cards at the back of church and also in Holy Family where Exposition is after 12 noon Mass on Saturdays.

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
Gerry Smith
Joe Lucas
John Moroney
Ken Davies
Mary Brownrigg
Madge McGrath
David Gorman
Norman Corish
Carol Ross
Jillie Huntingford
Maureen McNutt
Imelda Atherton
Eileen Millard
Pauline Pritchard



Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☜

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Veronica McAllister, John Robert Jennings, John Wild, James Brian Price** and **Peter Bowskill** who have recently died.

- ❖ Veronica McAllister's Funeral Mass will take place at **12:30pm on Friday 25th October** at OLSJ.
- ❖ John Wild's Requiem Mass will take place at **12 noon on Monday 28th October** at OLSJ.
- ❖ James Brian Price's Funeral Service will take place at **1pm on Monday 28th October** at Landican.
- ❖ Peter Bowskill's Funeral Service will take place at 11am on Tuesday 5th November at OLSJ.

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

♥♥♥ New Defibrillator (AED) @ Holy Family ♥♥♥

Firstly, **very many thanks** to all who contributed in any way to the purchase of our new life saving Defibrillator (AED). It's now fitted and available on the back wall of the Church (near the "Box Office")

The model that we have bought does not require any prior knowledge or training to operate it because it tells you visually and by voice prompts what to do.

We have decided though that we should have some training in its use, and input on the latest CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) guidelines from the NHS. The reasoning behind this is that we can be almost certain that trained people are available at all times during Masses, Services etc. and so that a less confident person, unfamiliar with the equipment, doesn't feel that they are pressured in a situation!

Training will take place over the next few weeks in groups of around 8-10. *If you are interested, please sign the sheets that are available after Mass today.*

Thank you. Fr Stephen and Rev Jeff

Holy Family 200 Club

Week 1

1 st Prize	£25	No. 47	P. Pritchard
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 88	M. Hamilton
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 44	B. Cantillon

Week 2

1 st Prize	£25	No. 27	M. Robson
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 54	C. Keenan
3 rd Prize	£5	No. 98	M. Ramsay

Please can any outstanding subs be paid as soon as possible. Also new members required £10 per session with good prizes I need at least 10 new members please give this your consideration. Please see Ronnie to join.



Don't Forget that in the meeting room at Our Lady & St John, **each Monday morning** following the 9am Mass, coffee and teas are served until 10:45am. Do call in, you are most welcome to join us.



Congratulations to Roseanne Varley & Tom Silverwood who were married at Our Lady & St John on **Saturday, 12th October 2019**. May the Lord bless them and their families, as they begin their new life together.



Cafod Family Fast Day 2019: Don't forget to hand in your Cafod Family Fast day envelope during October. These envelopes can be handed in on the offertory plate at any Mass during October. Spare ones can be found at the back of church. Remember, completing the Gift Aid details will increase the value of your gift.

NESTON SPUC Musical Evening:

SPUC NESTON are having a Musical Evening with the Wonderful West Wirral Music Society, they sings songs from the shows and Gilbert and Sullivan on **Friday 8th November at 7:30pm** in St Winefrides School Hall, Mellock Lane Neston. (Next to the Clinic where there is plenty of parking). Tickets cost £5 which includes a light supper. We will also be having a raffle and Irish Bingo. **One important note, It's bring your own drink and glasses.** Tickets are available from Margaret Unsworth on 336 2050 or from Rowena Wright on 336 2484



Vinny Keating from the **Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund**, will be speaking at the end of both Masses at OLSJ this weekend. There will be a collection box at the back of church for any donations.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 3 School Choir, Wirral Arts Festival performance last Thursday evening. The retiring collection raised an amazing total of £296.52 for the charity, **Children's Bereavement Fund**.



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Final Appeal for Both Parishes

Catholic Children Society (Caritas)

S.O.S. Please bring boxes to church ASAP for emptying/counting. Donations also gratefully received.

HOLY FAMILY: Boxes can be left in the Sacristy or handed to Mary/John Wrigley.

OLSJ: Boxes can be left in the Sacristy or handed to Bernard Larkin.



Red Missio Boxes: Would all boxholders in both parishes bring them to church for emptying/counting. Donations also gratefully received.

HOLY FAMILY: Boxes can be left in the Sacristy or handed to Mary/John Wrigley.

OLSJ: Boxes can be left in the Sacristy or handed to Ian Butler.



