

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

## Reflection on Today's Gospel By Father Stephen

The Pharisee's prayer is twofold: a prayer of thanksgiving to God for preserving him from sin and an account of his faithfulness in fasting twice a week and in giving tithes on all he gets. The fault of the Pharisee is not that he gives thanks for what God has done for him, but that he is proud and dismissive of other people. He contrasts himself with people who are grasping, unjust adulterous and saves the tax collector to the end. His very position of prayer betrays his pride. He steps apart from the crowd as if God could not notice him wherever he is. The tax collector simply stands at a distance and will not even raise his eyes to heaven. He beats his breast which is itself a prayer of humility and pleads, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." The tax collector goes home at rights with God. The Pharisee does not. The parable summons us to a prayer of love and trust in God's mercy and frees us of the need to tell God who is a sinner and who is not. Are we happy to pray the prayer of the tax collector: "God, be merciful to me a sinner?"

## 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

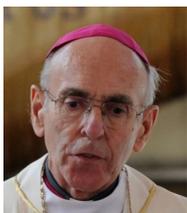


Please get in touch if there are any alterations.

## ✠ May They Rest in Peace ✠

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **John Robert Jennings, John Wild, James Brian Price, Peter Bowskill and Rita Mary Connolly** who have recently died. May their souls Rest in Peace. Please remember to pray for their families at this difficult time.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Rita Mary Connolly's Funeral Service will take place at 1:30pm on **Tuesday 12th November** at OLSJ.



Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Bishop Brian Noble**, Emeritus Bishop of Shrewsbury who died at Arrowe Park Hospital on Monday 21st October, aged 83.

The Rt Rev. Mark Davies, the Bishop of Shrewsbury, says: "*The Shrewsbury Diocese shares a great sadness that Bishop Brian Noble, who was so much part of our lives as priest and bishop, has passed from this world. We will especially remember his example of perseverance through serious illness in his care of this Diocese with his unflinching dedication and good humour. Conscious of the immense responsibility given to a Bishop, I ask the prayers of all for the eternal and happy repose of his soul.*"

Bishop Brian's Funeral Mass will take place on **Wednesday 6th November at 12 noon at St Michael and All Angels Church, Woodchurch.**

**Assam News:** Don't forget that the usual monthly Assam collection will take place after both Masses next Sunday, 3rd November. Thank you for your continued support.

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

A sincere thank you to those who have responded to our offer of a basic CPR and familiarisation session with our new Defibrillator (AED). We have agreed training dates with our instructor. (These have been fixed to fit in with her commitments). We have split those interested into 3 groups so we can give as much "hands on" input as possible. Please look at the sheet on the notice board alongside the defibrillator which gives the group and training date to which you have been allocated. If you can't make your allocated group training time and date, don't worry, you won't be overlooked, we will arrange a "catch up" session once the others have been done. Once again, thank you. Fr Stephen and Rev Jeff



**Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster** has written a letter to every parish regarding the safe guarding in the Church today and the forthcoming independent enquiry. A copy of the letter is available to read at the back of church.

### Holy Family 200 Club

#### Week 3

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 60	P. Eaton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 149	E. Dolan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 16	D. Johnston

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.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came, despite the weather, and supported the sale which took place on Saturday 19th October in aid of Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund. The sale raised **£362.06** which is very much appreciated.



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.



### **LAST CHANCE: 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

### **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



### **Reader's Rota for Saturday Evening Mass at**

**OLSJ:** The new Rota for January to June 2020 will be at the back of Church next Saturday and it would be appreciated if all Reader's could take their copies and let me know whether there are any errors! May I take this opportunity to thank Sue McNulty for her readings over the years and also welcome Richard McWilliams who has joined the rota for next year. If anyone else would like to join the rota, then please don't hesitate to contact me (Frankie Wise) on **07828 820569**.



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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.

**SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** This is our annual collection of items for our Seafarers which will be distributed to crew members who will dock in Liverpool during the Christmas period. We will be having an evening on **Tuesday 19th November** to wrap these items and it would be great if you could come along and help, have a natter and enjoy refreshments. Here is a list of items which would be appreciated for our Seafarers:

- Confectionery
- Toiletries (for men and women)
- Woolly hats, Scarves & Gloves
- Playing Cards and Dice
- Pocket games (Chess, dominoes backgammon etc)
- Mini Jigsaws



Please leave any of the above in the box which will be in the porch. If you need any further information please contact Joan on 0151 342 5517. Thank you.

### November is the Month of The Holy Souls

The envelopes for the Remembrance of your Loved Ones and Offerings are now available in the porch at both churches.

- **At Holy Family**, please place your completed envelopes in the basket by the Sacred Heart Statue.
- **At OLSJ**, please place your completed envelopes in the box at the back of the church.
- **Alternatively**, you can post the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

May we take this opportunity to remind you, because we receive so many Intentions during this month that it's simply not possible to say an Individual Mass for each and every intention. The Mass is simply styled as "Holy Souls", please rest assured however that Masses will be said regularly throughout November and in the coming months, and all your intentions are remembered at those Masses.

**At Our Lady and St John**, a Mass to remember the Deceased of the Parish of the previous year will take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.**



### **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.

**3rd Heswall Scout Group** are holding a race night at Irby Club On **Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Tickets are £5 each with the first race at 7.30. There are tickets on sale after Mass or ring Louise on 07592538346. This event is for over 18s only.

**Holy Family Christmas Bazar** will take place on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December after 9.30 Mass**. We would like donations of wine, toiletries, new fancy goods, Christmas gifts and cakes on the day. Please look through your cupboards for any unused items that you could donate. Thanks.



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**Annual Diocesan Mass for Grandparents** will take place at **12 noon on Saturday 2nd November at St Alban's Church, Liscard.D.** Please bring your family to celebrate and give thanks for the part you play in the lives of your grandchildren.

### Mothers' Prayers

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

### Confessions

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

**Holy Family**

### 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.

### Legion of Mary Meetings

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

Sat 26th October	Ss Chad & Cedd	6:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - Ernest Pocock R.I.P.	<b>O U R  L A D Y  &amp;  S T  J O H N</b>
<b>Sun</b> 27th October	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)</b>	11:15 am	<b>Mass</b> - Stefan Plotnicki Anniversary	
Mon 28th October	Ss Simon & Jude	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for John Wild</b>	
Tues 29th October	The Douai Martyrs	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Kevin Morris Anniversary	
Wed 30th October	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Celebration of Word and Communion</b>	
		9:30 am to 8:30 pm	<b>Adoration</b> Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord	
Thurs 31st October	Ferial	7:00 pm	<b>All Saints Day Vigil Mass</b> - Private Intention	
<b>Fri</b> 1st Nov	<b>Feast of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation</b>		<b>Mass at Holy Family at 9am</b>	
Sat 2nd Nov	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	6:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan	
<b>Sun</b> 3rd Nov	<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)</b>	11:15 am	<b>Mass</b> - Pauline Williams R.I.P.	

<b>H O L Y  F A M I L Y</b>	<b>Sun</b> 27th October	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> - Eileen Finn R.I.P. (Anniversary)
			5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> - John Massie R.I.P.
	Mon 28th October	Ss Simon & Jude		
	Tues 29th October	The Douai Martyrs		<b>(Mass at OLSJ at 9am)</b>
	Wed 30th October	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Mrs Rita Jones Birthday
	Thurs 31st October	Ferial	9:00 am	<b>Service of Word &amp; Sacrament</b>
	<b>Fri</b> 1st Nov	<b>Feast of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation</b>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> - Intentions of Janet Smith & Family
	Sat 2nd Nov	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	12 noon	<b>Mass</b> - The Holy Souls
	<b>Sun</b> 3rd Nov	<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mass</b> - Intentions of Eileen Lamberton
5:00 pm			<b>Mass</b> - Louise Durkin R.I.P.	