

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



This week we welcome 3rd Heswall Scout Group and the Brownies to help us celebrate Remembrance Sunday. There will be a cake sale after 11.15am Mass to help raise funds for our International trip next year.



## Reflection on Today's Gospel By Father Stephen

In the gospel today the Sadducees who accept only the authority of the Torah, the Law and do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus over the meaning of scripture. They quote the law of Levirate marriage, which states that if a man's brother dies, his widow must marry the surviving brother, and the first born son is to continue the name and line of the deceased brother. They are aware that Jesus in common with the Pharisees believes in the resurrection and offer an absurd interpretation: seven brothers for one bride. Whose wife shall she be at the resurrection? Jesus contrasts their understanding with a true understanding of resurrection and quotes one of the most important texts for all Jews. The revelation of God to Moses that he is a God of the living, not of the dead. The true interpretation of scripture depends on having some understanding of the nature of God. Important in this passage is the contrast between the children of this world and the children of the resurrection who are sons and daughters of God. The children of this world are concerned about status, honour and material wealth, while the children of God are merciful, generous and love their enemies.



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.*

**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.

### ♥♥ 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

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



**Congratulations to Roseanne Sophie Cooper & Cameron Harper** who were married at Holy Family on **Saturday, 9th November 2019**. May

the Lord bless them and their families, as they begin their new life together.

### ☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Josephine Ross, Veronica Santangeli and Rita Mary Connolly** who have recently died.

May their souls Rest in Peace.

- ❖ 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 remember to pray for their families at this difficult time.



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.

**Churches Together in Heswall** present a talk by local author - Peter Lupson on **Wednesday 27th November at 7pm** (doors open at 6:30pm) at the Church of the Good Shepherd. **Free event.**

Peter will be talking about his new book, '*In God's Company*' which 'tells the remarkable stories of seven exceptional entrepreneurs who founded huge business empires...these brilliant businessmen publicly acknowledged that they drew their courage strength and wisdom...from their Christian faith. It inspired their business ethics and practice and earned them a reputation for integrity, quality and outstanding care for their customers and employees.' Peter is an entertaining and passionate speaker.

### Holy Family 200 Club

#### Week 4

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 1	M. Holt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 33	A. Richardson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 38	S. Orr

#### Week 5

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No. 192	N. Dosda
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No. 184	J. Lucas
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£5	No. 47	P. Pritchard



**St Peter's Singers accompanied by the Summerstrand Ensemble**, are performing Handel's Messiah at 7.30pm on **Saturday 30th November** at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Heswall. Tickets £12 are available from Lingham's Booksellers, Heswall. Wine & soft drinks will also be available to purchase in the interval.

**S.V.P. Charity Night:** Bebington Dramatic Society are performing a dark comedy called "Hangman" at the Gladstone Theatre on **Wednesday 20th November at 7:30pm**. All proceeds will go to the S.V.P. Wirral Camp. Tickets are £9, contact Peter Ryan 648-6704 for more information and tickets.



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### JOB VACANCY

Caritas Shrewsbury currently has a vacancy for an Office Administrator (closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November) based at their Head Office on the Wirral. For further details and an Application Pack, please contact them:

[www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / [info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk)

### 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.**

 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).



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### **Celebrating Children's Liturgy**

A Diocesan day for those involved in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word on **Saturday 23rd 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.



### **Baptisms**

We warmly welcome the following children, who have been baptised in our Parish during October 2019.

- ❖ *Jacob George Thomas Herbert* at OLSJ on 12th October

**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.



### 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*

**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.

### 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.

### Legion of Mary Meetings

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

Sat 9th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer	6:00 pm	Mass - David Morley Anniversary	O U R  L A D Y  &  S T  J O H N
Sun 10th November	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)</b>  <b>Remembrance Day</b> 	11:15 am	Mass - For All the Victims of War	
Mon 11th November	St Martin of Tours	9:00 am	Mass - Fiona McDonagh	
Tues 12th November	St Josaphat	9:30 am	Josephine Ross Funeral Mass	
		1:30 pm	Rita Mary Connolly Funeral Service	
Wed 13th 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	
Thurs 14th November	Ferial	7:00 pm	Mass for the Deceased of the Parish	
Fri 15th November	Ferial		Mass at Holy Family at 9am	
Sat 16th November	B.V.M.	6:00 pm	Mass - Theresanne Houghton R.I.P.	
Sun 17th November	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)</b>	11:15 am	Mass - Damian Mills Anniversary	

H O L Y  F A M I L Y	Sun 10th November	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)</b>  <b>Remembrance Day</b> 	9:30 am	Mass - The War Dead
			5:00 pm	Mass - Dora Noonan R.I.P.
	Mon 11th November	St Martin of Tours		(Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Tues 12th November	St Josaphat		
	Wed 13th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass - Ken & Sara Bull (For good results)
	Thurs 14th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Service of Word & Sacrament
	Fri 15th November	Ferial	9:00 am	Mass - Intentions of Gianni & Victoria
	Sat 16th November	B.V.M.	12 noon	Mass - Tom Lacey R.I.P. (Anniversary)
	Sun 17th November	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)</b>	9:30 am	Mass - Gerard Stanton (Birthday Remembrance)
		5:00 pm	Mass - John Webster R.I.P.	

### 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.