

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel By Father Stephen

The gospel reading today contains both pathos and humour. Zacchaeus the chief tax collector wants to see Jesus, but his position and wealth mean nothing, because the crowd will not clear a way to give him a look – he is also a victim of sizeism! He runs ahead of the crowd and scampers up a sycamore tree – most likely accompanied by hoots of derision – and positions himself where he can get a good view of Jesus. Neither wealth nor social standing keep Zacchaeus from being scorned as an outcast by the religiously respectable. However, Jesus looks up and simply says, “Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.” And Zacchaeus hurries down and welcomes him joyfully. Jesus brings joy, but not everyone shares that joy, as the crowd complains that Jesus has gone to stay at a sinner's house.

Zacchaeus, though, proclaims his faithfulness to God's law and says he will give half his possessions to the poor and if he has extorted money, he will pay back four times the amount. Jesus then says, “Today, salvation has come to this house.” Zacchaeus is a true son of Abraham by using his wealth in the service of justice and love.

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 **Peter Bowskill, Josephine Ross, Veronica Santangeli 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.

- ❖ Peter Bowskill's Funeral Service will take place at 11am on **Tuesday 5th November** at OLSJ.
- ❖ Josephine Ross's Funeral Mass will take place at 9:30am on **Tuesday 12th November** at OLSJ.
- ❖ Rita Mary Connolly's Funeral Service will take place at 1:30pm on **Tuesday 12th November** at OLSJ.
- ❖ Veronica Santangeli's Funeral Service will take place at 1:30pm on **Tuesday 12th November** at Landican.



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 unfailing 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 **THIS 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 are finalising dates with our trainer and these will be available soon. We have split those interested into 3 groups so we can give as much "hands on" input as possible, and each group's session of around an hour or so will more than likely be on a weekday evening (due to our trainer's commitments). 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 st Prize	£25	No. 60	P. Eaton
2 nd Prize	£10	No. 149	E. Dolan
3 rd 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.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to be held **Saturday 7th December** at 12 noon at St. Peter's Church, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4EA, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. We will also be celebrating John Campbell's service to the pilgrimage as Chief Branc.



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.

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

Next Justice & Peace Group meeting: The next J&P meeting will take place on **Monday 11th November at 7.30pm** at Holy Family church. Parishioners from either parish are welcome to come along to see what we do.



F.C.J. News: The FCJ sisters present at a General Chapter elected a new Superior General for 6 years - Sr Bonnie Moser, a Canadian FCJ Sister. The Chapter looked at what God is asking for the FCJ sisters now-in 2019 and for the future.

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.

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 14th November at 7pm.**

Wirral Ark - HELP NEEDED: The Heswall Quaker Meeting House will be providing shelter for the homeless from Monday 16th December to Monday 23rd December as part of the Arklight Night Shelter initiative. They are looking for volunteers to help fill 3 shifts a day (evening, night and morning). If you would like to volunteer, see poster at the back of church. Volunteer training will be provided by Arklight on 12th November at 7pm at the Heswall Quaker Meeting House.

OLSJ Flower Group: Please meet at 2.30 pm on Friday 8th November to do the Remembrance Sunday flower arrangements. Please bring any suitable greenery. 



Thank you for all your donations to the **Food Bank** during October. The donations for October were OLSJ 55.78kgs and HF 171.59 kgs. The following are currently identified as being needed; *Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Pasta Sauce, Sponge Puddings, Long Grain Rice, UHT Milk, Custard, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Coffee, Squash, Deodorant.* We have launched our **Reverse Advent Calendar** again this year. You may wish to take part in the project in place of sending cards or buying presents in your workplace or among friends (see poster at the back of church).

Holy Family Christmas Bazar will take place on **Sunday 1st 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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Celebrating Children's Liturgy

A Diocesan day for those involved in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word on **Saturday 23d November** at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Birkenhead. Coffee and registration from 10am finishing at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided. £5.

Christmas Cards to Palestine **Message of Hope**

The Justice and Peace Group invite you to join them again in sending Christmas Cards with our messages of support to the Holy Family parishes of Gaza and Ramallah, struggling to maintain Christianity in its birthplace - the Holy Land. Fr Mario da Silva in Gaza thanked us saying, "*it is a joy for me and for my parish to receive every year your cards. It is a joy to know that many people are concerned.....if it is possible to continue to send these cards.*"

So, if you could bring one or two cards to church – signed and with a short greeting - we will post the cards for you. Just write either **Gaza** or **Ramallah** on the envelope. Stamps are not needed. There will be a collection box for them at the back of both our churches. **The last collection will be in two week's time on Sunday 17th November** to ensure cards arrive in time for Christmas. Your response last year was magnificent, and we thank you again in anticipation.

The Justice and Peace Group

Sat 2nd November	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	6:00 pm	Mass - Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan	O U R L A D Y & S T J O H N
Sun 3rd November	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	11:15 am	Mass - Pauline Williams R.I.P.	
Mon 4th November	St Charles Borromeo	9:00 am	Mass - Bill Holt R.I.P.	
Tues 5th November	Ferial	11:00 am	Peter Bowskill Funeral Mass	
Wed 6th November	Ferial	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	
		12 noon	Bishop Brian's Funeral Mass at St Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch	
Thurs 7th November	Ferial	7:00 pm	Mass - Giuseppe Baccelli R.I.P.	
Fri 8th November	Ferial		Mass at Holy Family at 9am	
Sat 9th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer	6:00 pm	Mass - David Morley Anniversary	
Sun 10th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)  Remembrance Day 	11:15 am	Mass - For All the Victims of War	

H O L Y F A M I L Y	Sun 3rd Nov	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)	9:30 am	Mass - Intentions of Eileen Lamberton
			5:00 pm	Mass - Louise Durkin R.I.P.
	Mon 4th November	St Charles Borromeo		(Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Tues 5th November	Ferial		
	Wed 6th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass - Mr & Mrs Cliff & Rita Jones
	Thurs 7th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Service of Word & Sacrament
	Fri 8th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass - Intentions of Derek McCullough
	Sat 9th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer	12 noon	Nuptial Mass - Sophie Cooper & Cameron Harper
	Sun 10th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)  Remembrance Day 	9:30 am	Mass - The War Dead
5:00 pm			Mass - Dora Noonan R.I.P.	

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.