Ladies and Gents Over 55's Afternoon Tea

The next afternoon tea will be on

Tuesday 29th October 2-4pm.

in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John. No need to book, just come along for a cup of tea and slice of cake. Everyone welcome.

Foodbank News: Volunteers Needed!



We are currently short of volunteers for the Foodbank. Would you be able to give just two - three hours a week to help us? Volunteers are required to help out at the warehouse and at the centre in the food packing room or dealing directly with the customers. Van drivers are also needed! If people can only come once a month or once a fortnight, that is fine. The centres are open at many different times in different parts of Wirral, but the warehouse is only open Monday – Thursday from 10am to 1.30pm. Most warehouse volunteers do just 2 hours. Anyone interested can find out more about us on our website www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk or phone us on 638 7090.



S.O.S. Church Cleaning Helpers Needed at OLSJ

At the moment there are only five of us if we have a full compliment. We clean the church every other Friday at 9.00 am (which takes 50-60 minutes). If

we had some more volunteers we would be able to have a rota. If anyone is interested please phone Irene Carroll on 342 4192.

Heswall URC Little Library: Every Thursday in the church hall 9:45am to 10:30am.

Children can browse our books and check them out with a little help from us! We will then have story time and a simple craft. For children 0-5 years old. Older siblings welcome in school holidays. We believe that you can't put a price on reading, so our group is **free!**



Annual Diocesan Mass for Grandparents

will take place at **12 noon on Saturday 2nd November at St Alban's Church**, Mill Lane, Liscard, CH44 5UD. Please bring your family to celebrate and give thanks for the part you play in the lives of your grandchildren. All priests are welcome to support grandparents in their parish by concelebrating. Afterwards there will be refreshments. The nearest car parking is in the shopping precinct opposite the Parish Hall in St Alban's Road, Liscard.



Vacancy - Parish Secretary at St Joseph & St Michael & All Angels

The linked parishes of Saint Joseph and Saint Michael & All Angels are seeking to appoint an experienced and suitably qualified Parish Secretary for 15 hours @ £10, Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm (flexible). Based at St Joseph's Presbytery, Willowbank Road, Birkenhead. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role will be to provide administrative and secretarial support required to ensure the smooth running of the two parishes. For more information and job spec please visit <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> CV's and covering letter should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Applications close on **Monday 28th October**. Interviews will take place on **Thursday 14th November** at the curial office in Birkenhead.

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.

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.

Legion of Mary Meetings

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

Sat 19th October	St Peter of Alcantara	6:00 pm	Mass - Michael Butler R.I.P.	O U R L A D Y & S T J O H N
Sun 20th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I) Day of Prayer for World Missions	11:15 am	Mass - Theresa O'Mahony R.I.P.	
Mon 21st October	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass - Helen Teahan Birthday	
Tues 22nd October	St John Paul II		Mass - Patrick Dunning R.I.P.	
Wed 23rd October	St John of Capestrano	9:00 am	Celebration of Word and Communion	
		9:30 am to 8:30 pm	Adoration Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 24th October	St Anthony Mary Claret	7:00 pm	Mass - Tom Lacey Anniversary	
		7:45 pm	Rosary for Veronica McAllister	
Fri 25th October	Ferial	12:30 pm	Veronica McAllister Funeral Mass	
Sat 26th October	Ss Chad & Cedd	6:00 pm	Mass - Ernest Pocock R.I.P.	
   Daylight Saving Time Begins - Clocks go BACK one hour tonight.   				
Sun 27th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	11:15 am	Mass - Stefan Plotnicki Anniversary	

H O L Y F A M I L Y	Sun 20th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)	9:30 am	Mass - Dorothy Bloom R.I.P. (Anniversary)	
			5:00 pm	Mass - Sarah Heery R.I.P. (Anniversary)	
	Mon 21st October	Ferial		(Mass at OLSJ at 9am)	
	Tues 22nd October	St John Paul II		(Mass at OLSJ at 9am)	
	Wed 23rd October	St John of Capestrano		No Mass or Service	
	Thurs 24th October	St Anthony Mary Claret	9:00 am	Service of Word & Sacrament	
	Fri 25th October	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass - Eddie Smith R.I.P.	
	Sat 26th October	Ss Chad & Cedd	12 noon	Mass - Ken & Sara Bull (Good Health)	
	   Daylight Saving Time Begins - Clocks go BACK one hour tonight.   				
	Sun 27th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)	9:30 am	Mass - Eileen Finn R.I.P. (Anniversary)	
5:00 pm			Mass - John Massie R.I.P.		