

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel By Father Stephen

Jesus' predictions of the destruction of the temple, war and natural disasters all bringing persecution in their wake seem hauntingly contemporary. They encourage dispirited people by proclaiming that God is in control of history and that punishment of the wicked will be God's doing, not man's. Jesus is summoning us to faith and hope.

Though Jesus speaks of suffering still in the future, Luke's community has already experienced the destruction of the temple, the death of the first apostles and even betrayal by loved ones. Yet Luke's Jesus promises them words and wisdom to sustain them and says that their endurance will win them their lives. The Church is summoned today to find words of hope for the future and a wisdom to guide our lives. As a community that embraces all people and all cultures, our Church possesses the unique ability to hear the voices of suffering in all languages and see the image of God in people of every creed and colour. Human suffering and even human sin offer us a privileged time for renewal, reflection and new directions that may give birth to the hope that the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.



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
Deacon Philip White



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. 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.

SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

We will be having an evening **THIS Tuesday 19th November** to wrap these gifts for our Seafarers. If you are able to come along to help wrap, could you bring, wrapping paper, scissors, sellotape and be ready to 'wrap and natter'. Refreshments provided. If you can come, please contact Joan on 342 5517.

♥♥ 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.

New Ministry Rotas at Holy Family. The New Ministry Rotas for the coming 6 months will be prepared in the coming week. If you wish to be added or removed from any rota then please notify me as soon as possible. Thank you, Rev Jeff

Clergy and Training Fund – Special Collection:

This weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. Special envelopes are available for you to use. A leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation by Standing Order and how donations can be Gift Aided. It is in every sense, an investment in the future life and mission of the Diocese.

With every good wish, yours sincerely in Christ
+ Mark, Bishop of Shrewsbury

☞ May They Rest in Peace ☞

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Evelyn Mary Collins** who has recently died.
May her soul Rest in Peace.

Evelyn Mary Collins Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00 am on **Tuesday 26th November** at OLSJ.

Please remember to pray for her family 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.

OLSJ Piety Stall: Do come and have a look at the lovely selection of Christmas cards, advent calendars, diaries, candles and other gifts for sale at the back of Church. All items individually priced. Please put money for any Piety Stall items, in the wall box by the defibrillator.



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: 22nd November) based at their Head Office on the Wirral. For further details and an Application Pack, please contact them:

www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / 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 14th November at 7pm.**

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.

**First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion**

2020: If you have a child who will be 8 years old in this Academic Year, he or she will be eligible to celebrate these important sacraments in 2020. Children in Year 3 at our parish school Ladymount will follow a programme of preparation there. For children who are in other schools there will be a Parish Programme of Preparation taking place in the parish room at Our Lady and St John. If you wish your child to take part in the parish programme, please contact Father Stephen on 342 6581 or email

father.stephen@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk

Ladies and Gents Over 55's Afternoon Tea - Christmas Special

There will be a Christmas Special Afternoon Tea on



Tuesday 26th November 2-4pm

in the Meeting Room at Our Lady and St John. There will be sandwiches, cake, crackers and a raffle. If you would like to come along, please either email contact@ourladyandstjohn.org.uk or sign up using the sign up sheet at the back of church. Open to non-parishioners too, so bring a friend along. Cost will be £5 a head. If you are able to give a lift to anyone unable to make their way to this event, please let Joan Larkin know 342 5517.

Religious Postage Stamps

If parishioners prefer to send religious Stamps this year, Madonna and Child stamps can be obtained from Royal Mail Online Shop: <https://shop.royalmail.com/special-stamp-issues/christmas-2019>

Keep CHRIST in Christmas



DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

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. Participants are asked to book their places with the Liturgy Office by emailing Anthony.Timothy@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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, if you have any pictures or memories of John please send them to events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

CARITAS (formerly the Catholic Children's Society) The recent collection in Holy Family raised an amount of £120. Many thanks to all who contributed.

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 16th November	B.V.M.	6:00 pm	Mass - Theresanne Houghton R.I.P.	O U R L A D Y & S T J O H N
Sun 17th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	11:15 am	Mass - Damian Mills Anniversary	
Mon 18th November	Dedication of the Basilica of Ss Peter & Paul	9:00 am	Mass - Josephine Burbridge R.I.P.	
Tues 19th November	Ferial	9:30 am	Mass - Rev Joseph Gavin SJ R.I.P.	
Wed 20th 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 21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virign Mary	7:00 pm	Mass - November List	
Fri 22nd November	St. Cecilia		Mass at Holy Family at 9am	
Sat 23rd November	B.V.M.	6:00 pm	Mass - Maureen Birch & Ray Coonan R.I.P.	
Sun 24th November	Feast of Christ the King (Psalter Week II) Day of Special Prayer for Young People	11:15 am	Mass - Rona Mills Anniversary	

H O L Y F A M I L Y	Sun 17th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week I)	9:30 am	Mass - Gerard Stanton (Birthday Remembrance)
			5:00 pm	Mass - John Webster R.I.P.
	Mon 18th November	Dedication of the Basilica of Ss Peter & Paul		(Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Tues 19th November	Ferial		(Mass at OLSJ at 9am)
	Wed 20th November	Ferial		No Mass
	Thurs 21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virign Mary	9:00 am	Service of Word & Sacrament
	Fri 22nd November	St. Cecilia	9:00 am	Mass - Bishop Brian Noble R.I.P.
	Sat 23rd November	B.V.M.	12 noon	Mass - Nasa Rodrigues & Martha Joanes (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	Sun 24th November	Feast of Christ the King (Psalter Week II) Day of Special Prayer for Young People	9:30 am	Mass - Eddie Smith R.I.P.
		5:00 pm	Mass - The Durkin Family	

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.